

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. In reporting progress to the Burmah Baptist Missionary Convention, held at Shway-Gyee last November, she writes as follows:—

"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. Mergui district is more diversified and not much can be said about it, as but little is known, save that there is a general call for teachers to come and labor among them. Probably a visit there would discover some very bright and some very dark spots, with a vast mixture of shades. Teacher Plapau is a bright and shining light among them, that helps to rekindle much smoking flax.

"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. Ten have been baptized, after witnessing a good confession before many witnesses. They are going out to labor in the jungle among destitute churches, their hearts burning with zeal for their Master.

"Tavoy is not dead; she is struggling to live, and many of her sons are determined she shall not die. We remember Deborah's song to those who came not up to the help of the Lord, the help of the Lord against the mighty."

A letter to the Secretary of the Central Board of the Women's Mission Aid Societies contains some interesting statements:—

"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. Many of our Christians have been carried off by it, one ordained man, who has long 'fought a good fight' for the Master amidst many enemies, but who has 'finished his course.' We have had one ordination since our Nova Scotia brethren came. Teacher Moolah has long been considered worthy of that position, and his church have asked it two or three times, but it seemed difficult to get more than one ordained man at any one place at any time. Mr. Armstrong and I went up with a number of natives, and one ordained Karen, and Moolah was ordained over his church, much to their gratification, though he seemed to feel deeply the responsibility he had taken upon himself.

"Last Sunday he was called upon to bury his only child, a promising, healthy little fellow, about three years of age. The child took jungle fever and after three or four days of much suffering, died very suddenly. His parents could scarcely bear the blow, but their grace was equal to their need. He said, 'God knew his heart was firm to give Him whatever He asked for, he rejoiced in giving or bearing anything for God, but he did not think He would ask him for his child. He never dreamed of His taking that, when he offered everything to his Lord. He did not covet any other thing, but Oh, it was hard to give Him up his boy, and yet let God do as He pleases, I have nothing of which to complain or murmur.' His wife, unable to bear the sight of her child's sufferings, fell into a sort of hysterical fits, but between each gasp, she would say, 'Let God do as He pleases, I consent, but oh, what is to become of me in my loneliness.' So they lamented over their little one."

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. The exercises connected with it seemed very much like an 'Association.' The pastors of the Tavoy and Mergui churches came into the town, and for several days meetings were held in the school chapel. At the first meeting, Saturday afternoon, reports were read from some of the young men of the school, who had been engaged in preaching and teaching in the jungle during the dry season. These reports seemed very satisfactory, and during all the exercises it was very good to see so much interest taken by the Karens in religious meetings, but I

should have enjoyed them far more had I been better acquainted with the language.

"Sunday was a great day, many meetings were held, and Mrs. Armstrong was very much encouraged by the good spirit which prevailed. The meetings were continued until Tuesday afternoon, when the roll was called. Mrs. Armstrong was as busy as possible, having the charge of every thing—being ready to see and talk with all Karens who came in, and consulting with pastors, some of whom came four or six days' journey, on foot, conveying their provisions on their backs. That is not a little thing to accomplish in the rainy season.

"The school numbers 48 pupils, and among this number there are some very clever, promising young men and boys. Mrs. Armstrong has plenty of work, having the charge of two schools, and teaching nearly all the time. I hear two classes each day, and twice a week teach singing. This is as much as I can attempt at present, most of my time being spent in the study of Karen, in which I am making some progress. I enjoy my work in the school very much; indeed, it is pleasant to be able to do a little at least."

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. I teach a small class of English every day, from three to four. This helps me with the language, as well as being of service to them, as mutual explanations are made in Karen."

Brother Churchill says, under date, April 23rd: "We are doing a little at Siamese. * * We hope to do something after Dr. Dean's return (he was at Singapore) in getting up a Sunday School for the European children, and a day school for any we can find. There are services at the English church every Sabbath, the missionaries taking part in turn. We also have a union missionary prayer-meeting at our place every Wednesday afternoon." Mrs. Churchill adds (May 20): "Miss Eaton and I wish to get a few pupils around us, so as to be doing some direct work. And as some of the Chinese and Siamese are anxious to study English, and willing to pay for it, we have decided to open a school in English the 1st of June, if we can secure pupils. If we can in this way be doing good, teaching our pupils of the true God, as well as to read and speak English, and pay the extra rent we have incurred by coming to Bangkok this year, and get along studying Siamese as well as we can, too, we shall be satisfied."

These extracts are given in order to show that our brethren and sisters are diligently improving opportunities and doing all that is possible under existing circumstances. The preparatory course will probably occupy them another year.

