

so. For we read of them having houses afterward They sold their surplus houses, and lands. that they did not need for present use. Some, no doubt, sold all, especially those who were missionaries with the Apostles. For a missionary don't need land. He can not tend it if he has it. We might as well expect a soldier who goes to fight for his country to tend his farm at the same time, as for a preacher to go as a missionary and at the same time tend a farm.

I now ask your attention to the 36th verse of the 4th chapter of Acts. "And Joses, who by the Apostles was surnamed Barnabas, a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold it." Then we will read from the 11th chapter, and beginning at the 19th verse. "Now they that were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen, traveled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church, which was in Jerusalem, and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch." Here I find the first missionary on this side of the twelve Apostles. Who sent him? The church at Jerusalem did it. And what brother can say that they did wrong? Or can we think that the church would say, 'Come now Barnabas, we want you to go to Antioch, and preach,' but never give him anything to bear his expenses, although he had sold his land, and given all he had into the treasury. No, my brethren, they evidently made a draw on the treasury for him. Or can we think that Peter, James, and Jo'm, in desiring Paul to remember the poor just wanted him to think of them, and perhaps say, 'Poor fellow, you are in a bad fix' and so pass on. No, brethren, Paul had a treasurer with him, who carried a purse, to supply the needs of the poor.

But how appropriate the mission of Barnabas He was of the country of Cyprus, an island in the Mediterranean sea, west of Antioch, the great city of Syria, only a few miles. It is natural for us to be inclined to go to the place of our nativity.

We next ask your attention to 2d Corinthians, 8th chapter and 13th verse. Here we find the treasurer spoken of who was chosen of the churches to travel with Paul's company. A missionary deacon, if you please, chosen and sent by the churches. Again, look at verse 23d. "Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner, and fellow-helper concerning you, or our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches." Messengers and missionaries mean the same thing. Verses 13 and 14 speak of the equality among the brethren. Some should not be eased and others burdened. In the xvi. chapter of 1st Corinthians and 2d verse, Paul tells the brethren to put into the treasury (or store) as God had prospered them. Here is the same principle of equality alluded to again.

REMARKS.

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