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widow of the late Josiah Goddard of the Ningpo Mission.

Publications.

Of the 43d Annual Report 1500 copies were published. 5000 copies of the Magazine, and 28,000 of the Macedonian have been issued monthly. Aggregate income from the subscription lists, including a balance of \$36,75 in their favor the previous year, \$5,634.65; aggregate expense \$5,890.59; making a balance against the periodicals, of \$205.94.

Receipts and Expenditures.

The receipts for the year from all sources amounted to \$97,808.77, of which \$76,566.48 were derived from donations, \$9,233.63 from legacies, and from all other sources \$11,958.63. The expenditures for the same time have been \$97,797.64, and the amount of appropriations remaining unpaid is \$16,382.52; making an aggregate of liabilities of the Union on the 1st of April, \$53,376.17.

Agencies.

Six agents have been in the service of the Union the entire year, and three others a part of the year. The entire amount of service rendered equals about seven and a half years at an aggregate cost, including salary, travelling expenses of the agents and Home Secretary, and other incidentals, of \$9,734.24.

Membership of the Union.

Four hundred and thirty persons have been constituted life members of the Union from April 1, 1857, to April 1, 1858, by the payment each of \$100.

Relations with Missionaries.

On the subject of differences, the Executive Committee await further developments of God's providence. They have invited the missionaries of the Union in Burmah to a vigorous prosecution of their "one work" of evangelization. A copy of the circular was forwarded to Mr. Kincaid.

Resignation of Mr. Harris.

Rev. N. Harris, late of Shwaygyeen Mission, resigned his connection as a missionary of the Union March 31.

The Kemendine Property.

The Committee are in waiting for proposals from the Rev. J. H. Wilson with a view to a final adjustment.

Expediency of continuing the French Mission

In consideration of the inadequacy of the income of the Union, the French Mission has been notified to prepare for its discontinuance the current year. The question of its continuance is submitted for the special consideration of the Board.

Embarrassments of the Missions.

These have arisen mainly from diminution of the number of laborers and deficiency of pecuniary supplies. The laborers in the Asiatic Missions are fewer than they were seven years ago, from providential causes alone, by twenty three. The appropriations have continued, as last year, on the lowest scale compatible with the bare maintenance of the missions.

Maulmain Burman Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. J. M. Haswell and C. Bennet, and their wives. In this country, Rev. L. Stilson. Three native assistants.

Mr. Haswell has continued his out-door preaching; the native pastor and assistants are faithful; but the people are dull of hearing. Two converts have been added to the Burman church, and one to the English. There are a few hopeful inquirers. The Publication Department has shared in the general embarrassment from want of funds. The press has been of necessity self-supporting. The demand for books is greater than the supply. The number printed was 35,500, including 2000 copies of the Sgau Karen New Testament; the number of pages, 2,813,600. Issues, 62,594 books, or 5,331,600 pages. The sale of books is increasing, but the prices need to be graduated to the ability of the purchasers.

Maulmain Karen Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. J. Wade and C. Hibbard, with their wives, and Mrs. M. E. Whitaker. Fifteen native preachers.

Mr. Whitaker died at Maulmain Aug. 18.—The theological school has been reduced for want of funds to thirty-six pupils. Effective aid has been given by the Maulmain Missionary Society and private individuals, the former supporting the entire Senior class of sixteen members. The pupils have been industrious and exemplary, and give promise of becoming acceptable preachers. Provision was made for removing the school to Henthada, but the execution of the plan has been for the present deferred. A small normal school, of six pupils, has been taught by Mrs. Hibbard, supported by local contributions. The churches are less favorably reported than last year, the pastors being constrained to labor in part for their daily bread. Additions to the sixteen churches by baptism, sixteen; by letter, thirty-one. Sixty-four have been dismissed, two excluded four restored, thirty-two suspended. Present number, 774. Village schools, eight, with sixty-four pupils. Contributions, rs. 470, besides 142 baskets of paddy.

Tavoy Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. E. B. Cross and T. Allen, and their wives. One Burman and twenty-four Karen preachers. In this country, Mrs. S. R. Benjamin.

