

Children's Department.

Chosen Lessons.

BY FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

In the way that He shall choose, He will teach us; Not a lesson we shall lose, All shall reach us.

Strange and difficult indeed We may find it, But the blessing that we need Is behind it.

All the lessons He shall send Are the sweetest, And His training in the end Is completest.

Life in North Borneo.

Borneo is a large island far away in the East. It is further off than India, and lies between it and Australia. For many years there have been Missionaries working in a part of it called Sarawak. There they have made many of the wild natives, who are called Dyaks, to believe in God, and become Christians and give up their wicked practices. It is only lately that there has been any Mission work going on in North Borneo, which is hundreds of miles away from Sarawak. There are now a few English people there. Some of them are tobacco planters, and others are looking for precious metals. These English people are now looked after by the Church. It is sad when English people abroad are left without churches and church services, and have no clergymen among them. Those who love God feel very unhappy without the good and holy things they have been used to at home; and those who are disposed to be careless as time goes on. They forget about Sunday, neglect their prayers, and in fact, become almost heathen, so little do they think about God.

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