

speaking for Jesus by the aid of interpreters, and of seeking the spiritual welfare of Europeans with whom they may come in contact.

Mrs. W. F. Armstrong (formerly Miss Norris) was busily engaged during the year in superintending the Burman and Karen schools in Tavoy, and in visiting the Karen churches in the Tavoy district.

"The churches up the Tavoy river, owing largely to Teacher Moolah's influence and exertions, are in a healthy and prosperous condition, comparatively giving with a generous hand and holding the truth in the love of it.

"The Karens' school in town has been well supported by the jungle churches. The religious element here has been no less marked than in the Burmese school.

"I have seen much of interest this year among the christian Karens, and our school would have doubled this rains, had not the cholera made havoc among the villages, and frightened many from leaving their houses lest they should by any means come in contact with it.

"Last Sunday he was called upon to bury his only child, a promising, healthy little fellow, about three years of age.

"The Karen School in Tavoy was re-opened after the vacation. The opening of the Karen School," says Miss Armstrong, "was an event of great interest.

Brother and sister Sanford are at present in Rangoon, having found it necessary to remove to that place for a time, in quest of medical assistance.

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"Sunday was a great day, many meetings were held, and Mrs. Armstrong was very much encouraged by the good spirit which prevailed.

"The school numbers 48 pupils, and among this number there are some very clever, promising young men and boys.

"Brother W. F. Armstrong observes,—"The language gives us all the work we can well carry. Our progress day by day seems small, but little by little we hope to conquer.

"Brother Churchill says, under date, April 23d: "We are doing a little at Siamese. * * We hope to do something after Dr. Dean's return.

"We find it necessary to defer till our next Annual Report of the Central Boards of Woman's Missionary Aid Societies for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island."

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to the missionary staff will be inexpedient unless any special case should occur, till after the lapse of at least another year.

Miss DeWolfe, whose return to this country on account of impaired health was reported last year, is slowly recovering, and hopes to be able to resume her duties as a missionary in the course of next year.

The Treasurer's account will show that the Foreign Missionary cause continues to be regarded with lively interest by the churches of our denomination. The balance in hand last year was \$10,189.49.

Bro. Boggs has acted as Home Secretary during the past year, and Dr. Cramp has undertaken the Foreign department. The duties of the Home Secretary have been discharged since June 1st by Rev. W. P. Everett.

The Board would here publicly acknowledge their gratitude to the American Tract Society of Boston, the Bible and Publication Society of Philadelphia, and the American Tract Society of New York, for the liberal donation of books for our missionaries, and also to Messrs. Perry Davis & Son, of Providence, for a supply of their medicine for the use of our Mission.

We also return thanks to the proprietors of the Anchor Line of steamers for their reduction in the rate of passages of our brethren and sisters from New York to Glasgow.

MISSION AID SOCIETIES. The Reports of the Women's Mission Aid Societies present gratifying manifestations of the results of persevering zeal.

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Religious Intelligence.

VISIT TO MUSQUODOBOIT.

Having promised the Central Association last June to visit the church at Musquodoboit, I asked the churches on the East side of Margarets Bay for leave of absence. This being readily granted I started last week for this beautiful valley.

The state of the church can be understood from the fact of their not having had a Conference meeting for four years, and in the Little River section not a sermon by a Baptist preacher since Bro. Chipman left them, probably about four years ago.

It is a crisis with them. The church must have help or die. Which shall it be? is a question we invite our wealthy, well-fled churches to answer.

On Sabbath morning an hour before preaching the little church gathered for Conference, when one was received as a candidate for church membership after baptism.

We went immediately to the water and in presence of a large congregation administered the solemn rite.

At the close of the morning service we sat down together at the Lord's table with our hearts swelling with gratitude as we thought of those words "In remembrance of me."

Others are walking about Zion and if the means are used, we have no doubt but a flourishing church in this valley would soon be the result.

Yours in haste, Wm. E. HALL.

Sept. 22nd, 1874.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT GREENVILLE, CUMBERLAND CO.

The Baptist Church at Greenville, Cumberland Co., having requested the ordination of Bro. J. Johnston Armstrong, the following delegates from the churches met at that place in Council, Sep. 22nd, according to appointment.

Greenville Church.—Deacons George Rushton and David H. Webb.

Amherst.—Rev. D. A. Steele and Isaac R. Skinner, Lic.

Pugwash.—Rev. D. W. Crandall, Dea. W. H. Seaman, and Bro. H. Hollis.

Little River.—Rev. G. F. Miles, Dea. Levi Johnston, and Bro. F. H. Rushton.