Mr. Allen has so far regained health as to prosecute his accustomed labors, both in city and country. Besides preaching and visiting, he conducted in the rains a bible class and Sabbath school numbering from fifty to eighty pupils.—The Burman church appears well, but has received only one addition by baptism. Present number, seven. The state of the Karen churches is increasingly prosperous. A new spirit seems to be awakened in heathen villages; two have agreed to build chapels for Christian worship; and others to support school teachers at their own charges. The Tavoy Association comprises twenty-one churches. Several conversions have occurred in their connection. The number of baptisms is not reported. Baptisms the previous year, not before reported, about fifty. Number of members, 1100? The churches for the most part are self-supporting, with aid from the Tavoy Missionary Society. There are about twenty village schools, supported by the native population. Generous contributions have been made by the churches for the normal school at Tavoy.

Shwaygyeen Mission.

Missionary, Rev. P. G. Watrous, and his wife. Thirteen native preachers.

Mr. Watrous supplies the vacancy in the Karen department made by the resignation of Mr. Harris, retaining charge also of the Burman. The last year, aided by a Karen teacher, he has superintended a normal school of fifty pupils, mostly converts. A class of twelve preachers has been under his immediate instruction. The school was mostly supported from avails of labor by its members the previous year; generous aid being rendered by local contributors. The state of the churches has not been fully reported. Several chapels and zayats for worship have been built by the people. From May to December eighty-one converts were received by baptism. Present number of members, about 1000. Some cases are instances of the spread of Buddhism. Little encouragement is given by the Burmese part of the population.

Tongoo Mission.

Missionary, Rev. F. Mason, and his wife. Mrs. S. H. Knapp, who is nominally connected with this mission, still resides at Rangoon. The native preachers are San Quail, Shapau, Pwanpan, and others.

The Bghai Association has forty-five stations, each with its teacher. At twenty-four of the same, have been laid foundations of churches. 316 baptisms were reported at the annual meeting, besides many candidates. Present number of members, 1216. Pupils in schools, 688. The Toungoo Association reports fifty stations, each with a teacher and preacher. Number of church members, estimated, 1000. The native laborers are supported mostly by the people. Self-support is a prominent feature in the Toungoo Mission. Thus far the experiment has proved successful. The Home Mission Society has proved successful. The Home Mission Society has raised rs. 281, and the Toungoo Association rs. 283. Arrangements have been commenced for instituting a normal school for young men, to be supported by Karens; Mrs. Mason has also established a school for females. A beginning has been made in the preparation of books in the Bghai district, including Mathew's Gospel, hymns, &c. Toungoo is a favorable location for evangelizing Burmans and Shans.

Rangoon Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. E. A. Stevens, J. Dawson, M. D., and their wives. Three native preachers. In this country, Rev. M. H. Dixy and Mrs. M. B. Ingalls.

Mrs. Ingalls arrived in November. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens returned to Rangoon from the United States in March, 1857. Preaching by Mr. Stevens and the native laborers, who are tried men, has been regularly maintained at four places, two in Rangoon and two at Kemendine. Occasional labor has been performed at several other outstations and villages. Sixteen have been added to the Rangoon church by baptism. Present number of resident members in that vicinity, about one hundred. The church has undertaken to support its native pastor. Two schools for girls have been taught, under Mrs. Knapp's superintendence since the departure of Mrs. Ingalls; also a Sabbath school and Bible class, by Mr. Stevens. A disastrous fire in April, of last year, consumed, with many other houses in Rangoon, Dr. Dawson's dwelling, with a chapel and a zayat. The mission gratefully acknowledges donations from Calcutta and Rangoon, towards repairing the loss, to an aggregate of nearly rs. 3000.

The Karens of Rangoon district have had an accession of 120 by baptism, and constituted three new churches. Whole number of churches in this department, forty-nine, with a membership of 2,370. Number of native preachers, forty-nine, of whom five have been ordained.

Bassein Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. H. L. Van Meter and J. L. Douglass, and their wives. One Burman and about sixty Karen preachers, eight of whom are ordained.

Mrs. Douglass has been compelled by ill health to return to the United States. Mr. Douglass has had but little opportunity for direct Missionary work. The earlier part of the year was partly occupied in building. Later, he left for Singapore to accompany Mrs. Douglass, and returned to Bassein about the 1st of March.

