

ber last (as did also Rufus Sanford, Licentiate), to serve as a Missionary in a foreign field, so soon as he should be prepared to enter on the work. The proposal was favourably entertained; but action was deferred, especially to afford an opportunity to confer with our brethren in New Brunswick, &c., as well as to consult our brethren in Convention. It appears that those most intimately acquainted with our brother hold him in high esteem; and regard him as a man well adapted to go forth as a pioneer Missionary. Should our brethren generally approve, it will seem desirable for him to spend as much time as he consistently can in visiting our Churches, to form a personal acquaintance with the members, excite a Missionary spirit among them, collect funds, &c.

It appears that Miss Hannah Maria Norris, of Canso, who has for some years liberally contributed toward the support of a native preacher in Burmah, has long been deeply impressed with an ardent desire to devote her life to the instruction and spiritual welfare of heathen women and children. After previous correspondence, on the 3d day of February last she met with your Board, and expressed to them her fervent wish to be so employed. They were satisfied that she was well fitted physically, mentally, and spiritually, for this highly important and exceedingly needful work. As, however, the Board considered it indispensable, in order to the success of the cause, that an ordained pioneer Missionary should be sent forth as soon as may be; and that for this purpose, the funds received in the ordinary ways must be carefully reserved, after discussion and deliberation, passed the following Resolution:

Resolved, That, provided Sister Hannah Maria Norris be willing to acquire the Karen language, or any other which the Board may direct, with a view to engage in an independent Mission, in the event of such a Mission being established by this body, we receive her, and we will send her out as our Missionary, subject to the concurrence of the Convention, so soon as the Board shall be furnished with the funds necessary." In a subsequent Resolution it was agreed, "That an appeal be made to the sisters in these Provinces to supply the funds necessary for this object."

In accordance with this, a "Woman's Baptist Missionary Aid Society for heathen lands," was formed in Canso, June 23d, 1870. The next was organized in Amherst, July 5th. Two similar Societies have subsequently been established in Halifax. Others have been formed through the exertions of Sister Norris, raising the number of Societies in these Provinces to thirty-three, and embracing a membership of about five hundred, at not less than \$1 a year. The extraordinary success attending these efforts, put forth in a short space of time, and necessarily to an extent quite limited, may well inspire assurance that, with a Foreign Missionary field of our own, and approved labourers employed to cultivate it, the funds necessary to sustain such a Mission may be readily obtained by the adoption of suitable measures, continued with energy, prudence, and perseverance.

It is, indeed, unquestionably incumbent on those who are blest with the Gospel, to communicate it to such as are not so favoured. They who cannot personally carry it to the heathen, should cheerfully and liberally aid, as it appears our people are disposed to do, in supporting