

much enamoured of literary societies. He belonged to them, but only gave them a half-hearted support. His sensitive nature was hurt and his earnest spirit was shocked by the wrangling and license incident to the ordinary society meeting. Midnight howls, or boyish pranks always found Bro. Timpany either sound asleep or tugging away at classic roots. But the prayer meeting, the missionary society or the college revival always found him in his place.

It was during this period that the foreign mission idea laid hold of our brother. Missionaries Telford, Hallam, and the elder Mrs. Vinton visited the college and addressed the Judson Missionary Society. Mrs. Vinton's words they were which stirred his soul and turned his heart and his eyes to Burma and the Karens. She was a woman of unusual power and address, and created quite a sensation in the school. Bro. Timpany's thoughts of the foreign field soon ripened into a conviction that he ought to go, and with him conviction and action were never far separated. He told his story both at home and to Dr. Fyfe at the college. At the former place he met with very unexpected and strenuous opposition. He was refused any further assistance in prosecuting his studies, and had to resort to teaching to finish his education. But the "*Great Heart*" at the college took the little enthusiast into his innermost heart! Here was a great crisis in Canadian Baptist history, and God provided two great men to meet it. Had Dr. Fyfe not been a man of a very broad outlook, a man guided by principle rather than expediency, a man who never chose present success at the expense of the future, he might have said, and in a sense have said truly—"My dear young brother, the thought in your heart does you infinite credit; it is a noble Christ-like and inspiring one, and were the circumstances different, no one would have said 'God speed you' more heartily than I, and have sent you forth with my blessing. But look at the facts of the case. Your parents strenuously oppose your going, and will render you no assistance in your education. Some deference is due to them, and some consideration to your own financial circumstances. Then look at your native land—Canada. We are only a handful of people—14,000 in all. Our Home Missionaries are struggling for an existence. Look at the unoccupied districts in the North-East and West. Along the