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ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee regard the work of Missions as the great enterprise of the church of Christ, and are gratified at the extent to which we as a denomination and an Association are engaged in it.

It is a pleasing fact that there has been considerable enlargement in our Home Missionary operations during the past year, and corresponding success. But much remains to be done before we have accomplished all that is binding upon us.

The field is largely within the bounds of this Association, and one more encouraging it would be difficult to find or imagine. And the results of the past should inspire to hope and effort. Many places where, a few years ago, large sums were expended to sustain Missionaries, are now sending the gospel to others.

It is highly desirable that a proposal made some years ago, be more fully carried out—that pastors of experience occupy Mission fields, having their churches meanwhile supplied by Missionaries. Our Quarterly meetings also might do much toward supplying the destitute, directly and indirectly;—and our strong churches should remember the principle involved in the injunction—"Look not every man on his own things but every man also on the things of others."

It appears to your Committee very desirable that an effort be made to secure an efficient general Superintendent of Home Missions, who might travel among the churches and thus become acquainted with the field, look out men to supply its wants, and secure means to carry forward the work. Such an appointment it is believed would meet with general favor, and be productive of great good. In the meantime, we believe our Board might do much by appealing to the churches for aid, more frequently, directly and definitely. It affords matter for congratulation that our interest in Foreign Mission work is widening and deepening, and that this body is, just now, so closely identified with it.

Since our last Association Sister Norris has gone forth on her errand of love. We are glad to learn that she arrived safely, and is comfortably settled at Henthada, where she has such facilities for learning the Sgau Karen language, at present her great work. The church from which our sister went out is connected with this Association, and was the first in the Provinces to establish a Woman's Mission Aid Society. It is gratifying that these organizations have so multiplied, and that they are accomplishing so much. Your Committee would earnestly urge all our churches to have such societies established among them.