

entire support of missionary pupils ; and where it was at first deemed indispensable to furnish all expenses and chapels, as well as the entire support of the native preachers, that necessity is believed to be passing away. The native Christians are urged to assume the entire support of their pastors, and where this cannot be wholly assumed a partial support is insisted upon. More and more it has become the aim of all missions to bring the people up to as high a degree of self-denial in this respect as they have been accustomed to practise in the support of their heathen rites.

In the Laos Mission there seems to be a greater readiness of the people to support their own Christian work than has been shown in most other missions. In the Laos Presbytery a standing committee on beneficence is now in full operation, and the Lampoon church has an evangelistic committee under its leadership. The students in theology are now engaged systematically in city mission work. The following action, taken by a committee of Laos Presbytery, will be of interest :

Greetings of the servants of God, Nan Soopah, Noy Hoon, and Noy Moon, whom Presbytery last year appointed over the work of silver, gathered as offerings. We three servants of God have consulted, saying, if there is no work (set before them) the disciples will not contribute : that is certain. It is necessary that a work be established. If there is a work of the Lord, the disciples will have a heart to contribute.

Another thing. The disciples in the country outside (United States) have collected silver and selected men and sent (them) to help all these provinces. It is not fitting that we eat silver from the disciples of the country outside continually. It is fitting that we in this country should take (this) as our own work.

Therefore, we three servants of God see fit to beg, ask and advise Presbytery after this manner, saying :

1. We ask Presbytery to send two men to exhort and teach in the districts of Tern and Lee and elsewhere—let the work say. Let one man be one who knows and is accustomed to teaching, and the other one who may assist in teaching, and may carry books along to distribute. Let the teacher eat silver, 15 rupees (about \$4) a month ; let the helper eat 12 rupees (about \$3) ; let these two men go for about three months.

2. We ask Presbytery to enjoin the disciples, every person, old and young, throughout this Lampoon (province), to contribute silver every Sabbath, according as God hath caused to have Prosperity.

3. We ask Presbytery to appoint a company (committee) to put their hearts into this work. Let this company have authority to send out these two men, to collect silver, to reckon silver (wages), and other matters.

4. We ask Presbytery to invite Rev. Soopah to take the work of traveling, exhorting, and teaching all the disciples concerning the work of giving ; and that he enjoin to contribute silver for this work of teaching in the districts of Tern and Lee.

The Existing Volume of the Work.—The Protestant missionary work in Siam and Laos is almost entirely confined to the efforts of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, United States of America. The American Baptist Union, which carried on for some years a limited work in Siam, has withdrawn. Some individual missionary efforts are being put forth, as by Rev. Mr. Adamson, in Bangkok. An American Christian negro, whose wife is a native of Pegu, is also engaged in missionary work. Some Chinese Christians, old converts of the American Baptist Mission, still keep up a sort of home missionary work among the Siamese in Bangkok. But the Presbyterian Board may at present be said