

to the hill of frankincense. Thou art all fair my love; there is no spot in thee."

(To be continued.)

Foreign Missions.

For the Christian Messenger.

THE MISSIONARY'S FAREWELL.

WRITTEN IN VIEW OF THE DEPARTURE OF OUR MISSIONARIES FOR SIAM.

By the Rev. W. H. Porter.

Loth, my native land, I bid thee,
And thy cherished scenes farewell,
But the voice of duty calls me,
Whither, God alone can tell.

It may be to delve in cruel
Mines of guilt, in darkness down;
Thence to gather fairest jewel,
For the Saviour's sordid crown.

It may be to plant the glowing
Rose of love, and lily pure,
Where, mid strains of mercy flowing,
Gardens bloom from desert shore.

It may be to tell the story
Of the Cross in other lands;
Wave the banner, swell the glory,
Amidst willing, rallying bands.

It may be to scenes of gladness;
Or, perchance, of cheerless gloom,
To the joyless paths of sadness,
Fruitless toil and bitter doom.

It may be to care and sorrow,
Cheered not by the light of love;
Hopeless of a brighter morrow,
Till we touch the shores above.

But wherever duty calls me,
Though to toil, and pain, and loss,
Let my promptness prove me worthy
Of a soldier of the cross.

Worthy of the high profession,
Him to follow and adore,
By whose death and intercession,
Wrath we shun, and heaven secure.

Worthy of the great commission,
Of our dying, risen Lord,
Faithful to perform our mission,
And proclaim his saving word.

Tell to all the wondrous story,
Of redeeming love and grace,
Till "the earth filled with his glory,"
Echoes to Immanuel's praise.

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THE FAREWELL MEETING AT ST. JOHN.

This meeting was a great success. Brussels Street meeting house was filled by an attentive and deeply interested audience. The missionaries occupied seats below the pulpit, facing the congregation.

The Rev. W. P. Everett presided. After a brief invocation by the Rev. T. Todd, the seventy-second psalm and the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah were read by the Rev. G. W. M. Carey, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Pope.

The opening address was delivered by the Rev. I. E. Bill. It was explanatory, argumentative, and eloquent. The *Telegraph* of the next morning says:—

"He gave a short history of the missionary enterprises in which the Baptists of the Lower Provinces had been engaged during the past sixty years, and referred to the fact that they had, until quite recently co-operated with the American Foreign Mission Board, but that a few years ago, the denomination had resolved to establish an independent mission of its own in some part of the heathen world. Australia and the South Seas were thought of, but these projects fell through and it was finally decided by the Convention to establish the mission in Siam, and to direct all their energies to the conversion of that country.

He said that when this independent mission was first talked of many objections were urged against it, but since it had been established the contributions for the support of Missions were four-fold what they had ever been before. He concluded an able and stirring address with an eloquent appeal to all present to aid this enterprise with their sympathy, their prayers, and every means in their power.

Dr. Cramp then presented to the Missionaries the "Instructions and Advice" of the Board, of which the following is a copy:—

INSTRUCTIONS AND ADVICE TO MISSIONARIES.

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

When you gave yourselves to the Lord, at your conversion, your surrender was absolute and full. You made no reserve. Each of you said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and in addressing yourselves to his service you waited for any manifestation of his will as to your peculiar life-work, not presuming to choose for yourselves. The voice has been heard,

calling you from friends, and home, and country. You render cheerful obedience, and appear now before this congregation, ready to depart for a far-distant land, to make known to the heathen there the unsearchable riches of Christ. The Board take this opportunity of presenting to you their final instructions and advice, assuring you at the same time of their affection and sympathy, and their earnest desire for your long continued usefulness in the work of the Lord.

1. If they begin by offering some suggestions relative to spiritual life and your walk with God, it is not because they entertain any doubt or suspicion (for you are brethren and sisters in the Lord, beloved and honoured), but because of the danger to which we are exposed from the malice of our great foe, who "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," and whose "devices" are as much to be feared as his assaults. You are not ignorant of them, and you know that any neglect of duty or relaxation of vigilance will give advantage to the Tempter. Therefore, as the Lord said long ago, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Personal piety may be endangered even while engaged in exercises connected with preparation for God's work. Do not, in your eagerness to secure that preparation, neglect or abridge the time required for the higher duties which are essential to spiritual progress. It is not the most gifted, but the most holy, that may expect the greatest amount of usefulness.

