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"HOLD FAST THE FORM OF SOUND WORDS"—Paul.

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FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The time has arrived when it becomes our duty to lay before the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, some of the leading facts in connection with the work of Foreign Missions, as carried forward during the past year, under the direction of the Board. This we shall strive to do as briefly as possible, under the two divisions, "The Work at Home," and "The Work Abroad."

THE WORK AT HOME.

MEETINGS.—During the year the Board has held seventeen meetings, at which the correspondence of the Missionaries has been read, discussion had, and conclusions reached upon all the questions contained therein, and directions given for carrying out the decisions arrived at. Financial matters have been carefully enquired into, and orders passed for the payment of all just claims against the Board including the full support of the missionaries, native preachers, colporteurs, teachers and other helpers, as well as that of orphans and other children sustained on the compounds, and the necessary outlay for the erection, repairs, and maintenance of all buildings owned by the Board at the several Mission Stations in India. Every meeting has been opened and closed with earnest prayer for the Divine blessing upon the efforts put forth for the extension of the cause of Truth in the world, and especially upon His servants—those sent from, and those tending—in these provinces who have undertaken such great things in the name of their Master.

TRIALS.—The year has been one of peculiar and severe trials to the Foreign Mission Board. Death swept away three of the wisest and most trusted of its members and counsellors, and its faithful and indefatigable Secretary-Treasurer felt it to be his duty to remove to another and less arduous field of labor. Added to these have been the lack of interest in the cause of Missions among some to whom the Board naturally looked for assistance, the falling off in the amounts subscribed, and the growing demands for enlarged expenditure upon an empty treasury. So that we have at times been ready to say "Who is sufficient for these things?" And yet these very trials have served the purpose of uniting the members of the Board more closely together in their determination to carry on the work entrusted to them, with vigor and fidelity, and with a firm trust in God and the people, who have gone on from month to month cheered, even in the midst of trial, by the gracious blessings that were being showered down upon our missionaries, and the consciousness that faithful hearts all over the land were pleading for grace and strength to rest upon our efforts.

TRIALS.—At the meeting of the Board held on December 6th, 1881, a telegram from Wolfville, N. S., was read, announcing the death of the venerable Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., for many years the faithful Corresponding Secretary of the Board. A committee was at once appointed to prepare a suitable expression of the feelings of the Board at this sad event, and at a special meeting held on December 9th, that committee reported the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, it has pleased God the Creator of all—the all-wise Disposer of events to remove by death our venerable and honored brother, the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., for many years a highly esteemed and useful member, as well as an efficient officer of our Foreign Mission Board:

Resolved, That while we bow submissively before this afflictive dispensation and acknowledge the wisdom and righteousness of the Judge of all the earth, we are fully conscious that our Board and the denomination at large, sustain a severe loss in the death of Rev. Cramp, who, by his wise and judicious counsel to his brethren at home and also to the missionary corps abroad, and by his persistent and zealous advocacy of the claims of the heathen, had rendered himself conspicuous as a friend of the Foreign Mission enterprise. The services he rendered to our infant mission were invaluable, and his paternal instructions to our missionaries on the field, in his correspondence with them, were weighty, inspiring and daily appreciated by those addressed.

We therefore mourn our brother's removal as a most serious bereavement and lamentation to the Board, and we would express our sympathy and affection to the family of our dear brother in the hour of their poignant grief and overwhelming sorrow.

We can only commend them to resort in the hour of their trouble to their Father's God in whom they trusted, and to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has received him to that presence in which there is fullness of joy forever.

Resolved, That a copy of the preamble and resolution now presented be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

At the regular meeting of the Board held April 4th, the death of the Rev. William Allen Corey was announced, whereupon the Board placed on record its estimate of the character and labors of their co-worker as follows:

Rev. W. A. Corey was appointed a member of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions for N. B. and P. E. I., in August, 1874, and remained such till his lamented death in St. John, N. B. He was a young man richly endowed with first class business powers and habits, and soon in the prosecution of Milling, Lumbering, Shipbuilding and Banking, became possessed of ample means which he used as a good citizen and earnest Christian to promote the welfare of his native city and advance the interests of Christ's Kingdom.

He was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1874, and became its President in 1879. With dignity and large intelligence he discharged the duties of this honorable position.

