"But there is," responded the reader of the appeal. "Listen to this cable which I find in the same paper: 'Clifton dead. Send another. Support provided.'" "Clifton dead!' shouted the merchant. "Dead! Not dead?"

"It is even so," was the response. "He has written his last letter and spent his last sigh over the perishing. I suppose the care broke his heart." The others had started, to their feet, then slowly sank back in their chairs, looking vacantly at the speaker as if waiting for something further.

"I have been thinking over the matter and have come to the conclusion that I shall step into Graham's place. He was as fine a fellow as I ever met, and I know of none whom I would rather succeed, though this is a melancholy succession."

No response was forthcoming. The others were thinking, so the speaker continued outlining his plans. When he had finished, the Member of Parliament took up the strain.

"I do not know how you are situated, but as for myself, the country can spare me, for there are plenty waiting to succeed me. As for my friends here of the medical and legal profession, I am bound to think that they find the country rather crowded, and would enjoy more elbow room. Now, I am inclined to propose that we go out *en masse* to the foreign field. Why not? Did not those fellows, Studd and his companions of the China Inland, go out together, and why not we? But I am forgetting that our merchant isn't a professor, so would not choose to fall in. Besides, there is another difficulty. How shall we go—whence the means?"

"Good!" cried the merchant. "I shall not be behind in this matter. Go out as a company by all means, and I will undertake to supply the funds. Graham's life did more to recommend Christianity to me than all the books I have read. In fact I have been thinking over the matter most seriously, and had just about come to the conclusion that I would not live longer after this loose, careless fashion. Though busy with the heathen, Graham did not forget me, but wrote me regularly and troubled me mightily with his