2. Your proper work as missionaries will not begin till you reach heathen shores. But you will doubtless avail yourselves of every occasion which may be presented for Christian labour. To the passengers and sailors on ship-board you may be messengers of mercy and witnesses for God. How will your hearts be gladdened if you shall be successful in guiding any of them to the cross of the Redeemer!

3. It is uncertain how long you may remain together. That has to be determined by considerations, the nature and force of which can only be ascertained on the spot. But to all of you, and especially to those who may continue to be associated in residence, a word of exhortation may be fitly given—cherish Christian love. Be careful to enjoy the pleasures and obtain the advantages of the fellowship of saints. Have daily intercourse with each other as children of God. Let no one indulge a masterful spirit, for you are brethren and sisters in the Lord, standing on terms of equality. If differences or disagreements should arise (it is difficult to avoid them altogether in this imperfect state), smother the flames of strife, and be prepared to bear and forbear, and submit yourselves to one another in the fear of God.

4. During your preparatory course, while learning the language and accustoming yourselves to new modes of living, you will necessarily be brought into contact with Karen preachers and teachers, from whom you will yourselves receive valuable instruction. Although you will be able when sufficiently expert in the language, to increase their knowledge and guide their inquiries, they will in the first instance be your teachers, and you will be largely indebted to them. Hence the importance of avoiding all airs of superiority. They are your brethren in Christ, and as such you will regard and treat them, recognizing them as fellow-labourers in the gospel field.

5. The Board advise you to exercise great deliberation and caution in selecting spots for mission stations. You will give respectful heed to the opinion and advice of the missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union on this subject: they will freely give you the benefit of their knowledge and experience, and you will pay them that deference which is due to their superior advantages and long residence in the country.

6. You will ultimately settle in a heathen country, where the government is despotic. There is reason to believe that you will not be molested in the discharge of your duties if you conduct yourselves in harmony with Scripture directions. You will not forget that "the powers that be are ordained of God," and you will render cheerful obedience to the authorities in things civil, reserving your right to act in matters of religion as the word of God dictates. You will not allow yourselves to be suspected of adhesion to political parties, if any should arise, and you will give serious attention to the words of the Psalmist, "I said, I

will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me." (Psalm xxxix. 1). Should any difficulties occur with the government or its officers, you will comport yourselves as Christian free-men, and will take care that any petitions or remonstrances which you may think proper to present, shall be couched in manly but respectful language.

7. Confidence is reposed in you by the Board. They rely on your discretion and prudence, believing that you will not be hasty in decision, nor disregarding of the various interests which you represent, or the responsibility which rests upon you. In the majority of instances you will be called on to act according to your best judgments, without reference to the Board; but such reference may become desirable in some cases, such as the choice of location or the purchase of property. You may be assured that prompt attention will be given to your requests or suggestions, and that your letters will be answered without any unnecessary delay.

8. In the event of success attending your labours, in the conversion of sinners and the organization of churches, the Board entreat you to bear in mind these three things:—(1.) That it is useless, and may be injurious, to perplex new converts by references to religious disputes and controversies. Let them learn what Christ and his apostles taught; if they should remain ignorant of the perversities of human error, no harm will result. (2.) That in the management of Christian churches no human authority should be appealed to. Baptists are men of one book. (3.) That the churches should as soon as possible become self-supporting, by the employment of the gifts of their members, and by their practical regard to the Lord's command, "that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." These considerations are closely connected, in the opinion of the Board, with success.

