

were full of zeal, and all were drinking draughts of the real spirit which makes a mission efficient. They came regularly to Board meetings from long distances, paid their own expenses, and the question with each one was "What ought I to do?" "Is it my duty to join up with the others?" Rev. W. B. Boggs, pastor of the Portland St. Church (now Main St.) resigned, and after serving as Secretary for some months, left all, parents, child, and position, and joined up with Sanford, Armstrong, and the Churchills.

### 6. How we Decided.

It would take us too far afield to trace all the doings of the Denomination which led to the establishment of our Mission in India, with which the Armstrongs were so closely connected.] But I have preserved a document in printed form which gives the impressions of our brethren, Sanford, Armstrong, Churchill, and Boggs, dated Rahaing, Siam, February 13th, 1875, which sheds light upon the situation at the time. These brethren had been sent, two from Burmah, and two from Bangkok, to locate a field of operation among the Karen tribes which were supposed to be somewhere in Siam. The two parties met at Rahaing, as above stated, and after comparing notes, came to the conclusion that there were no tribes of Karens in Siam where a mission could be placed.

There was perplexity at home, and so great was the anxiety to settle the question of a location, that the Hon. Judge McCully, the President of the Convention, took the unheard of step of summoning a special Convention. This Convention, composed of our leading men and women, was held in Amherst, in 1875, I think in May. The pressure must have been heavy, not to be able to wait until the annual meeting in August. A cry was ringing through the churches, "Siam for Christ." Others thought that we had better labor somewhere in Burmah. Most of us did not know, why one heathen country should have stronger demands than another.