

law, but he was converted while a student there, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Ashley. Immediately after his conversion he entered upon mission work by connecting himself with the little cause at the East end of that town; and during his subsequent college course in Toronto he was active in the mission east of the Don—now First Ave. Church—and was also actively connected with the Y. M. C. A. of the Toronto University. It was at a meeting connected with this Society that his mind was first drawn toward Foreign Missions, under the inspiration of an address by Mr. John Foreman. The decision having been reached, he immediately offered himself for the Foreign field, and within nine months he was in

India, preaching to the little English church in Cocanada, and learning the language of the people to whom he had devoted his life.

Many of our readers will remember the visits of Brethren Lafamme and Davis among the Associations and churches of Ontario and Quebec, during the spring and summer of 1887, and the large meeting in the Bloor Street Church, Toronto, in July, where they were ordained, in company with Rev. J. B. Kennedy, who was leaving for British Columbia. Brethren Lafamme, Davis, and Miss Alexander (Mrs. Drake), were publicly set apart for the foreign work in the Jarvis St. Church, and within a few days set sail for England and India. Mr. Davis is now in Canada on furlough, having reached Canada, with Mr. Craig, early in the spring, and it is hoped they may all be able to return not later than the fall of next year.

Mr. Lafamme remained in Cocanada about eighteen months, and for more than half that time he had charge of the Telugu as well as the English Baptist Church. His next station was the Akidu field; then at Samulcotta Seminary for a short time, those brief appointments being made to fill vacancies caused by the necessary absence of the missionaries on the hills, to recuperate. In 1890 he opened a new station in Yellamanchili, after a short exploring expedition, and during this year he was married to Miss Fitch, a missionary from the Maritime Provinces. Being finally settled upon this field, he built the mission house and remained there in continuous and patient labors till the time arrived for his necessary return home, in 1895. He reached Canada in March of that year. During last winter he held conferences and visited the

churches in Ontario and Quebec in company with Mr. McDiarmid, the Foreign Mission Secretary. During the past summer he has given more time to the churches than was perhaps judicious for one who was storing up strength for another seven years' exposure to the debilitating influence of the Indian climate.

On Thursday evening last Mr. Lafamme gave an inspiring address in the Jarvis Street Church, upon his work and experience on the foreign field, before the Pylo Missionary Society, and none who heard it will ever lose the conviction that he is a consecrated and endued messenger of the Master whose service he loves and whose work is his delight. "But some will say," these are

nearly his words, "There is famine and heat, and fever and cholera, and pestilence in India." So-there, and we have seen and felt them all; but he who is not prepared to face these for the sake of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, is not worthy of Him." The only regret the returning missionary expresses, is that there is not a group of at least six going out at this time, instead of only one, when the needs of the work are so great.

He left Toronto on Monday evening, (Dec. 14) will sail from New York on Wednesday, and is expected to be at home in India by January 20th, 1897. A large company of students and friends waited upon him at the station, and his train moved out amid the prayerful strains of music which besought that God would be with him till we meet again.

Our photographure shows Bro. Lafamme in the embrace of his child, whom he leaves behind with her invalid mother, to rejoin him next year if all are

spared. It was our intention that the artist should copy only the face of the father, but he said mechanically, that, "he couldn't take that arm off," so we have left them as they are in the engraving. The little arms are off now, however, and the father is on his way to the heathen in India, while his home waits this side the seas till reunion becomes a possible joy.

Do missions cost our missionaries anything?

NOTE.—Mr. Roberts, in the *Canadian Baptist*, has said so well what we intended to say about Mr. Lafamme that we give his words. He is mistaken, however, in thinking that Mr. Lafamme expects the pleasure of his little girl's company next year. When Mrs. Lafamme returns there will be another parting, and dear little Irene, one of the most win-



REV. H. F. LAFAMME AND HIS DAUGHTER IRENE.