

and a teacher. He had been engaged in many good works, and was known and esteemed. Some time since, his heart had been set on the mission field; and in order to carry out his desire, he had been corresponding with Mr. Staniff, the native Bulgarian, who had preached one evening for them. He (the pastor) did not know whether the address of Mr. Staniff had been the seed that had grown in Mr. Duff's heart into the missionary purpose, but if not, it had stimulated it. The way did not open in that direction. But now, as they were aware, Mr. Duff had resolved to go to China, under the direction of the China Inland Mission, and specially under Mr. Hudson Taylor. And since he was going, they desired to let him know their love to him, and their desire for his success. They were glad that from this time they would have two of the children of the church in the mission field. The other was, as they were aware, Miss Harriet Turner, the daughter of highly esteemed members of the church. Though she was not with them on that occasion, their hearts went with her as with their young friend who was present; and he was sure that, as she occupied a warm place in their hearts, they would also have a place in her heart. From that time, when they thought of China, these two friends would rise to their minds.

They were glad that Mr. G. Duff and Miss Turner were going under the direction of this Inland Mission. It would secure for them, in the first place, the training for the work undertaken by that Mission, and it would ensure for them an opening when they were trained. Then turning to Mr. Duff, he (the pastor) said: "We shall remember you; every time we read of missions in China, your name will be recalled. And we know you will also remember us. You will do so without any reminder, for we live in your heart, but we wish to give you a token which will, every time you see it, make you think of Hughson Street. I have pleasure, therefore, in the name of the Sunday School teachers, and members of the church, in presenting you with this writing-case, which will be our token of regard; and my wish and prayer is that you may be brought to your chosen field in safety, and that then the way will be so opened up that you will be made abundantly useful in bringing light to those who sit in darkness." Mr. Duff, in response, said, "He was glad to be there; for he knew now, better than before, the regard which his fellow-workers had for him. He was glad that he had been a scholar in the Sunday School. He was glad also that he had been a teacher; very glad, for it had been a great benefit to him. It was not necessary for him to refer to his purpose to become a missionary, and his cor-

respondence with Mr. Staniff, as these had already been spoken of. He had not had any reply from Mr. Staniff, for many months, and he had felt that his way to Bulgaria had been blocked. The way then opened to China, and he was glad he had not been thinking of it long. He was glad he had the opportunity of preaching the Gospel to those who lived in the very stronghold of Satan.

"In conclusion, he was thankful for the token of regard which he had received. He would remember his friends, and he desired that they should steadily remember him in prayer. He had heard of other missionaries who had been strengthened in their work by the prayers of brethren at home, and he believed that he would be also."

After a hymn, Mr. J. Black read the words addressed to Paul on the occasion of his conversion, "Rise, and stand on thy feet, for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness . . . delivering thee from the Gentiles, to whom now I send thee; to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light."

Mr. A. Alexander then spoke in behalf of the deacons. Referring to the fact that he had not known till a few days ago, that Mr. Duff was thinking of the mission field, he felt that his knowledge of him, as a brother, had not been intimate enough. Had he been longer acquainted with his purpose, he could have better entered into sympathy with him. He then spoke of the need there was of cultivating the family-feeling in the church. The church was a family, and the hearts of its members should be known to one another. Referring to the fact that Mr. Duff is going to the mission field, without any special training, he spoke of the change in this respect from former times, when it was considered necessary that missionaries should not only have a college education, but also some medical knowledge. Their hearts went out to Mr. Duff, and they wished for him the best blessings of heaven in his chosen work.

Mr. E. Savage said he was glad of the privilege of saying a word. He thought he was the oldest teacher in the Sunday School, and it was interesting to him that these two young friends were going to the foreign field. He had been greatly interested in the Inland Missionary Society, of the working of which he gave a short account. He expressed his sympathy with the parents of the two young missionaries.

Mr. W. Bale, Superintendent of the Sunday School, expressed the good wishes of the teachers, and hoped the pens, and paper in the writing case would be used, among other purposes, to write occasional letters to his old friends in this church.

Mr. William Edgar also said a few words; speaking of the joy he had in seeing two of their young people going to the lands of darkness to preach the Gospel.