



A MEETING ON THE FAMOUS PRAYER-MEETING HILL

he was sworn in as United States Deputy Surveyor, and, with fifteen men under him, worked on contracts for the government. It was valuable training. The time came, twenty years later, out in India, when his knowledge of engineering brought help to thousands in time of famine.

He gave up surveying in order to get a college education. His chief was a Baptist, and advised him to go to a Baptist College recently founded in Burlington, Iowa. He had held aloof from religious influences thus far. Now he found himself in a denominational school which had a theological department. The students, many of them children of pioneers, were full of religious zeal. It caught him. He saw that his scepticism must go. A strong

faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour came into his soul. It never left him.

He became a member of the Baptist Church in Burlington. Somehow it was taken for granted that he was preparing for the ministry. When the Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Society visited the college, he was told that Clough was one of the men he must go and see. With a saintly grace he entered his room and brought him the call to a life of service. Clough held back, but by the time the messenger left him, he felt inwardly committed to become a missionary.

Meanwhile the Civil War broke out, and he wanted to enlist; but was prevented. He finished his college course, married, taught school, entered in political activities, and was prosperous. But the