

Young People's Department.



ST. PAUL WRITING IN PRISON.

THE GREAT MISSIONARY.

THE great missionary of the early days of Christianity was St. Paul. The sufferings that he endured as a missionary were very great; but he did it all cheerfully, because it was for his Master's sake. He was not only a great worker, but he was a great writer. Even his enemies had to admit that his writings were "weighty and powerful," and yet these writings were written in the midst of bodily pain and suffering; they were written in workshops and dungeons, and were carried about by slaves and the poorest of people. Some of his letters we know were written in prison,—with chains upon his wrists. And yet these writings are thought a great deal of now, and they have been thought a great deal of ever since they were written. You know them in your New Testaments as the "Epistles of St. Paul the Apostle," and they are read in hundreds of languages, and by thousands and

thousands of people. They tell about Christ and the early work of our Christian religion. They encourage all people that work for Christ. Every missionary is encouraged by reading the writings of St. Paul. He tells people that they should not only give their money to support missions but that they should give *their own selves*. Boys, have you thought of that? Have you thought of giving your own selves for the work of Christ? You will soon be men, and men will always be wanted, as they are wanted now for the Church. You don't think it is much encouragement to think of the prison and the chain; but think of Jesus Christ in Heaven, who will not forget those who have worked for Him. If you make all the money in the world you will have to leave it behind, but if you work for Christ you will go to the treasure laid up for you in Heaven. Since the time of St. Paul there have been many great missionaries, and still they are needed. Who will say, "Here am I, send me?"