

Letter from Rev J M Curry to the Treasurer of the Board
Chatham Oct 2, 1849

My Dear Sir

I have much pleasure in forwarding you the enclosed £15-0-0 being the offering of the children of my charge to the Boat Building Fund of the Purly tenian Church of Norwiche. The little folks who were appointed collectors, went about their business with most praiseworthy zeal and the result has been far beyond my expectations. Having already made our annual contribution to the general fund of the mission and having many pressing congregational engagements to meet there was no other agency I believe that could have been put in operation that would have been so successful. It shows strikingly to me the power of little children when opportunities are afforded for their exertions. Of all beggars I believe they are the best. It is but just that I should observe that not a few of the small contributions of which the sum is made up are from people belonging to other bodies to whom the children were directed to apply in common with our own people. In this respect the offering differs from all our former donations which were made up almost exclusively by my own congregation.

When I recollect that this year you have realized the bequest of Mr Green amounting to £20 and that our annual contributions now £9 these

sums added to the £15 herein handed you will
make £44 which this congregation has supplied
to the Foreign Mission for the present year
surpassing I believe that of any congregation with-
in our bounds for one year. I may further add that
we scarcely reach a hundred families, that none
of them are more than in moderate circumstances,
while many of them may be called poor. Their re-
sponse to all calls that I have made upon them for
religious objects has ever been gratifying to my feel-
ings.

I remain my Dear Sir
Yours very sincerely
John Mac Leary

Dr Waddell

Greenock B. F. M. P. O. N. S.

~~P.S. Allowing £100 to be the amount the Board
expends on the contemplated object our contributions
entitle us to shares to the extent of a little over one
seventh of the whole.~~

J. M. C.

Wm. Mac Leary
Oct 2