

to Tavoy, but having a desire to go out under the auspices of his brethren in these Provinces, he sought and obtained a release from his engagement with the Missionary Union, and on making application to your Board was unanimously and heartily accepted.

Two ladies also, Miss Maria Armstrong, of Wolfville, and Miss Flora Eaton, of Cornwallis, to be sustained by the Women's Missionary Aid Societies, have been appointed. So that our missionary force stands as follows:

In this country—Miss M. B. DeWolfe.

In the Foreign Field—Miss H. M. Norris.

Under appointment—Rev. W. F. Armstrong, Rev. Rufus Sanford and wife, Rev. George Churchill and wife, Miss Maria Armstrong, and Miss Flora Eaton.

It seemed desirable that as large a company as we were well able to sustain should be sent at the outset in order that they might have the mutual support and counsel so necessary in a new field, and that there be no discouragement or dissatisfaction arising from lack of laborers.

It is expected that these brethren will sail from Saint John about the last of September for England, where they will re-embark direct for Burmah via the Suez Canal. Having arrived in Burmah they will probably remain for a time at Tavoy, while they acquire some knowledge of the language or languages they will need, and also some insight into mission work. But just as soon as practicable they will enter the territory where their labors are to be put forth, and proceed to locate the mission, and fix their head-quarters.

In reviewing the past year, there is one thing upon which your Board can look with pleasure, as an evidence that their efforts have not been in vain. That encouraging feature is an increased and increasing missionary spirit manifesting itself in enlarged liberality. The Board, while endeavouring to draw forth the contributions of the people to meet the large outlay demanded at the commencement of the mission, have sought chiefly to bring about in the churches the adoption of permanent measures for the diffusion of missionary intelligence, and an increasing supply of funds from year to year. The visit of our missionary brethren to our Associations, and to so many of the churches has, we believe, been productive of much good in this direction. The results will appear from the very gratifying report which will be presented by the Treasurer.

SUGGESTIONS.

In venturing to offer a few suggestions, we would express our growing conviction that the time is not far distant, if indeed it has not already come, when a Secretary must be employed who can devote his whole time to the work. The rapidly increasing duties of this department render such a step very desirable. A pastor cannot, without serious interference with his ministerial duties, devote that time and thought to the work which it demands. Part of the time of the brother thus employed could be devoted to visiting the churches, holding missionary meetings, seeking to introduce missionary