

was willing to give myself entirely to Him. After this I resolved to write a letter to the committee of the St. Chrischona Mission, and asked to be admitted as a missionary student, but I was too young, and had to wait three years before I was accepted. During this time I went to Geneva to study French, where I met Dr. Malan, J. H. Merle D'Aubigne, Pastor Gossain, and others.

"I was very glad when I was at last accepted as a student of the St. Chrischona College, but it was no easy life that we students had there. We had to work hard for our living, and to study much, so that if there were any not in earnest they would hardly stay there long; but the belief that we were called of the Lord made it no hardship to bear all for His sake.

"Bishop Gobat came one day to St. Chrischona, and wanted a missionary for Abyssinia. I was selected, and was asked if I would like to go to that distant mission field, and, after making it a subject of earnest prayer, I agreed to go."

After working for eleven years in mission fields Theopholis Waldmeier became convinced of Friends principles in the following manner:

"In the year 1869 the British Syrian Schools were visited by Eli and Sybil Jones, Richard Allen, Charles Wakefield, and Captain Pim, who were greatly pleased with the work. I was told that they were Quakers, or Friends, were good people on the whole, though wrong in rejecting the outward ordinances. This interested me much, and as I had never become acquainted with such people before, I the more desired to see them, and learn their religious principles. Their addresses, especially those of Sybil Jones, were so powerful and edifying that our hearts were touched, and I began to think that their religious principles must be of a superior nature. I went to the hotel where they lodged, and made their acquaint-

ance, and from that time I have believed that the Quaker principles are the right basis for a true spiritual church. When these dear Friends left the country their blessed influence remained upon my heart, though they had not the slightest idea of it, nor had I any hope of seeing them again.

"In the spring of 1871 another Quaker, Stafford Allen, with his son, Francis Allen, visited Syria, and they also visited the British Syrian Schools, where I got acquainted with them through Captain Pim. It was so arranged that I had to accompany Stafford Allen, his son, and Captain Pim, to Baalbec. Having already a great leaning towards the principles of the Society of Friends, I inquired more deeply into them, and had very blessed intercourse with Stafford Allen all the way along. He also seemed to take great interest in me, and it was on that journey that we were bound together in an everlasting friendship. He said to me when he left the Syrian shores, 'If thee comes to London, please visit my house, and stay with me, and my dear wife Hannah will take care of thee.' I was then very far from guessing that Hannah Stafford Allen would become the mother of the Friends' Lebanon Mission.

"On the 17th of April, 1872, I visited my friend, S. Allen, whose acquaintance I made in Syria. He introduced me to his wife Hannah, and I was glad to see her heavenly countenance, with the lustre of peace and love upon it. From that time, during my stay in England, I was privileged to make her house my home.

"Here I got initiated by degrees into the principles of the Society of Friends, and the Friends' meeting at Stoke Newington became a great blessing to me. Robert and Christine Alsop, Rebecca Thursfield, and Hannah S. Allen, were used of God to lead me more and more into the spiritual principles of the Society of Friends. The more I began to know them the