In early manhood he was baptized by Rev. Samuel Robinson and was in succession a member of the churches of St. John and St. Andrew. In his communion of each he was a most devoted, godly man, and commanded the respect and love of his brethren. He was the warm friend of all our denominational work and all important positions of trust and honor he held at different times as President of our Foreign Mission Board he was most painstaking in acquainting himself with all the details of the work, and he was greatly indebted for his broad and practical views especially in relation to financial matters. He labored with his brethren in happy accord and prayed much for the blessing of God upon our infant mission.

The name of Rev. Corey is in the memories of his brethren and will stand interwoven with all the benevolent work of the denomination. He fell asleep in Jesus July 10, 1882, having earned by a consistent godly life a blessed memory.

RESIGNATION OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.—At the meeting of the Board held on the 10th November, 1881, the Rev. W. P. Everett, who had filled the office of permanent Secretary since June, 1874, and more recently that of Secretary-Treasurer, tendered his resignation, and stated his intention of leaving as soon as possible for the United States. The position was at once unanimously tendered to Brother John March, but for reasons given, he declined, whereupon the whole question was referred to a Committee with authority to present to the Board such measures as they might deem most suitable for effectively carrying on the work of the Board in future. On November 28th the Committee reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the resignation of the Rev. W. P. Everett, Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board report:

1. That they have considered the same, and with feelings of deep regret, recommend it to be accepted, and recommended for adoption by the Board, the Resolution which will be found appended to the Report.

2. Your Committee further recommend that the respective portions of the work of the Board, for some time passed embraced in the office of Secretary-Treasurer be separated, and that hereafter they be carried on by two officers, to be known as Secretary, with a salary of \$300.00 per annum, and Treasurer.

3. Your Committee respectfully nominate for the office of Secretary, Rev. E. W. Kelly.

4. Your Committee respectfully nominate for the office of Treasurer, C. F. Clinch, Esq.

5. That the officers, when appointed, be authorized to receive from the retiring Secretary-Treasurer, all the books, accounts, funds, letters, reports, and any other property, in his possession belonging to the Foreign Mission Board, giving to the retiring Secretary-Treasurer receipts, on behalf of the Board, for all such property so received by them.

6. Your Committee recommended for adoption the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Rev. W. P. Everett, the Secretary-Treasurer of this Board has resigned the office held by him, and intends removing from this country,

Therefore resolved, That while we deeply regret the severance of this relationship between us, we accept his resignation, and hereby express our deep sense of the obligation we are under to him, and the manner in which he has conducted the business of the Board. We also found him to be courteous in his dealings with us, and in his treatment of the missionaries, and great work entered into, and the duties tending to advance the cause of the correspondence and all other things connected with the missionaries and all other things.

We shall greatly regret his removal, and we devoutly pray that the Great Head of the Church will bestow wisdom and grace upon him.

This report received the approval of a large majority, and ever for further consideration on the 10th December, the Board again met when Rev. E. W. Kelly was appointed Secretary, and C. F. Clinch, Treasurer, and it was on motion unanimously agreed to accept of the Report, D. C. L. On December 9th the Board received Dr. Hamond's reply, in which he declined to serve the Board in that capacity, on the ground of his

arduous public duties. Brother John March was then again pressed to act and at a subsequent meeting held on December 30th, he withdrew his objections and consented to perform the duties of Secretary until the meeting of Convention. At the same meeting, Bro. Charles F. Clinch also expressed his willingness to fill the office of Treasurer.

OUR NEW MISSIONARY.—After the close of Convention last year, Bro. Hutchinson, our then missionary-elect, spent some time in visiting the churches previous to his departure for India. His ordination took place at Parrsboro in September, and on the 20th of that month a farewell service was held in the German Street Church, St. John, at which the Rev. Dr. Bill presided. Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, and Revs. Messrs. Hopper, Weeks and Cracknell. Revs. Messrs. Wallace, J. H. Hughes, E. C. Corey, and B. N. Hughes also took part in the exercises. The following were the instructions of the Board delivered to the missionary upon that occasion:

REV. J. R. HUTCHINSON, MISSIONARY ELECT.
Dear Brother:—You undoubtedly realize that the present occasion is one of the most momentous, solemn and interesting events in your life. Some few years since, in response to the appeal of your Heavenly Father, "My son give me thine heart," you believed that you did cheerfully and unreservedly surrender your body, soul and spirit to the service of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, exclaiming, "My Father be thou the guide of my youth," "What will thou have me to do?"

