

ple to the cause of Missions was most encouraging, and if called forth would prove adequate to any reasonable demand. We have like impressions now; we have a strong impression also upon our own mind that this branch of christian labour is interwoven, in its influences, with all our interests. Foreign Missionary work is but the embodiment of the most enlarged christian feeling, the same that appears, under a slight modification in the progress of Education, the Bible Cause, Sabbath Schools, and other labours of the Church. In all these, we believe, the Missionary spirit to be the grand impulsive element, and the motive it presents, to be the great incentive to christian effort in every direction. If this view of the relative power of the missionary spirit be correct, the necessity for renewed and more decided exertion is most distinct. To insure success elsewhere, to gain stability and consistency to our whole scheme of effort, we must respond to the claims of the heathen, and ever have abiding within, the spirit of the great commission "go preach the gospel to every creature." To relax exertion in the work of preaching Christ to the heathen, is a thought ever to be regarded as unworthy of those who have tested the word of life, and hope for a blessed inheritance in heaven. The state of our churches at home, the pressing demand from heathen lands, the influence of christian consistency upon the unconverted, and on the world at large, unite in proclaiming to us our obligation to carry forward a work, begun in faith and love, and upon which we are assured the blessing of Almighty God will ever rest.

In conclusion we may add that bro. A. Crawley having separated himself from this Board, has been accepted by the American Missionary Union, and in a few weeks expects to sail for his destined field. May the God of Missions be with him and bless his efforts in the conversion of the heathen.

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[The following letters from bro. Arthur Crawley are those referred to in the foregoing Report.]

(A.)

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BAPTIST FOR. MISS. BOARD FOR
NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

DEAR BRETHREN.

As the present time seems to be a juncture which demands from me, as being very intimately connected with the Board—a clear and definite expression of my own views on the several courses of action which present themselves to the Board for reaction and adoption. I have taken the liberty of addressing you thus:

As I understand it, it has now become necessary for the Board the position at which it has arrived, to resolve upon one of the following courses of action, either first to continue to be an inde-