Our report of the Karen department relates

chiefly to the first half of the year, later details having failed to reach us. Three hundred and thirty-two baptisms were reported at the first two quarterly Karen meetings. The churches generally were in a prosperous state. The Home Missionary Society supported at different periods from six to twelve missionaries. Schools continued in operation as usual. The three academies contained 265 pupils. Great advancement was observable in the temporal circumstances of Karen christians. The Sgau Karen department becoming vacant by the removal of Mr. Beecher, Mr. Thomas of Henthada has consented to take it in charge, and has been cordially welcomed by the Bassein churches. In a recent tour he baptized 118 converts. The present number of members in fifty (?) churches is about 6000.

Henthada Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. B. C. Thomas and A. R. R. Crawley, and their wives.—20 (?) native preachers.

Extensive tours have been made by the missionaries. In the city, a Karen normal school with a class of native assistants was taught five months. Number of pupils fifty, besides a girls' department of ten pupils. The expense including books and dormitory and a new chapel, amounting to about 1500 rupees, was mostly defrayed by local contributors. Schools have been vigorously sustained in the villages. The number of additions to the churches is not yet reported. Thirteen have been baptized at the station. "Souls are being converted almost constantly." The number of outstations is about thirty. Stated preaching in Burmese has been maintained by Mr. Crawley and an assistant at two opposite parts of the city, together with tract distribution. The hot season was specially devoted to teaching the assistants. The experiment has been successfully made, of visiting villages by boat in the rains. Number of Burmese churches three, with twenty members; the Karen churches are about twenty in number, with an estimated membership of 600.

Prome Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. E. Kincaid and T. Simons, and their wives. Mr. Kincaid arrived in Burmah in December, Mrs. Kincaid remaining in this country. The annual report of the mission has not been received.

Mission to Ava.

Messrs. Kincaid and Dawson at our latest date, Feb. 11, were on the point of departure from Prome to visit the capital. The way for re-establishing the mission, so far as the Burman Government is concerned, is said to be entirely open.

Assam Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. S. M. Whitting and A. H. Danforth, and their wives. Two native assistants. In this country, Rev. Messrs. N. Brown, M. Bronson, I. Stoddard and W. Ward, and their wives.

Messrs. Bronson and Ward have returned to America in consequence of sickness of themselves or families; Mr. and Mrs. Danforth are to return for like cause by the earliest opportunity. The operations of the missions have been interrupted by cholera and the sepooy mutiny. The chief encouragement to labor has been among the Cacharis. The three churches are in a depressed state, and cases of defection and discipline have been many. Two have been added to the church at Nongong by baptism. The Girls' school at Sibsaur has but nine members. The publication of the Orunoloi is continued. Aggregate of other works published, 6900 copies, or 252,200 pp. Total of issues, 4,888 copies.

Mission to the Teloogeois.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. L. Jewett and F. A. Douglass, and their wives. Two native assistants. In this country, Rev. S. S. Day and his wife.

The mission year has been, as in Assam, one of trial. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass have been absent from the station nearly the entire year in consequence of Mrs. D's sickness and the apprehended spread of the mutiny; and Mr. and Mrs. Jewett four months. The station was left in charge of the native assistants, who conducted also the schools. The church has thirteen members; one added by baptism. The boarding school has had fifteen, and the day school thirty pupils. Good progress was made in their studies. Efforts have been successful to cultivate habits of industry and self-denying beneficence both in church and school.

Siam Mission.

Missionaries in the Siamese department, Rev. S. J. Smith, and his wife; in the Chinese, Rev. Messrs. W. Ashmore and R. Telford, and their wives. Three Chinese assistants.

The country continues open to evangelical labor. The ordinary religious services have been maintained at the stations and other localities. Tracts have been distributed. A beginning has been made to reprint New Testament and other publications in Siamese. The assistants have been supported mostly by the church, aided by local contributors. Special attention has been given to their training in Christian knowledge and piety. The church has thirty-nine members, having received four by baptism, and five by letter. Mr. Ashmore has been authorized, in

consideration of Mrs. A.'s sickness, to repair to Hongkong.