Subsequently you joined yourself to the people of God that you might become a fellow-laborer with them in their glorious work. More recently you believe you heard the "Macedonian cry" coming from the perishing millions of our fellow men enshrouded in the gloom of pagan darkness. "Come over and help us," and your soul was stirred with sympathy to its profound depths, and to the voice of those perishing ones which seemed to be the voice of God, your response was "Lord here am I, send me." And now, on the very eve of your departure for the distant mission station in India, you appear in the midst of your brethren, representatives of several of our churches, that you may bid them farewell and receive their hearty benedictions.

Your brethren of the Foreign Mission Board, who are your fellow-servants, and who esteem you as a brother beloved in the Lord, embrace this opportunity of presenting to you through the Secretary a few words of instruction and counsel such as are usually given on occasions like the present.

As respects *The Object*, which which should claim your chief personal consideration and engage your most earnest attention, we trust you distinctly recognize to be the fulfilling of your Lord's great commission, namely "To preach the gospel."

Nothing else will really and fully meet the spiritual necessities of the people among whom you propose to labor. That gospel, be assured, will prove itself adapted to every and all classes of men; for though the armies of God's enemies are composed of different nationalities and wear various uniforms, though they speak in different dialects and tongues and are dominated in their religious views; by a hundred systems of superstition or philosophy, yet they are all infected by the moral leprosy of sin, and all spiritually ruined and utterly unable to save themselves.

For them all irrespective of their peculiarities, God has provided only one grand remedy, a remedy of sinners, and that is the Christian Gospel. As a Christian missionary, you must present as fully, and forcibly, and persistently as you can, if you would prove faithful to your Master. We entreat you, therefore, not to allow yourself for a single day, by any specious temptation whatever that may present itself to your mind to be diverted from your great work of preaching Jesus and him crucified.

Do not permit yourself to be confused or discouraged by the fact which will soon be forced on you, that the spiritual leaders of the pagans among whom you are to labor, are contented to show that they have traditions that rival ours in point of antiquity, that they can display philosophical systems and speculations that transcend ours in depth of subtlety.

Do not imagine that those traditions and philosophical subtleties are to be overcome by argument, or reason, or controversy, or metaphysical disquisition, so to save the souls of those who cherish and maintain them. Simply remember that you are God's ambassador sent to proclaim the Divine amnesty to rebels against Jehovah, and in your heart of hearts cherish the belief that the gospel of Christ is the only efficient barrier to check the swelling tide of human sin, and that it can smite the claims of error and superstition, the only hammer to break the hearts of sinners. Let only sword of piercing even to the dividing asunder of the thoughts and intents of the heart, the only potent influence to lay hold of prodigals and bring them back to the Father's bosom and bind them forever with the golden cord of love to the throne of the Father.

While, therefore, you may and should feel impelled to give a subordinate degree of attention to Christian school-work, to the superintendence of colportage labor, and to the circulation of the pure Word of God, bear in mind that your chief and solemn duty is to preach the gospel, as possible for the great work of preaching the gospel faithfully and fully and thereby witness to Christ, and fit them, so far as you can, to preach the same glorious truth in their respective spheres.

Do not so bias you in your labor that you may reclaim many a waste and barren acre from spiritual desolation and consecrate it into a garden of the Lord.

We would also wish to impress you with the fact that also you are to enter upon your work in India under more favorable and auspicious circumstances than those who have preceded you that perhaps more may be expected of you.

When on the 23rd September, 1881, eight years since, the churches of this city and vicinity assembled in Brussels Street Church to hold a meeting similar to this and to elect a permanent Secretary and Treasurer, also established our mission, it must be borne in mind that that corps of missionaries went forth, not knowing what was to be their destined field of labor. They were tossed about for nearly two years ere they found a fixed vineyard of effort, and thereafter—indeed, they were obliged to devote much of their valuable time and energy to enlarge their mission dwellings and select houses where they could fully settle down and their longed-for and beloved work of preaching the gospel.

