

the home churches every few weeks, set on fire a desire for independent mission work. The churches awakened to the spirit of the movement. Counsel was held with the result—that significant cablegram which is preserved in the museum of Woodstock College. “Go to Cocanada on basis of letter.” In obedience to that message Bro. McLaurin founded the Canadian Baptist mission among the Telegus of India, and for seventeen years that mission received the strength of his life. Upon the field he wrought indefatigably. He found favor with the people. With his own hands he baptized 2,500 souls into the fellowship of our churches. He laid the foundation of the work which has grown so wonderfully in recent years. His counsel proved invaluable to the fellow workers who one after another arrived to increase the working staff of the mission, and finally as a broken man, and as many of us feared, dying, he was forced to leave his loved work and return to Canada health seeking and for rest.

In regard to his work at home as general secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, it is almost needless to write; his labor in that department being fresh in the minds of all. He brought to the counsel of the Board the ripe wisdom and experience of a veteran. The plans which he formed and developed, have resulted in large increase to our missions. In work he was abundant. His correspondence with all the churches and with the field entailed vast labor. In the interests of the mission he travelled constantly. The churches had the mission thought placed upon them most systematically, and apart from this, wherever he went he was not forgetful that he was, before all else, a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Through his peripatetic ministry not a few churches have been helped towards the divine ideal of Christian life and not a few souls have been born into the kingdom.

It may not be thought in good taste to say much in praise of one who will probably read what is written. Why not say it now, however, as well as in a few years hence! The writer may be permitted at least the following. In regard to personal characteristics, Bro. McLaurin has proved himself a true man. He has ever been perfectly fearless in his advocacy of righteousness, and has never regarded in the least the consequences which might follow any such action. In all his work he has shown