

One of the desires we should begin to cultivate in our children is a passion for Christ to be glorified throughout the earth. A great way to teach geography is by showing them the countries of the world and explaining which ones have many Christians, which have few Christians and which have little or no Christians. That it is possible for youngsters to gain an interest in these things is well illustrated by a letter written in 1833 by ten-year-old A.A. Hodge and his sister Mary Elizabeth. The letter was given to a missionary who was going to the unreached people of Ceylon. It reads, "*The Lord Jesus Christ hath promised that the time shall come when all the ends of the earth shall be His possession. And God is not a man that He should lie nor the son of man that He should repent. And if this was promised by a Being who cannot lie, why do you not help it to come sooner by reading the Bible, and attending to the words of your teachers, and loving God, and, renouncing your idols, and taking Christianity into your temples? And soon there will not be a Nation, no, not a space of ground as large as a footstep, that will need a missionary. My sister and myself have, by small self-denials, procured two dollars which are enclosed in this letter to buy tracts and Bibles to teach you.*" The letter was signed, "Archibald Alexander Hodge, and Mary Eliz. Hodge, Friends of the Heathen." May God give us and our little ones this same kind of ambition for the glory of Christ and love for the "Heathen."