Hongkong Mission.

Missionary, Rev. J. W. Johnson. Three native assistants.

The labors of the mission have been interrupted by political disturbances. But little work has been performed except at the station and in its immediate neighborhood. Attendance at public Sabbath worship has varied in numbers, sometimes filling the chapel, and again falling away. The church has thirty-four members. One has died. The station is regarded as second to no other. Opportunities are increasingly favorable to evangelical effort in the interior. Mr. and Mrs. Ashmore arrived at Hong-kong in February.

Ningpo Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. E. C. Lord and M. J. Knowlton, D. J. Macgowan, M. D., and their wives. Three native assistants.

Mrs. Goddard deceased in November. The public Sabbath worship at the station has been sustained at the chapel, together with evening and other services during the week. The present assistants are well reported of; a fourth had been dismissed, and excluded from the fellowship of the church. The church numbers nineteen members; five had been added by baptism. The medical department has been conducted by Dr. Macgowan on a reduced scale, the dispensary having been closed. The out-station at Chusan is still regarded with interest, and occupied by one of the assistants. The mission urge the desirableness of establishing interior stations.

Mission to France.

PARIS, &c.—Five native preachers and one colporteur. Five stations and six outstations.

The native laborers have sustained with zeal and faithfulness the operations of the mission, and the work has made encouraging progress. Every opportunity has been embraced to proclaim the truth. There are six churches; baptized 17; dismissed, excluded, dropped, or died, 21; aggregate of membership, 286; contributions reported, 1307 francs. There are several candidates for baptism, and many are spoken of as "well disposed." It is earnestly that the mission may not be abandoned.

Mission in Germany.

HAMBURG, BERLIN, &c.—Five missionaries, and about seventy other native preachers and assistants. More than 500 stations and outstations.

The mission has acquired stability and influence. In many of the churches, all the members engage in active efforts for the diffusion of the gospel. New doors are opened in various places and the meetings are crowded. The leaven is working at hundreds of points. Some of the churches have enjoyed a season of revival, and numerous converts have been added to them.—At Templin, one hundred and forty-three have been baptized. In all Prussia there are twenty-two churches, and 2,744 members. Much good has resulted from the distribution of tracts and the Scriptures. The work makes progress in Denmark; and in Switzerland the people earnestly ask ministerial aid. A new spirit of benevolence has been awakened. Persecution still prevails in some districts.

Ojibwa Mission.

Missionary, Rev. J. D. Cameron. Prevailing sickness has made the attendance on public worship small, and led to the suspension of the mission school. Previous to the sickness, the school numbered thirteen or more pupils, and religious matters wore an encouraging aspect.

Delaware Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. J. G. Pratt and E. Willard, and their wives; and Miss E. S. Morse and Miss H. H. Morse.

At Delaware, the boarding school has had an attendance of fifty to fifty-five pupils. Religious instruction is kept prominent. Divine worship is conducted regularly. Six have been baptized, three of whom were graduates from the school. The church, including members at Ottawa and Shawanoe, numbers about 100 members.

Mr. Willard reached the Ottawa station May 20. His labors have been interrupted by sickness. The attendance at the meeting has been good; but the protracted absence of the interpreter, and the excited political state of the people, have operated disadvantageously.

Cherokee Mission.

Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. E. Jones, J. B. Jones, and W. P. Upham, and their wives. Two native assistants.

John Wickliffe, the earliest native preacher in the mission, died Nov. 22. The missionaries and native preachers have made extensive tours, and every where have found a marked interest in religion. The number baptized during the year, at more than twenty places, is 100; of whom 89 were Cherokees. The field of labor is about 100 miles square, and constantly extending.

The pupils in the national school, under the charge of Mr. Upham, number about sixty-five, of whom sixteen are boarding scholars. Mr. Upham also preaches at four different places.

Recapitulation.

The number of missions is 19. The Asiatic missions have 16 stations, and more than 200 outstations, the latter chiefly in Burmah; the French and German more than 500 stations and

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Obituary Notices.

No member of the Board of Managers has died during the past year, and only two missionaries have fallen, Rev. Daniel Whitaker, lately in charge of the Toungoo Mission, and Mrs. E. A. Goddard,