

had the effect of checking for a time the symptoms which had already begun to manifest themselves. Still there was enough to excite much fear as to the result, and many doubts as to the wisdom of sending him in his then state of health. But we relied upon the medical testimony formerly given, as to the effect of a warm climate, and we continued to hope for the best.

In his visits he drew forth many warm feelings towards himself, and excited much interest in the cause. His manners and appearance were pleasing, his addresses solemn and impressive, and breathed the true spirit of a missionary. He thus won the confidence and affection of the Church, and received large contributions towards his work. Large farewell meetings were held in Pictou, Halifax and other places. We subjoin one short extract from one of his addresses on these occasions, as expressive of the spirit in which he engaged in the undertaking.

"Perhaps, fathers and brethren, it may not be deemed amiss to mention some of the motives by which I was actuated in the selection of a foreign field in preference to labouring at home. The cry from heathen lands has been long and loud and must be answered. Therefore in enquiring what was duty, I did not confer with flesh and blood, I did not institute the enquiry where shall I enjoy the best health, where shall I be in the possession of the largest amount of the enjoyments of life, but 'Lord, where wilt thou have me to go?' 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?' The comparative wants of the two fields, my own desires, and God's providential dealings with me ever since I began to appreciate the gospel, seemed to direct my course far hence among the Gentiles. To me the question has always seemed a very important one, Can I do more for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in a heathen land, than I can at home, and believing that the ways and dealings of God did indeed point to a heathen land as the scene of my future labours,—feeling this coming home as I did, when time after time your Board instituted the enquiry, 'Whom shall we send, and who will go for us?' I was led with deep humility, and yet with

cheerfulness to say, 'Here am I, send me.' And never since I came to the conclusion to go far hence among the Gentiles has an emotion of regret crossed my mind; but trusting that I arrived at that determination, guided by that God, who said to Moses of old, 'My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest,' and who still says to his followers, 'I am thy salvation'—having this assurance in view of dangers and difficulties, both by sea and land, I feel enabled to say, 'none of these things move me.' * * Responsive to the call of the heathen world, 'Come over and help us'—with the commission and promise of our ascended Lord—believing that God hath led me hitherto, my soul rests in the promises, 'I will never leave thee,' 'Lo I am with you,' &c. In the attributes of Jehovah I would find my safety at home and abroad. In unhealthy climes and on the rolling billows of the mighty deep, my dwelling place and my house would be in the infinite, eternal and unchangeable God.

(To be concluded in our next.)

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS OF MR. GORDON'S DEATH.

We have received the Rev. A. W. Murray's work entitled "Missions in Western Polynesia," which supplies us with a more detailed account of Mr. Gordon's death than any we have yet received, an account which explains some portions of the former narratives which were not clearly understood.—We therefore give Mr. Murray's account in full.

"From Joe I obtained a full account of the massacre of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon.—From Mana I received substantially the same account before leaving Aneiteum. It is as follows:—Two days before, that is on Saturday, the 18th of May, Joe, who belongs to the family of Waris, the principal chief of the Bay, was informed by his relations that the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were in danger, and requested to warn Mr. Gordon, and try and induce him to remove with his family from the place at which he was then living, and again reside on the Mission ground; as living where he now was, he was entirely at the mercy of any tribe that might be disaffected towards him. Joe consulted with Mana, and they went in compa-