

was the one that finally led him to give up all his dreams of success and power, and serve God instead.

5th. Yes! And he didn't know how he could go, for there was no Foreign Missionary Society in America then.

3rd. What did he do?

5th. He and five other young men asked their whole denomination—at a convention—to help them, and so the first Foreign Missionary Board in America was formed in 1810. Two years later, Judson started for India with his beautiful young wife whom he had just married. Her name was Ann Hasseltine.

6th. Did you notice that it took them four months to get there? They had to sail way down around the Cape of Good Hope. It was certainly a great undertaking to go as a missionary in those days, when they had very small sailing vessels, and there were so many pirates on the sea.

3rd. Why, did pirates ever really attack them?

1st. Of course they did! You ought to read the account of Mr. Judson's capture and imprisonment, on a trip to England and France. It's more exciting than lots of stories we've been reading lately.

7th. Well, they had plenty to keep them busy on shipboard, without pirates coming. They both read up very carefully about baptism, and finally decided that the Baptist way was right—even though this meant they would be separated from their friends and would work under another Board. They felt pretty badly about it all, but they knew they must obey Christ's command. So they were baptized in Calcutta, about three months after they landed.

6th. It was a good thing for the American Baptists that Mr. Judson offered to become their missionary—for it led them to form the second Foreign Missionary Society in America (1814) and from that time the Baptists grew very rapidly.

(2) You were to read up about Burmah, weren't you ———?

8th. Yes, that was my part, and I can tell a little about the country and why Mr. and Mrs. Judson went there. Burmah is here (pointing on map) on the Bay of Bengal—opposite India. At that time it was about the size of Ontario, but as many people lived there as in the whole of Canada now. The country was fertile, so they grew many kinds of grain and delicious fruits such as oranges and bananas and pineapples—but there were lots of wild animals and snakes and poisonous insects to annoy the missionaries. Then the king and the governing classes were very cruel and greedy—so the poor people suffered a good deal—and so did missionaries. Buddha was their god. The East India Co. ruled India then, and they didn't like missionaries, and refused to let the Judsons stay. So after they had wandered about for seven months they saw that they must settle in Burmah or return home—so they went to Rangoon.

5th. Why, that is where Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jury are working under the American Baptist Board! You all remember Mrs. Jury was Miss Elsie McLaurin, the youngest daughter of our pioneer missionaries, Rev. John and Mrs. McLaurin.

7th. Who was to tell about the early days in Burmah?

9th. I was. It was very hard for the new missionaries for the first two years, for Mr. Judson had to learn the language without a grammar, or a dictionary, or an English-speaking teacher. He finally became a great translator, however. In three years he had a Burmese grammar ready—then he did the Gospel of Matthew, and wrote a great many tracts. Of course he talked to the people and taught the children, too.

3rd. Were the people interested at all?

9th. Oh yes! They seemed to listen well, but he was in Rangoon four years before any one came to ask about religious things. He got pretty discouraged at times.

3rd. I guess he was sorry he hadn't stayed at home and made a lot of money.