Maccan.—Rev. H. Bool.

Truro.—Rev. Jno. E. Goucher.

Great Village.—Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Bro. Amos Fountain.

Glenville and River Philip.—Deacons Jno. R. S. Purdy and J. W. Johnston. Deacon Wm. Smith, of Wentworth church, Jas. Higgins, Lic, and Rev. Z. Morton were invited to a seat in Council.

G. F. Miles was chosen Chairman, and M. P. Freeman, Secretary.

Deacon Webb, in behalf of the Greenville church, stated that they had extended a call to Bro. Armstrong to become their pastor, and had made arrangements for his support.

Bro. Armstrong next gave an account of his christian experience, call to the gospel ministry, views of doctrine and church order; after which it was unanimously resolved to proceed with the ordination.

The services of the evening were deeply interesting and impressive, and were conducted in the following order.

Sermon by Bro. Goucher.

Questions by Bro. Steele.

Ordaining Prayer by Bro. Morton.

Charge to the candidate by Bro. Miles.

Charge to the church by Bro. Crandall.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION AT HANTSPOURT.

Dear Bro. Selden,

The meeting of the Sabbath School Convention of the Central Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, in Hantsport, on Thursday the 17th of this month, was an occasion of much interest.

The full details of the work done will be published in the Report, of which 450 are to be printed so that each teacher can obtain a copy. The most that can now be attempted is to give an outline of the exercises.

Letters were received from thirty-two Sabbath schools reporting a total of 3097 pupils, 331 teachers, 1148 members of S. Schools who are members of the churches, and 455 joined the churches from these schools during the past year.

It is doubtful if ever in the past our churches exhibited a greater number of workers and larger success than those churches exhibit in these letters from their Schools. The morning session was opened by Rev. J. Parker taking the chair. Den. Edwin Rand, of Canning, was appointed president, and conducted the business of the convention with ability.

The most of the time was occupied in reading the letters from schools, which breathed a cheerful spirit throughout. It was proposed to establish an agency to visit and encourage the schools, and to facilitate organizing, that letters be sent to the secretary with delegates' names one week previous to the Convention of each year.

In the afternoon session, Bro. Nelly presented a report of the Canada Sabbath School Convention held last October in Ontario, and an invitation for delegates to be sent to meet with them next month, whereupon it was resolved that if any member can attend, he be accredited as our delegate to that body.

The following subjects were ably discussed: the best mode of interesting the parents, and the utility of Teachers' meetings. The discussion of these subjects led to important suggestions as to the practical working of the Sabbath schools. A standing Committee was appointed to furnish a programme of exercises for the Convention from year to year. This was a good movement and will greatly add to the profit of our meetings.

The Convention during the day was encouraging, but the evening session was especially so. Rev. E. O. Read preached from Gen. xviii. 9, "And he said bring them I pray thee unto me and I will bless them;" on the subject of "Solicitude for the young."

The large congregation listened with solemn attention to the utterances of the Speaker, the youthful portion also to the powerful appeal made to them, as the preacher urged their consecration to the service of God.

After the sermon a number of brethren followed with appropriate remarks, on the encouragements to labor for the young, and referred to success achieved through such efforts during the past year.

The circumstances added greatly to the interest of the occasion and no doubt the S. S. workers returned to their fields with new earnestness. The delegates and friends met a hearty welcome from the good people of Hantsport, who did all they could to render our visit agreeable.

I ought not to omit the singing in the evening by the Sabbath School and those beautiful Sabbath school hymns which have not yet died away in our memory.

We expect that the committee will have an interesting programme in readiness, and published beforehand so that when we meet in Berwick next year, we shall go up with great success to report, and fully girded for our work.

Yours, &c. D. FREEMAN.

Canning, Sep. 24, 1874.

Our correspondent G. J. C. gives us another account of the above from which we extract one or two additional items. He says:—

"There was a goodly number of Superintendents and Sabbath school workers, male and female, present. The Managing Committee reported in part, recommending Brothers Edwin Rand for President, William Forsyth and Edward Davison, Vice Presidents, Rev. D. Freeman, Secretary and Treasurer, H. Lovett, Asst. Sec'y, and Charles Bacon, Asst. Treasurer, which was adopted."

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P. S.—In the brief sketch I sent you of the proceedings of the Ministers Conference at Hantsport, I inadvertently omitted to mention that the Rev. S. B. Kempton read a very interesting paper, I forget what he called it, but I should call it, A review of the Ecclesiastical and Educational state of Kings County, for the last 10 years—1861 to 1873. G. J. C.