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. The Board deeply regret to learn that they have suffered a serious loss since their arrival. A gang of robbers broke into the house by night, and plundered them of a large amount of money and goods.

The missionary band will be shortly reinforced by the arrival of the Rev. W. B. Boggs, A. M., late pastor of the church in Portland, St. John, N. B. Our esteemed brother had desired for many years to devote himself to the foreign missionary service, but had not seen his way sufficiently clear for action. Difficulties which at one time seemed insurmountable were at length removed, and Bro. Boggs offered himself to the Board. His offer was accepted, though with some reluctance, as his services in the Secretary's office were so valuable that his removal would occasion a blank not easily to be filled. He expects to sail from this city to Rangoon, via Glasgow, in the course of a few days. During the last three months he has been engaged in visiting the churches, for the purpose of communicating information and stimulating the benevolence and zeal of the friends of religion.

Several applications have been received from brethren and sisters, who are desirous of employment in the missionary field. The Board rejoice in the fact; but looking at the number already engaged in the work, and foreseeing the necessity which will soon arise for the expenditure of large sums in the purchase of ground and the erection of buildings, they have come to the conclusion that further additions

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. The receipts of this year, ending the 10th, were \$7,771.27, and the balance now in hand is \$10,201.84, subject to the expenditure required for the outfit and passage of Bro. Boggs, and his support, and the support of nine missionaries already in the field (including Miss DeWolfe), together with the maintenance of native teachers, and miscellaneous expenses, amounting to a considerable sum, to which the purchase of property, as before remarked, will probably have to be added. The Board, therefore, earnestly solicit the continuance of benevolent contributions.

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.

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

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N. S., SEPTEMBER 30, 1874.

Having so much of our space taken up by the Foreign Missionary Report and other matters of Intelligence—Religious and General—we have had to put aside several editorial articles already prepared, and to defer interesting communications received, till next week.

The Free-will Baptists held their annual Conference at Glenwood, Yarmouth County, on the 10th Inst., and three following days, Rev. W. M. Knollin was chosen Moderator. The session was regarded as "an exceedingly good and refreshing one." In the matter of Home Missions it is stated that "something had been done to aid the Halifax interest."

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the AMERICAN BIBLE UNION will be held in New York, on Wednesday, October 14th, at the Baptist Mariners' Temple, (Rev. Dr. Hodge, Pastor,) in Oliver Street, corner of Henry.

The occasion is expected to be one of extraordinary interest. The question of contemplated union with the American and Foreign Bible Society will be brought before the Bible Union, and the projected Constitution, as approved by both Boards, and by the American and Foreign Bible Society, will be presented for consideration. Every Life Director and Life Member is entitled to vote upon it, and is hereby earnestly invited to be present.

Addresses will be delivered by speakers of eminence from Great Britain and China, and from different parts of this country.

The exercises will be confined to a single day.

THOMAS ARMITAGE, President.
WM. H. WYCKOFF, Cor. Sec.

At Mrs. Hunt Morgan's lecture on "Duncan Matheson," on Tuesday evening, in the North Baptist Church, there was a full audience, at the close a good collection was taken up. One lady, who was present at the former lecture presented a set of ten spoons, and several others promised further aid towards furnishing the Home for Soldiers and Sailors.

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. To my great joy I met Bro. Wallace here. He preached an excellent sermon, gave an account of his Mission, and proceeded to Jeddore.

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.

Belonging to the church I found three male and six female members who are true to their principles but starving for want of food.

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-fed 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. Let us look for it, and work for it, and be ready to give God the glory.

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.

Hand of Fellowship by Bro. Bool.

Benediction by Bro. Armstrong.

M. P. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

MAHONE BAY.—Rev. A. E. Ingram writes, Sept. 22nd, 1874:—Last Sabbath I had the pleasure of baptizing one rejoicing believer in the Lord Jesus, and on the previous Sabbath I had the privilege of giving the right hand of fellowship to two friends who had been received by letter. Thus has the Lord in some measure owned and blessed our labours. There are others "walking about Zion telling her towers, marking well her bulwarks, and considering her palaces who we hope will soon be led to say, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." And thus shall the Lord's people rejoice. "Brethren pray for us."

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION AT HANTSPOORT.

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. xlviii. 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."

"The following Ministers were present at the Ministerial Conference and Sabbath School Convention: Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Rev. James Parker, D. M. Welton, G. Weathers, E. O. Read, D. Freeman, S. B. Kempton, Joseph Murray, R. R. Philip, and S. J. Nealey.

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—1864 to 1873. G. J. C.