

the land of Assyria." David in his distress wished that he could fly from his troubles as the doves do to warmer climates on the approach of winter. The appearance of the dove is spoken of as an emblem of spring, Sol. Song, ii. 12.

The dove is mentioned in an interesting part of the history of the world, as being sent out by Noah that he might discover whether the dry land had appeared.

The dove was used in sacrifices. It was among other animals, prepared by Abram, when god manifested his intention to bless him, as narrated in Gen. xv. 9. When a child was born, the mother was required within a certain time, to bring a lamb and a young pigeon, or turtle, for offerings; but if she was too poor to afford a lamb, she might bring two turtles, or two young pigeons. Thus we may judge of the poverty of Mary, the mother of Jesus, when, upon his birth she brought to the temple at Jerusalem the two birds instead of a lamb. It was to supply mothers with animals for sacrifice that those persons sat in the temple with doves to sell, whom our Lord forced to leave it, because "the House of prayer" was not a fit place for buying and selling.—*Bible Dictionary*.

THE LITTLE MISSIONARY COLLECTOR'S FIRST ATTEMPT.

A little while ago, a teacher in a London Sunday School was telling his class about the state of the heathen, and trying to persuade them to subscribe their pence towards sending out Missionaries to teach them. In that class there was a little boy ten years old. His name was George. But it was a sad thing that, though he had been to a Sunday School for a long while, and had sometimes even gone to a Missionary Meeting, he had till now thought little, and cared less, about the ignorant and miserable millions in other lands. It seems never to have entered his mind that he ought to do something to help

them out of their sad state. But this afternoon, after hearing his teacher describe the condition of the poor people in India, George and the other boys of the class promised to collect some money for the London Missionary Society, and to bring it to the school that day month; but George, though he wished to do this as much as any of them, did not know how; and, if you had watched him going home from school that afternoon, you would have seen that he did not run, and jump, and laugh, as some bad boys were doing, and as George himself had done at other times, but he walked by himself with his hands in his pockets, his eyes on the ground, and his face quite thoughtful and serious. The reason of this was, that he *felt* what his teacher had told him, and was asking himself how *he* could help to send Missionaries to the heathen. But this was a question which he could not answer. He had no money of his own, and never had but one penny in his life, and that was given to him by a kind lady, who came to their house one very cold winter when his mother was ill and his father was out of work, to bring them some medicine and clothes. That lady George had never forgotten, and he thought within himself how glad he should be if she were to come to their house again; and, had he known where she lived, he would have gone to ask her for another penny. And there was nobody else that he *could* ask, except his father or mother. But they had enough to do with their money to find him and his little sister clothes and food; and besides, they did not know or care anything about the heathen. Now George's father, though he loved his boy, worked all day so hard, that when he came home at night or sat in the house on Sunday, he spoke very little to any body, and did not wish his children to trouble him. George, therefore, did not like to speak to him on the subject, and he let a week pass by without trying to get money for the Society. When he went to school on the next Sunday he heard the boys telling one another how much money they had got.