

so great an interest in John's work. Every week his father's letter started for India with its loving words. John's letters were anxiously looked for, and carefully read and laid away. Only two days before his death, his father was unable to go to his office, but said he must go down the next day to write to John. But no more letters were written. Little thinking it at the time, he had written his last letter. His work was done! and John's mother was the only parent left to give him a welcome.

He spent a pleasant summer at his home. He visited some of the churches, and then, in November, returned to his other home, where his wife and children awaited him.

What has been written gives some idea of his character and ability. His untiring energy, his constant, steady work, his attention to details, his concentration of purpose, all speak louder than words.

Our Foreign Mission Society is fortunate in having a staff of missionaries not excelled by those of any other Society, in ability, education and devotion. They are willing, nay, anxious to do their work, and only ask in return that the Baptists of Canada sustain them by their prayers and offerings.

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### *SUMMUM BONUM.*

Man's *highest good* is a very important subject. That it cannot be discovered by the careless observer is evident from the different views held respecting it. It is needless to enumerate the various objects which have been fixed upon as affording that good. I intend merely to map out what seems to me the true answer.

To get a true solution we must take into account the kind of being for whom we are seeking this highest good. We find that he is an intelligent, self-conscious, responsible free agent. Farther, from his very position in relation to the world, from his unfulfilled capacities, by reason on every side, he proclaims himself not merely a creature of the present but one giving every promise of future life.