The Duff⁴



Water colour tinting a black and white illustration.

The *Duff* was the first missionary ship of the London Missionary Society who worked in the South Seas.

First print the picture on the best quality paper you have. To colour in your own copy of the picture of the missionary ship use water colours. The paints from an ordinary child's paint box will do but make sure you have a reasonably good brush.

First make a very pale wash using blue and plenty of water. Test your wash on some scrap paper. When you are happy with it gently paint using horizontal strokes starting from the top of the picture. Add more water to lighten the wash as you go and wash right over the ship until you reach the water, making your wash thinner and thinner using water as you go.

Now make a slightly stronger blue wash and again going horizontally wash the sea, taking care to leave the wave crests white.

Now make a brown wash moderately thin and start at the top of the hull of the ship. Thicken the wash as you go down the hull by adding more paint. Use horizontal strokes.

When you are sure the first wash is dry, using a very thin dirty yellow, wash the sails. A red wash can be used on the flag.

I assume that this ship was named after the Scottish missionary educator Alexander Duff (1806-1878).

¹ Picture from Eastman, G. H. Voyagers All (L.M.S. 1947)