9. There are other points of importance to which your attention might be called, but the Board reserve them for future correspondence. And now, dear brethren and sisters, we commend you to God and to the word of his grace. Go to Siam "in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." Teach the young the lessons of the Bible. Lead sinners of all ages to the Saviour. Train the disciples for Christian work. Guide the churches in the paths of truth and holiness. May "the Lord bless you and keep you! May "the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious unto you! May "the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace!" May he "make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight!" And may "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost" be with you everywhere and to the end! Amen.

On behalf of the Board,

A. McL. SEELEY, Chairman.
Z. G. GABEL, Treasurer.
W. B. BOGGS, Home Sec'y.
J. M. CRAMP, Foreign Sec'y.

The Missionaries addressed the meeting in the following order:—Rev. W. F. Armstrong, R. Sanford, and G. Churchill. They referred in a touching manner to their partings with relatives and friends a few days before. But the sadness was mingled with joy and comfort, in the view of the work in which they expected to be engaged, and the blessed results of that work. The considerations which relieved and supported them were feelingly alluded to and the Christian friends present were earnestly entreated to remember the missionaries in their prayers. These addresses were very tender and impressive. They were listened to with deep emotion.

Rev. A. R. R. Crawley welcomed the missionaries to their work, offering various suggestions calculated to encourage them, and pointing out the glorious issues of missionary enterprise, and the rewards of faithful labourers.

Rev. I. E. Bill urged the importance of liberal contributions, and pledged himself for a hundred dollars. Other friends followed: a general collection was made, amounting to \$148.53; the sums pledged were \$393.00; total, \$541.53; and it is understood that an effort will be made to raise that amount to a thousand dollars in the churches of St. John.

Rev. J. H. Hughes closed with pray-

er, and the Rev. W. B. Boggs pronounced the benediction.

The choir sang appropriate hymns and a splendid anthem was performed.

The services were prolonged till past ten o'clock. A large number of persons congregated together at the close, to shake hands with the missionaries, and bid them farewell.

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Rev. D. A. Steele hands us the following extracts from a letter from Rev. W. George, dated Henthada, July 12, 1873.

"Since Bro. Crawley left I have been rather busy, but would not have minded that had I been well. Last December I got a sun-stroke, and have not been free from pain since. This prevents me doing as much as could otherwise be done. Yet God has blessed the word amazingly, over-reaching our expectations. Thirteen have been baptised since January 1st and eight more will no doubt be baptised in a few days. Besides these, six others have applied who were not considered worthy of the ordinance; and there are very many who are examining the claims of Christianity as never before. I hear every week from some new ones who are desirous of knowing about Jesus. If my health permitted I should be in the jungles most of the time this rain. Tomorrow, we go out to a village a few miles distant to baptize a man and his wife. He is the first fruit in that place and we are going to make an effort to impress others, wife goes along with me to talk to the women, and we will take a number of Christians and spend the day. The trip must be made by boat, as mud and water have taken possession of the country. Next week the plan is for me to visit a district about fifty miles up the river, where six are awaiting baptism, not all in one village, but scattered over a district about the size of Cumberland County. The water is high now, and the villages can be easily be reached by boat.

"We have very heavy rain every day now, and on account of my health, I am confined to the house for the most part. We do not feel alarmed. Many of the missionaries have had a sunstroke, and have entirely recovered after a few months. With care, I shall be all right soon.

"Mrs. George's school is flourishing beyond our expectations. She introduced some changes when she took charge among other things she established two branch schools in town to serve as feeders to the boarding school. They all come together on our verandah once a week for examination. Last Friday over 70 came. Mrs. G. is working very hard, yet is improving in health during the last month."

THE ENGLISH BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY, IN THE BLADE.

