

water, cuts wood, &c., and sleeps in the house at night, which prevents my feeling as lonely as I should with only the children. * * * As to fear of any kind I have none. An "eye that never slumbers is our keeper." I have been a little expecting some Kemees down to school, tried hard to persuade them to come, and they promised they would, but the Cholera is again in town to some extent, and has been, and is very fatal in the adjoining islands so that I fear I shall scarcely see them."

The intelligence thus communicated shows but too plainly that it becomes the friends of the Mission as well as this Board to be prepared for every event. It will be their duty to submit with solemn resignation to the will of Providence, if that will be to lay upon them the burthen of continued or yet greater sorrow; and it will be their duty to meet the most painful emergency with undiminished, nay, increased zeal, in order that the Mission may, in any event, be adequately maintained.

The necessity of Brother Burpe's removal from Mergui has failed to give to the Mission the character conferred by fixed place, and his subsequent weakness has now almost wholly interrupted his labours. But it must be remembered that this mission, as every other, has a double aspect: it is a mission both as regards those to whom the missionary is sent, and a mission also as regards those who send. In this latter point of view it is to us of immense moment. There may have been as yet a deficiency of time and strength and even of life essential to give to the mission the body and shape it ought to have as a distinct and perfected enterprise against the kingdom of darkness, that may require more men, more labour, more inquiry, more money. But as an effort on our part to discharge a portion of the duty we as Christians owe to 600,000,000 of heathens, although small, it has nevertheless the complete characteristics of a mission. It has involved the admission on our parts of our obligations to the perishing millions of those that have not heard the Gospel. It has drawn out the sympathies and engaged the prayers of the "thousands of our Israel;" it has brought back the rich reward that always accompanies every sincere effort to do good to all who have thought, laboured, prayed or contributed to the object in the love and fear of God. Our Churches reap now more largely than we calculate the benefit of this Eastern Mission to the Baptists of these Provinces; and if therefore we see trouble and difficulty arising in prospect, it is doubtless in order that we may bring up to the enterprize that increase of energy, faith and contribution, which ought naturally to result as the proper fruit of the blessing this effort has conferred upon us; and thus the very trouble with which the mission is visited may result in its good, and in ours.

This Board, then, feel called upon to guard the friends of the Mission from any feeling of discouragement. The circumstances of the mission are those which call for humiliation, for self-examination, for prayer, for increased devotedness and zeal; but not for discouragement. "The blood of the martyrs," as has been so often and so