

I am well aware that a comparison between such an arrangement as this, and that proposed by the English Board appears unfavourable to the former. But I would humbly submit, if it is not only *apparently* unfavourable? By accepting the proposal of the English Committee, does your Board occupy a position differing very materially from that, it would occupy in the other case? What are the considerations that make it so much more desirable, that a Missionary should go to India from your Board under an arrangement which, while it leaves you only little more than the semblance of authority, compels him to labour in a field in which comparatively no interest is taken by those to whom alone he looks for support—than that he should go forth supported by your Board under an arrangement by which he may hold frequent correspondence with the Churches through their Board, he enjoying the privilege of labouring in that field for which those Churches feel a special interest?

When according to your direction I proceeded to Boston and made known to the Committee there, the kind of connection you wished to sustain to them, I was kindly assured that they cherished towards you only the most cordial feelings of good-will—but could not without violating their Constitution, meet the letter of your proposals. It never once occurred to me that any serious objection could arise to the above mentioned connection, and simply, because it seemed to me to be so nearly virtually the same as the connection proposed by the English committee upon which I knew the Board had already looked with favour.

Having thus stated very briefly my own views of the present position of your Board and of the relative merits of these three courses of action,

I remain very respectfully yours,
ARTHUR CRAWLEY.

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THE BAPTIST FOR. MISS. BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA AND
NEW BRUNSWICK.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

Having been connected with you and officially acknowledged your Missionary for now more than a year, and having through that time, received from you, only expressions of kindness and designed interest for myself personally, and for the cause with which, I trust I am heartily identified, I feel that it is due to you, thus requesting dismissal from your service, to state clearly and boldly the reasons why I wish the connection between us to be dissolved.

Some time having now elapsed since the completion of my preliminary course, I feel a natural anxiety to proceed with as little delay as possible to my place of labour. An opportunity offers