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JOHN McLAURIN.

On Saturday, November 28th, Rev. Jno. McLaurin and his wife sailed from Boston, Mass., for India, to engage in missionary work under the auspices of the American Board, thus bringing to an end seventeen years of faithful service in connection with Canadian Baptists. So far as their Canadian life and work are concerned, we must now speak of them in the past tense, although their influence, we may hope, shall be ever present in the carrying on of the work to which their early manhood and womanhood were consecrated. To sketch briefly the life and labors of Rev. Jno. McLaurin ought to be an easy task, as it is certainly a pleasant one. God has given but few such men to the churches, and but few men have for so long a time lived so conspicuously before the churches. As a student Bro. McLaurin took front rank in the days when a Baptist student in Canada was somewhat of a novelty, and he was known consequently in the east and west wherever the denomination had its gathering. He was the first Canadian Baptist missionary, and he went to his work at a time when the "romance" of missions was in full glory. For seventeen years his letters from India were treasured in the homes of our people, and upon his return on furlough nobody tramped our country from the Eastern townships to Sarnia more persistently than he. There will be no difficulty then, as to mat-