

Christian," "Who will go for us?" he answered calmly, but resolutely, "Here am I, send me."

Having first visited the locality, he applied to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church of Scotland for recognition as a missionary under their auspices. This having been readily granted, he proceeded to mature his plans for establishing a mission at Aden. "Not only did he go out entirely at his own expense, as regarded himself and his wife, but he also assumed the whole cost of the building of a mission-house and hospital, and became responsible for the salary of the medical missionary whom he selected to accompany him. For a time all went well. Lodged meanwhile in temporary quarters, he watched with interest the erection of the mission buildings. The rest is soon told. Both he and his wife were prostrated with remitting fever very soon after their arrival at Aden, and though every thing was done that human skill could devise, it became evident that each attack was bringing the noble young missionary nearer and nearer to the close of his brief but heroic career. On the 10th of May, 1887, he quietly passed away. The next day he was reverently laid to rest at the Aden cemetery, far from home and loved ones, just six months after leaving England. The news of his death reached Edinburgh on the eve of the meeting of the General Assembly and excited profound sorrow. Dr. Rainy in his opening address said, "Whatever becomes of the mission of Ion Keith-Falconer we have now the memory only. But it is a very profitable and admonitory memory. He gave to the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus all he had. Who comes next?"

By the generosity of his mother and widow it was arranged that Keith-Falconer's work at Aden should not be stayed by his death. Provision was made for the salaries of two missionaries; the mission premises were completed, and now the staff consists of Rev. W. Gardner, Dr. Patterson, medical missionary, Mr. Lohead, evangelist, with three native Abyssinian teachers. The great heat and unhealthfulness of the climate are very serious hindrances to the prosecution of the work, which, nevertheless, is making satisfactory progress.

## In British Columbia.

### PIONEER WORK, MOUNT LEHMAN.

A LITTLE over two months ago the writer came over the Rockies. Since then somewhat has been experienced of pioneer work in the West. It is fraught with hardship and difficulties, but it is full of promise for the future. Along the Fraser River is being built up the best part of this great province of the Dominion, and it is all-important that the structure be reared upon the *true foundation*. Many of those that are flocking over the mountains "like doves to their windows" have left Christian homes. Are these to be left by the Church of Christ to drift away from the true faith of their fathers? They *must* at least have the *opportunity* of hearing "the old, old story of Jesus and His Love." Away from the restraining influences of home and friends there is a terrible temptation to cast off all *religious* restraint. They are prone to forget the soul in their zealous efforts to make their way in this new world, and hew out of the forest primeval homes of comfort and wealth. The seductive influences of the world become still more powerful because of the example of those who have been long in the country without the regular Gospel ordinances, and because among those who come from every nation there are many who have no regard for what is holy and who do not believe the Gospel truths.

Just down the Fraser River I have two fellow-Presbyters. Rev. Alex. Tait holds the fort at Langley, ably preaching three times every Sabbath and holding many prayer meetings during the week. North of the river for forty miles is under the charge of Rev. Alex. Dunn who for sixteen years has rendered most acceptable service in the new province. The first of the year I landed at Mount Lehman from Nova Scotia. In this field at present there are three main stations, besides a number of small outlying settlements. There is no church, but three school-houses. This is the most southern part of the Fraser River, being only eight miles from the boundary line. Below this it runs a little north of west. The congregation of Mt. Lehman, Aldergrove and Sumas has not yet been organized but some progress has been made. Hitherto prayer-meetings were unknown except in the second named place where a Methodist minister tried in vain to sustain one. For nearly two months now we have