

Having thus briefly referred to our departed brother, the Committee would now direct the attention of the Convention to the efforts that have been made for carrying out the design of our missionary organization.

On the return of Mr. Burpe from Burmah this Board in reviewing their past efforts saw distinctly that in all future operation, not less than two missionaries should be employed in joint labour, upon this decision the Board passed its solemn resolution, and all subsequent arrangements were made in view of that decision. Previous to the last meeting of the Convention, inquiries were put forth and desires expressed that a fellow labourer for bro. A. Crawley should be secured. At the last Convention this desire stood prominently forth in our Foreign Missionary meeting, where a strong missionary feeling seemed present, and bro. A. Crawley urged the claims of the heathen world, and reiterated the desire for an associate missionary.

In the meeting now referred to, bro. S. N. Bentley of Liverpool, a brother esteemed and loved in the Churches came forward, and so revealed the working of his own mind on this subject; that the Convention unhesitatingly indulged the hope that God had consecrated him to the work of preaching Christ in heathen lands. A Committee was appointed to confer with him. They did so, and a correspondence commenced, the substance of which is already before the public. We may however add, that our expectations and hopes were very reluctantly withdrawn from bro. Bentley, and only from the conviction that his health did not warrant the confident hope, that labour in an Indian climate could be endured, did the Board close this correspondence.

At this time bro. A. Crawley was appointed to visit the Churches of the Convention, with a view to arouse a more enlarged missionary spirit as well as to replenish the funds of the Board, in order that our engagement with the accepted missionary might be met at an early date. At the time now referred to bro. A. Crawley could not but feel anxious about the future intention of the Board. The time was approaching, when he had hoped and decided to leave for his longed-for employment, he became urgent to know when, how, and where he was to be sent, and who was to be his missionary associate. In view of the above urgent considerations, and with the prospect that a second missionary would present himself to the Board in time to accompany bro. A. Crawley; the mind of the Board was again directed to a suggestion that had been previously entertained, viz: a union with another organization. A correspondence was opened with the English Foreign Missionary Society and the American Foreign Missionary Union, the object of which was, an inquiry whether a union could be formed with them, and upon what terms.

The Board in England in a very cordial and christian-like letter, offered to admit our missionary as a joint labourer to a station in Dinagepoor in Bengal, we wholly sustaining our own missionaries. An answer was not then received from the American Union—ou-

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