

since as only a temporary one, and further, concealing from himself the bearing of such effort, if continued, upon our plans, oversteps, in his appeals, the bounds prescribed by a sober judgment, surely no one will care to hold him to a strict account, or to restrain his eager words.

Your Board was instructed by you to "*take into serious consideration the alterations which it will be desirable to make in your present arrangements,*" in order to establish and maintain the present projected Mission. One of the fundamental questions thus submitted to us, and which, in the judgment of your Board, should be immediately and seriously reviewed, is that of consuming, in another field and for another Mission Society, the *resources* upon which you must depend for maintaining your own independent Mission. The time is fast approaching when that separate Mission will, it is hoped, be put into successful operation. There are not yet in the treasury of your Society anything like the amount of funds indispensable for even the *opening* of such an enterprise as you contemplate. And it is not likely that there will be a sufficient accumulation of funds to meet the demands of the approaching hour of need, if the contributions of our Churches continue to come in as specific donations for the support of native preachers, and that, too, it must be remembered, for preachers on fields occupied by another Missionary organization. Hence your Board feel, and in their judgment all should feel it to be of the greatest importance, that at least some wise economy in respect of that matter should be at once introduced. It is objected that the parties now contributing such specific funds would curtail their contributions, if that specific object is abolished. But it should be remembered that one reason, if not the principal one, for such specific donations from those parties is the fact, that the denomination has hitherto had no Foreign Mission of its own to elicit and employ the Missionary contributions of those parties. We should not cast suspicion upon the earnestness and sincerity of their zeal in their efforts to evangelize the heathen by supposing that they would not be so liberal in their offerings so soon as the denomination opens a channel for Missionary effort of its own. And if there are those among us who would still prefer the support of native laborers, they will speedily have the opportunity for doing that kind of Mission work on their own foreign field. But if the brethren deem it sufficient to support the native laborers on the fields occupied by another Society—if they prefer to continue, what was originally designed to be only partial and temporary, because the denomination had no field of its own in which to use its funds for Foreign Missions, then let that policy be distinctly adopted and proclaimed. But the independent Mission must be thereby crippled, if not crushed. One or the other must, we foresee, be abandoned.

#### THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF REV. MR. GEORGE.

Closely allied with the foregoing question is still another, demanding immediate consideration. For a few years you have been supporting one of the Mission families of the Baptist Union in Burmah. Nearly \$4,000 have been expended for the three years of this connection, and that connection still exists, though when formed it was designed to be temporary. Now, if the accumulation of funds for your own Mission is of such paramount importance, then should you relieve yourselves of the future support of Brother George and his family, casting that burden henceforth upon the Society in whose Mission the brother is laboring. Were our proposed Mission to be among the Burmans, for whom Brother George has qualified himself to labor, and he should prefer to enter our service, we ought, in that case, to continue his support, until we are ready to employ him. But there is not the least prospect of our Mission being Burman, and if it is to be Karen, and in another country, as is most probable, Brother George will not be likely to sever his alliance with the Burman Mission to enter our service, nor would it be wise, if he were willing to do so. The time, then, must come, sooner or later, when our present relations to him will close; and the necessity of present financial economy, preparatory to the near demands of our Mission plans, renders it most desirable to terminate those relations at once.

#### THE ANOMALOUS RELATIONS OF THE FEMALE MISSIONARIES ADJUSTED.

Our Sisters DeWolfe and Norris, after becoming qualified to some extent for Mission service among the Karens, began their labors in fields occupied by the Missionary Union. The Board considered it proper and needful to give an official approval of the course pursued by our female Missionaries, and to order their present connection to be continued until the Board shall be in a position to give those sisters employment in your own chosen field. It was

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