

So far we have noticed the labours, and glanced at the prospects of the society, we have now to mention that, which no doubt will be matter of regret to you, viz: that your Missionary is not going to attend the class this season. He was unable to remain in the field during the whole summer on account of ill health, and he has been advised by good medical authority to rest during the winter months, which he has resolved to do, so that at the close of his course he may be better fitted to enter upon the work which he may be called upon to perform. The determination of your Missionary was placed in the hands of the committee, and it was deemed proper to allow him to consider his own interest, and follow the course which seemed to him best in the circumstances. May he be strengthened by the course which he has resolved to pursue, may he be fitted for every duty which may devolve upon him, and may the path of duty be made plain to him, is the prayer of your committee in committing their trust into your hands.

Having recounted the labours of the society during the past year, and noticed some matters in which it is deeply interested, your committee would now seek to urge upon you the necessity of continued effort on the part of every member of the society. Your labours in the past have not been in vain, they have been crowned with success, beyond the anticipations of many. This fact, and the promise of ultimate success in all missionary operations should stimulate you to still greater efforts. View this success as a pledge of what may yet be accomplished. There is good evidence to believe, that there are some, who from darkness and bondage have been brought to rejoice in the light and liberty of the gospel through your instrumentality; but there are still many sitting in the region and shadow of death, who would also rejoice if the truth were brought within their reach, if the light of the gospel were made to shine upon them. Seek therefore to follow up your success, and extend your influence as far as possible. There are promises that the time shall come when the man of sin shall be overthrown and every system of idolatry and error shall be abolished; and christianity in all its freeness and simplicity shall be established throughout the whole world. Seek then to have a part in this glorious work. Labour for the accomplishment of such a noble end. Be fellow-workers with Christ in the evangelization of the world. There is a time coming when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

And this great change is to be accomplished by the instrumentality of means, and we know that God frequently blesses means, which in themselves seem weak and ineffectual, for the accomplishment of great ends, for: "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence." God hath promised that the time shall come when, "they shall not teach every man his brother, saying know the Lord, but all shall know me from the least to the greatest," when all men shall constitute one great family—one vast brotherhood in Christ. God by his Holy Spirit hath declared this, and it is sufficient, more need not be required. None need then despair of ultimate success in spreading abroad the truth as it is in Jesus, in seeking to bring men from darkness to light.

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CAFFRARIA.—The March No. of the United Presbyterian Missionary Record contains an interesting account of the opening of a new church at Engwali. This is the first church which has been built by a native pastor. There were four services on the opening day, one in English two in Caffre, and the fourth in Dutch interpreted into Caffre. The cost of the Church has been £1463 14s. 2d., there being a debt of £351. On the Wednesday following the opening of the Church, there was a large gathering both of Europeans, and of Caffres,