Though single, self-sacrificing men have, as pioneers of our mission, been obliged to literally "bear the burden and heat of the day," yet, by their labors, will be exempt from such overwhelming cares and excessive secular toil, and can give your full attention to study and preparation for preaching.

But we would have you feel that while it is true that you, having the dew of youth on your brow, and a strength that is yours, should to enter enthusiastically upon the work before you, you will do well to recognize that the experience of these your older brethren and sisters on the mission field, entitles them to a degree of deference on your part of which perhaps it was scarcely necessary to speak, since your own judgment would lead you to do so.

In all matters of doubt, we entreat you to consult and advise with your colleagues.

Endeavor so far as you can consistently with duty to carry on your mission work with due economy, remembering that the money expended belongs to the Lord, who bears the burden of the day.

In reference to your relation to this Board, we desire you to endeavor to always acquaint us frankly with your necessities and difficulties. If it should seem to you that we err in judgment on any point connected with your work, please to enlighten us and furnish us with the explanation, so that the utmost harmony of views between yourself and the Board may be maintained. And bear in mind that while we may and must direct many of the operations of our Mission work, we do not desire to be dictatorial nor dogmatical.

But since the denomination, whose strength we are, will hold us responsible, not only for our home work, but also largely for our foreign work, we earnestly desire you to aid us so that each year we may render a satisfactory account of our stewardship.

May He who holds the winds in his fists and who rules the raging waves of the sea, be to you a safe and speedy journey across the trackless deep and crown all your labors with happiest success.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Next day Mr. Hutchinson and his family left for New York, from whence he sailed to London, after a short stay in that city he sailed for India, and reached Bimlipatam on December 24th. Full accounts of his progress have already been given to the public.

REINFORCEMENT.—The growing needs of our mission stations, the certainty that the missionaries first in the field must soon return home to recruit their health, the possibility that some might at any time fall at their post, and other considerations, had frequently brought the question of reinforcement before the earnest consideration of the Board, but it invariably fell back upon the possibility of securing the necessary men and means. However, at the meeting of the Board held on the 20th December the question was again fully discussed, and a Standing Committee on Ways and Means was appointed, with instructions to correspond with brethren who had expressed a desire to devote their lives to foreign missionary labor, and to devise measures by which another missionary station should be established, transferred to India and supported after reaching their field of future work. At the meeting in January, Bro. Kelly from this Committee submitted the draft of an appeal to the churches for enlarged contributions to the Convention Fund, so that the means of the Board might be so increased as to remove at least one of the difficulties in the way of prompt action. The appeal was couched in the following terms:

A MISSIONARY APPEAL.
To the Pastors and churches comprising the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces:

Dear Brethren:—As a Committee recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board on Ways and Means for the support and reinforcement of our Foreign Mission enterprise, permit us to call your attention to the pressing necessity for enlarged contributions to the Convention Scheme. The Foreign Mission demands this on two grounds:

1. **THE LARGE EXPENDITURE OF THE YEAR.** Excellent and valuable compounds have been provided for our missionaries, only by the expense of over 25,000 rupees. To this must be added the cost of bringing home, recently, one missionary, and sending forth another, which combined with the regular support of the several stations, leaves the Treasurer comparatively empty. The mission is well established and is being blessed of God. Increased contributions are needed to sustain the work begun. The Board is depending on the quarterly contributions to pay the salaries of our missionaries.

2. **THE CALL FOR IMPERATIVE.** In order that the present prosperity of the work be not retarded, latest intelligence informs us that, on account of falling health, Bro. Sanford will soon return home, while the long stay of Bro. and sister Hammond and Bro. Sanford in that trying climate, will render their return, at no distant day, an absolute necessity. To defray the expense of missionaries returning, and sending forth others, involves an outlay above the regular support of the mission, for which the Board has no funds. Men ready to go are at hand, and the work is glorious and Christ-like, must suffer serious damage, if not ruin, unless the largely increased liberality of the churches furnish the means to meet the needs of some of these brethren to reinforce the mission.

For these reasons, we most earnestly appeal for the adoption of the Convention Fund, which if realized, will give adequate returns to meet the demands of the Board. In view of the fact that we feel assured that both pastors and churches will not only do all in their power to make the work both prosperous and successful, but also to make it a great success, but will be content with less than there may be a little delay as possible in sending.

