

that he declined this proposal, as involving too long an absence to be consistent with the preservation of existing connections. They then pressed him to give his services for some nine or ten months. To this Dr. Reed inclined, and agreed to submit it to his church, requesting Mr. Collison to preside over the church meeting. The result was considerable alarm amongst the members (of whom there were nearly 800 actually present) that, if their pastor once left them on this mission, he would never return. They pressed him to abide with them, and to suggest other arrangements for Canada. This result was, in many respects, a disappointment to Dr. Reed, and involved a painful suspense of nearly five months duration, with some peril of division in his congregation; yet, he closes his remarks on the subject by saying, "The way of the Lord is right. The conduct of my dear family has been most grateful to me."

After considerable exertion, he had the satisfaction of assisting to secure the services of two singularly devoted men in the persons of the late Mr. Roaf, of Toronto, and Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal, and says, "I have laboured for this as a good beginning; and it comforts me, that, if I may not go, I can help Canada from afar."

It is evident from the above, that the men who originated the Colonial Mission, appreciated with far-seeing sagacity the importance of having "the foundations of many generations" laid by the wisest master-builders; and to the great centres of provincial influence, would only send their best men. In such a spirit, also, they sent Mr. Stow to Adelaide, and Dr. Ross to Sydney, in Australia.

Another brief extract from Dr. Reed's life (p. 199) shall be added.

"While in Canada, in 1834, he had made himself acquainted with the grounds of discontent which showed itself everywhere in an ill-concealed hostility to the British Government; and when, in 1837, the news arrived in London that Canada was in a state of rebellion, he was ready on the instant to urge the grievances of the Canadians, who had never received the redress which they were led to expect through the commission of Lord Gosford. His evidence and opinions were sought by a distinguished member of the Government, Lord Glenelg; and he corresponded with some of the active politicians of the colony in reference to the demands put forth at the time of the Durham Mission."

The Home Department.

ARE THE CHILDREN AT HOME?

Each day when the glow of sunlight
Fades in the western sky,
And the wee ones, tired of playing,
Gostripping lightly by,
I steal away from my husband,
Asleep in his easy chair,
And watch from the open doorway
Their faces fresh and fair.

Alone in the dear old homestead
That once was full of life,
Ringing with girlish laughter.
Echoing boyish strife,