

sonary life which the Board has derived from their connection with the enterprise of this Society, they have been led to a fixed conviction on one point which they feel it incumbent on them to state with great seriousness, and that is, that in any future efforts of the Convention in the Foreign Missionary field, it ought to be an inviolable principle never to send any missionary or missionary family alone. The duties and cares which rest on the single labourer are too heavy, and the need of brotherly counsel and encouragement too pressing and constant to make it just to him or to his work, or just to the reasonable expectations and wishes of the friends of Missions, to send any one so far away on so arduous an enterprise without any necessary aid.

In all future preparations, therefore, for labors in this important and noble department of Christian effort, the Board earnestly hope that the Convention will be guided by this principle, and for the enlarged scope of two missionaries or missionary families lay their future plans.

The Convention at the last meeting strongly declared its belief that no pressure of trial ought to deter from exertion in this field, or to have any other effect than to stir to greater effort, and to awaken more earnest and more believing prayer, that the Board feel themselves relieved from any necessity of saying much on that point, assured, as they are, that the same spirit which animated the friends of this cause in the absence of their beloved brother Burpe, will glow with redoubled fervor when they shall see him restored to them with improving health by the tender mercies of our God, and shall hear from his own lips those fervent appeals on behalf of the perishing millions of the East which he has always made, and now cannot but make with the increased intensity of the feeling of one whose "eyes have seen and whose ears have heard" their misery, their desolation and their moral ruin.

The first and most immediate duty connected with Mr. Burpe's return is, as the Board conceive, the care of his health. To this they would recommend him to pay the strictest regard, under the most skilful medical advice, and by no means to peril the hopes of recovery that have brought him so far from the shores of India in pursuit of returned health, by venturing on labors or efforts however desirable for the interests of the Mission, that might tend to retard that object; but in the event of his health being sufficiently restored, the Board cannot but anticipate the happiest results from Mr. Burpe's return, not only in awakening new interest in those whose pecuniary aid and future exertions must depend, but also in eliciting more fully those desires for missionary labour which it is believed have slumbered for some time in the bosoms of several of our pious youth; and they trust that in this, and in other ways which seemed at first an untoward necessity, dragging away a laborious and useful labourer from his toil and his success, will prove in the long a merciful Providence, providing in a way unthought of by any means for enlarging and consolidating the Mission, which could scarcely be hoped for from any other agency.

It is apparent too that any future effort on the part of this Convention among the tribes of India must be undertaken with vast a