(Signed in behalf of the Board) E. W. KELLY, } Committee.
G. O. GATES, }
E. W. KELLY, }

Please submit this to your church.

This appeal was adopted, and ordered to be printed and distributed among the churches. Responses, however, were coming in but slowly, when on the 2nd of March the Board pressed the Committee to further action, and reiterated their conviction of the need of reinforcement by unanimously adopting the following resolutions, which was given to the public, through the religious press:—

Resolved, That in view of the early return to this country, of the two missionary families still remaining in India, of those first sent out under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board, over eight years ago, it becomes our imperative duty forthwith to reinforce the mission, by sending out at least one additional missionary, so that the valuable properties acquired at Bimlipatam and Bobbili, as centres of operations among the Northern Telugus, the schools established and the churches gathered into churches, there may be properly cared for during the necessary absence of those who have given their best physical strength and mental and moral energies to the Lord's work on our behalf in those places, and who must return to their native land, to recuperate their wasted powers, or die at their posts.

And further resolved, That the pressing emergency which has now arisen in the Foreign Mission interests, demands prompt and liberal contributions from the churches, to enable the Board to fulfill its pledges to the missionaries, and to perform the duties and obligations placed upon it by the Baptist Denomination in the Maritime Provinces.

That the Board was not premature in the forecast it had made of the situation, was now made apparent. The letters from the missionaries with every mail, brought us some new appeal for assistance and help. Thus on January 9th, two weeks after his arrival at his post, Brother Hutchinson writes: "Another matter claims your prayerful attention. It is immediate reinforcement. When at home I felt strongly on this matter, as many did, but since landing in India I can see the necessity, and the grave, and even precarious position of our Mission, as I had never before conceived it. * * * Surely the denomination will awaken and supply the necessary funds for sending another man at once."

On Feb. 15th Brother Churchill writes: "I am very glad something is being done towards reinforcing our Mission. We have gladly welcomed Brother Hutchinson. May another family soon be under way."

On Feb. 16th Sister Hammond writes: "I am very glad you are looking for reinforcement. I am exceedingly sorry the second man is not here now. It is injustice to our denomination, an injury to the cause of God in India, a hindrance that a man or woman will rarely get over, to put him or her, as the case may be, in the care of a station before the best part of two years has been spent in the country. There ought to have been another man last year. If there is not one each for Bimlipatam and Bobbili, this, our mission, will not progress as the Lord is willing it should. I believe He is waiting for us to go up and possess the land. I have heard that our treasury is empty, but He is none the less rich today than He was before Missions were instituted, and the money to prosecute His work aggressively is amongst His people. By plain statements and earnest appeals, can it not be hunted out? Put the responsibility on our people, and will they let the Master's work become dwarfed for the lack of men and money?"

On the 23rd March Bro. Sanford writes: "We want another missionary, a family, and one unmarried young lady, to be sent out in the Autumn after Convention. It appears to me that strenuous efforts should be made to accomplish this result. I feel a good deal of assurance that if our brethren in the churches arouse themselves to meet the claims which Christ, in love, has placed upon us in regard to this ripening harvest field, there will be great joy over the many sheaves gathered in. There is no better or surer investment for our Christian efforts, than this Foreign Mission enterprise affords. Do not think I overstate the case."

On April 17th Bro. Hutchinson writes: "The intelligence that the Board is seeking for another missionary family, fills us all with joy. I believe that 'God and the people' are going to take hold of this matter, and send us another mission family before 1882 glides into the past. We shall pray for another single lady missionary too." And on the 29th of the same month he concludes his letter with the following postscript: "I must add one word more 'Reinforcement'—to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance."

On May 2nd, Bro. Sanford writes: "I trust the Board see the advisability of sending a missionary family to Bimlipatam as soon as possible." And again on the 30th he writes: "We want another family at Bimlipatam without delay. I hope the sisters will send out a young lady also immediately after Convention."

