

dren's ship is from time to time hailed, by the South Sea Islanders, and think how it will delight our own beloved Missionaries, to tell the little savage bands that they may have occasion to instruct, that the children of our churches have sent them, in their own ship, to tell that Jesus loves little ones, and that he has said, 'Suffer little children to come unto me.'—Think too, that your ship may be the asylum of our dear brethren, their wives and their children, when they may be driven by barbarians from their shores, and be compelled to flee to the ark of your providing, to save them from their murderous hands—and then ask how you could have disposed of your money to better advantage.

Think you, if God spare you, and permit you to engage in the business of the world, that you will succeed the worse, because you have devoted your first money to the service of the Lord, and are shareholders in a Missionary Ship? Hath not he said, 'Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine?'

And will you rest content with one such contribution? May we not rather look upon this laudable effort as a regular enlistment in the service, as a proof that you already understand your calling and have not waited at wisdom's gates in vain? May we not regard this as an evidence that your Sabbath School has taught you your privileges and your responsibilities; that you know how to appreciate the word of

God,—the house of God—the labours of your esteemed pastor, the servant of God—the importance of disseminating the word of God—and the honour of being employed as co-workers together with God—and that he is making choice of you to be a seed to serve him, when the present generation shall have yielded to you the management of the business of his church?

Dearly beloved, we bid you good speed, in the name of the Lord. We rejoice in the forwardness of your minds, and we doubt not that your zeal will provoke many. We cannot more earnestly convey to you our interest in your welfare, than by beseeching you to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, and to improve the high privileges which you enjoy. Our sincere prayer is that the love of Christ may constrain you to walk in his statutes and to keep his judgments, and that having fulfilled all his will ye may be received as good and faithful servants to the joy of your Lord.

We send cordial greetings to your esteemed Pastor, your kind Sabbath School Teachers, and your beloved parents, who have directed you in your labours of love. We believe your successful exertions will bring joy to all their hearts.

I am, my dear Young Friends, in name and on behalf of our Board of Foreign Missions, with kindred affection and esteem,

Yours, very sincerely,

JAMES WADDELL,

Corres. Secretary.

## Reports, &c.

### SALEM CHURCH, GREEN HILL.

This congregation met at the church, on New Year's day, for the purpose of forming a Society for the diffusion of the gospel. The Rev. George Walker preached an excellent and appropriate discourse from Gal. vi. 14. After which it was

*Resolved*, That this congregation, taking into consideration the obligation

lying upon them in their collective capacity, to make every exertion in their power to extend the blessings of Christianity to those who are destitute of them, agree to form themselves into a Society for more effectually promoting that important object.

The following were adopted as the regulations of the Society, which we publish, as they may aid other congregations who have not yet formed any association of the kind, in drawing up their laws.