

“This is truly the children’s Missionary ship, and they have the very high honour of having built and fitted up a vessel on purpose to carry the Gospel to the South Sea Islands, and to thousands of immortal souls now in pagan darkness. Some of the instances of self-denial practised by the children have been very pleasing. One little girl, after giving all her pocket money then in her possession, sold her favourite doll for four shillings, and gave that too. Another received a half-sovereign in a present. It was the first *gold* coin she ever had, and it was all her wealth, but she gave it willingly to buy the ship.

A large meeting was held with the children in London on their paying in the money, and several ministers and some natives from the South Seas addressed them. We cannot help giving the close of a speech by Dr. Morrison, as it so well meets our present object. He is referring to the last day he saw Williams, when he set sail in the *Camden*. He says, with hundreds more he was pressing to the side of the vessel to get a last look, and hear the last words dropping from the lips of the honoured Missionary, and as he saw him standing on the deck, and pointing to the white canvass sails now spread to catch the breeze, he heard him say, ‘Is she not beautiful? Is she not beautiful?’ And to his eye, and to the eye of thousands besides, that day, she was doubtless beautiful. But, my dear young friends, to your eye the Missionary ship will be more beautiful still. The young people that gazed upon the *Camden* might feel a plank or a rope, or a pulley might be the fruit of their contributions, but when your eyes shall be permitted to gaze upon the Missionary ship, you will feel she is all your own—that she is the *Children’s Ship*, and your hearts will be ready to burst with joy, that God should have enabled you, by union and effort, to accomplish an undertaking so remarkable in the history of the world. The new Missionary ship will carry tidings of salvation to the heathen and their children, and you will hear of some of those neglected and wandering savages brought