These confirmatory indications of the earnestness of the action of the Board in regard to the strengthening of the mission by fresh recruits are sufficient to show the urgent necessity for the appeals which were made for more money to push on the work. But it was not only in this direction that the Committee sought to meet the requirements of the case. Money was indeed indispensable, but to secure competent and devoted men, was equally so. They therefore opened up a correspondence with a number of young men, who at different times had expressed a desire to devote their lives to foreign missionary work. It is very much to be regretted that up to the present time the Committee has not succeeded in securing such an application to the Board for appointment as to warrant them in presenting a missionary elect to the Convention for its approval, endorsement and support. The reason for this is not far to seek. The Treasury of the Board has been gradually depleted until it contains nothing more, at any one time, than is sufficient to meet the current expenses of the Board, and indeed at times during the past year it has been entirely exhausted. We have no collateral resources by which we could raise money in time of need, nor have we moneyed men to whom we can apply with the certainty that our wants will be supplied. The contributions of our people are lamentably short of what they ought to be, and the confidence of young men who are willing to go forth to the harvest field in those who are to provide their support is thereby weakened. And so long as this continues our young men cannot be very much blamed for settling down to work at home where comparative comforts are assured, or in accepting appointments from other Boards whose monetary standing places them above the vicissitudes of the varying moods of christian benevolence.

THE WORK ABROAD.

Turning away from this rather discouraging view of the Foreign Mission work on the Home side, let us see what has been done and what are the prospects for future success upon the field itself. And here, at the outset, it may be distinctly stated that at no period in the history of our mission has there been so much occasion to rejoice and be glad in the Lord as that covered by the last year's operations, nor could the outlook be more hopeful upon any field or under any circumstances. Not that there have been no losses, crosses, trials, and darkness. These things are common to every enterprise. But the footsteps of the Almighty have been clearly seen going before our missionaries all the way, and leading them into broad fields of ripened and ripening grain, as well as into well prepared fields for the reception of the seed, or the hard waste lands that need to be broken up and made ready. And how gracious, yet how majestic, have been His goings, as He has in turn appeared as the Trier and Purifier, as the Comforter and Helper, as the Redeemer and Saviour.

OUR STATIONS.—Our stations have not been increased in number during the year, although the outposts at Chicacole and Bobbili have been pushed farther out and new ground gained. At each of the places named the Board own valuable mission premises, including lands, mission houses, school buildings, native houses, outbuildings, &c. The work upon the compound at Bimlipatam was completed last year. At Chicacole there has been some repairs and the building of a new wall around the whole place. Some further work will yet have to be done to provide the requisite accommodation, or the compound will have to be extended so as to take in adjoining property. This latter plan may be found to be the best and cheapest in the end. At Bobbili, the work of building was finished, but it was found necessary to put extensive repairs on the bungalow, and to this Bro. Churchill has devoted considerable time and labor. The cost of the property is about rupees 7,500, divided up as follows: Mission house, Rupees 4,500; bungalow, Rupees 1185; Chapel School Rupees 840; outbuildings, Rupees 545; Well and Wall, Rupees 430. The land is held under a forty years' lease from the Rajah, at a nominal rent. The lands at Bimlipatam and Chicacole are the property of the Board. The total value of all the property is over Rupees 25,000.

OUR STAFF OF WORKERS.—Our staff of workers include three male missionaries and their wives, and Miss Hammond; seven native preachers, seven colporteurs, four teachers, one colporteur and teacher, and three Bible women.

In March, the precarious condition of Mrs. Sanford's health compelled her to return home, and Brother Sanford felt it to be his duty to accompany her on her way as far as Liverpool, from which place he returned to Bimlipatam, by the way of Calcutta, while his wife and children came on to this country, where they arrived early in June. By this arrangement, Bro. Sanford expected to be absent from his station but three months, and it is probable that he is now again at work among those for whose spiritual welfare he is willing, in the spirit of Paul, to suffer all things. The question of his coming all the way home and spending a year or two among the churches, was fully laid before him, but knowing the desolation of his people, and the injury the mission would sustain if left without the care of a resident missionary, he heroically determined to forego the pleasures of a visit to his home and friends in company with his family and return to spend yet some years of active labor in his appointed field. It is gratifying to know that his health continues good, and we trust it will so continue until arrangements are completed for some one to take up his work during his absence.

At Chicacole, Miss Hammond, who had so successfully superintended the work of that station for a year and eight months, was, at the close

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