(FROM ITS DOCUMENTS)

The first overt act towards the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society was the delivery by William Carey, at Moulton, in 1786, of a discourse entitled, "An inquiry into the obligations of Christians to use means for the conversion of the heathen." The second step was the proposal to consider at the ministers' meeting at Clipstone, in 1791, the question— "Whether it was not practicable, and our bounded duty, to attempt somewhat towards speeding the Gospel in the heathen world?" and the third was the resolution at Kettering, in May, 1792, "That a plan be prepared against the next ministers' meeting at Kettering for forming a society among the Baptists for propagating the Gospel among the heathen," ultimately in October of 1792 at Kettering, the society was formed as follows:—Desirous of making an effort for the propagation of the Gospel among the heathen, we, whose names appear in the subsequent subscription, do solemnly agree to act in society together for that purpose. It is agreed that this society be called—"The Particular Baptist Society for propagating the Gospel among the heathen." The objects are specially set forth in the following address issued by the authority of the second meeting of the society at Northampton, in which the first proposition is—"The object of the society is to evangelise the poor, dark, idolatrous heathen, by sending missionaries into different parts of the world, where the glorious Gospel of Christ is not at present published."—Freeman.

A LADY'S WORK IN ITALY.—According to an Italian newspaper, Mrs. Gould's new school in the Piazza Maroniti was formally opened on Thursday, the 19th inst. (June), in the presence of a number of friends who had been specially invited to attend; among them were some Italian ladies and gentlemen of position and influence, who have shown much interest in her work. Mrs. Gould has been fortunate in the selection of a locality and apartment. The school rooms down stairs are of convenient size; and the children have the advantage of a pretty little garden, planted with lemon trees, for a play ground. The most remarkable feature, however, in the new school, is that it is partly a boarding-school, some half dozen boys being lodged, boarded and taught entirely at Mrs. Gould's expense. One pupil has been admitted as a pay boarder. It is the intention of this very benevolent and evangelic lady, to increase the number of boarders according as her means permit. The dormitory is a lofty, well-ventilated and handsome room, adorned with pictures and neatly furnished. Not the least important life lesson which the boys, thus so liberally received, will have learned in their new home will be that of cleanliness, tidiness and regularity.

Home Missions.

For the Christian Messenger.

REVIVAL AT TATAMAGOUCHE BAY.

Dear Brother Selden,—

You will be pleased to hear that the Lord is reviving his work in this place. Last Sabbath we had the pleasure of administering the ordinance of baptism to nine happy believers. Among the number was an aged mother of three-score and ten, her son, and his daughter, making three generations following in the footsteps of Jesus at one time, a sight seldom witnessed.

Our dear brethren Gates and Armstrong, who have sowed the good seed, will be pleased to hear that their labours have not been in vain in the Lord. It appears that the good work has just commenced. We expect to continue meetings for some time. Although we have gone beyond the bounds appointed by the Home Mission Society, yet I do not think they will find fault with me so long as I am engaged in the Master's work, gathering in the sheaves. Dear brother, pray for us.

Yours very truly,
E. B. COREY.

A GOOD DAY'S WORK.—The pastor of the Amherst Church writes: "Rev. E. B. Corey, the indefatigable missionary in Cumberland, on Lord's Day, 21st ult., preached three sermons, baptized nine persons, and travelled thirty-seven miles. The baptisms were at Tatamagouche Bay."

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 1st, 1873.

CORRECTION AND EXPLANATION.

Dear Sir,—

I was a little surprised on examining the Minutes of the Central Association for 1873, page 26, to find it stated, without note or comment, or explanation of any kind, that the total contribution of the 1st Horton Church for all purposes amounted to the magnificent sum of \$23.12.

It is, to say the least of it, unfair to put matters in such a light. We admit that we do not give as much as we might, but as compared with other churches we bear our share of every burden. If we inadvertently omitted, or even did not choose to give a full, true, and particular account of everything, then our church should have been left out of the list on page 26, as on page 23 was a sufficient acknowledgment of what we did send to the Association.

In order to correct this, shall I say mistake? I send the following list of sums contributed by 1st Horton Church, Wolfville, to the objects specified for the past Association year:

Foreign Missions.....	\$70 00
Home Missions.....	60 00
Acadia College.....	50 00
Ministerial Education.....	19 50
Infirmary Ministers.....	11 12

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If you will examine the list on page 26 carefully, you will find that only one church in the Association contributes more than this to the five objects above named. It is exclusive of liberal subscriptions by individual members to various denominational objects. Of these the church takes no account.

What is given to the pastor's salary, meeting house, sexton, &c., is private ex-