

being adopted to replace them. After considerable correspondence with the Auditor General of the Dominion of Canada in reference to the matter, we accepted the favorable proposition of the Government, and in lieu of the four £100 stg. Debentures of Nova Scotia, we received \$2,100 in Dominion 5 per cent. Stock, which now represents the legacy bequeathed by the late W. S. Jacobs.

The amount of the C. R. Bill legacy, \$1000, still remains invested in a first-class mortgage, bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent.

In December last, the Bank of New Brunswick, which formerly allowed us 5 per cent. interest on our deposits, notified us that after the 1st Jan., 1878, they would be unwilling to give us more than 3 per cent. It seeming probable that it might be a year before a very heavy draft would be made on the Treasury for Mission buildings at our stations, we concluded that it would be prudent to avail ourselves of an opportunity that offered to invest a few thousand dollars in Debentures of the Province of New Brunswick. We therefore purchased twelve \$500 Debentures, bearing six per cent. interest, at such a favorable rate as will allow of their sale at any time without any loss to our Treasury. The Bank subsequently arranged to allow us 4 per cent. interest on our deposits, provided they did not exceed a certain amount.

Our transactions with the Bank of India in London, through which we are enabled to remit promptly and directly to our individual missionaries, have been entirely satisfactory to the Board and to the missionaries.

#### W. M. A. SOCIETIES.

During the present year, as in the past, we have received the vigorous co-operation of these faithful and zealous auxiliaries.

Thoughtfully and seasonably, in January last, the Central Board of the W. M. A. Societies requested us to remit to Rev. R. Sanford, from funds they have paid into our Treasury, the sum of five hundred dollars, to aid in erecting a Mission School House in Bimlipatam. They have also continued to liberally support the school work performed by the wives of our missionaries.

We hailed with pleasure the opportunity, afforded us in April last, of giving an appointment to our Sister, Miss Carrie A. Hammond, of Andover, N. B., as a Missionary to labor at Bimlipatam, under the auspices of the W. M. A. Society.

We congratulate that Society on the fact that, after so protracted and trying a delay, they are soon again to be directly represented in labor on the Foreign field.

The Annual Reports of the Central Boards of the W. M. A. S. of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, are herewith subjoined as constituting a corporate portion of our Report, and we have no doubt they will be perused by many with interest.

#### OUR MISSIONARIES.

Of the nature of their labors and of their experience in the various departments of their work, and of their trials during the past year, the report of our venerable and esteemed Corresponding Secretary furnishes all available information.

In the secular affairs of our Mission Stations, there has been considerable to encourage us.

In Chicacole, the station now occupied by Rev. W. F. Armstrong, we have come into possession of an eligible and convenient Mission Compound, purchased, we believe, at a very low price. At the last advices, it was undergoing necessary repairs, which will put it in