

tive, it may be accepted as an auspicious omen, and as a voice from heaven, saying to us, "Go up and possess the land in the name of the Lord."

The current year is the Jubilee year of the American Baptist Missionary Union. They have recently held their fifteenth anniversary in Philadelphia. They have set \$150,000 as the amount to be raised by them for foreign missions in the course of the current year. Besides this sum, however, they propose to raise a sum of \$50,000 as their Jubilee offering. Which sum they propose to employ in sending forth new missionaries, to reinforce positions already occupied, and to take up new ones. The Lord abundantly prosper them in the great things which they thus "devise." This movement will pledge our brethren to the support of a much larger foreign missionary staff than they have heretofore had in the field, and constrain them to consecrate their means much more fully than they have yet done to the business of giving the Gospel to the world. Some of our churches have manifested their interest in the Jubilee of the American Baptist Missionary Union by direct contribution to their Jubilee Fund. If others of them should be led to do likewise, they would thus display a commendable zeal. And yet, perhaps, in the circumstances in which we this day find ourselves happily placed, we should best co-operate with our American brethren by our acceptance of the proposal made by our brother J. F. Kempton to go forth to the work of the Lord in Burmah. Our American brethren want more men, and more means. And here, while maintaining our own independent organization in all its entirety, here is one man at least. And here is the money with the man. And surely it were no unworthy Jubilee offering on the part of these Lower Provinces—a fitting entrance upon the new and enlarged series of missionary enterprise now opening before the Baptists of North America. With reference to which state of things we beg to suggest the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:—

Whereas our brother J. F. Kempton has offered to go forth, on behalf of the Baptists of these Lower Provinces, to labour for the salvation of souls in Burmah;

And Whereas, It is understood that our Foreign Missionary Board and Convention will, in all probability, accept his proposal.

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