

judgement, your Board arrived at the decision, which has since been confirmed, that we ought to go to the Karens, Laos, and other tribes in the Kingdom of Siam.

Some of the reasons which led your Board to this decision may be stated :

Rev. C. H. Carpenter of the American Baptist Missionary Union, who, early in 1872, made a tour of exploration through a portion of Siam, and whose attendants explored it still farther, strongly recommends the establishment of a mission in that country, and unhesitatingly encourages us to enter upon the work. He is understood to be extremely anxious to see the Baptists of these Provinces establish a mission there. Though the Karens in Siam may not be a very numerous people, yet their evangelization is likely to be speedy and successful, and Bro. Carpenter represents them as well fitted to become, when evangelized, a missionary people, and likely to exert a powerful influence over the other tribes of South Eastern Asia. But besides the Karens, there are the Laos and other large tribes, not to speak of the Siamese. The Laos are especially worthy of notice, as being very numerous. One of the Karen preachers who accompanied Mr. Carpenter to Bangkok, returned to Maulmain by an extended northerly journey through Siam. He represents the villages of the Laos as "countless," and gives the names of fourteen of their more important cities. He then makes a strong appeal to Christian teachers to go to the Laos and Siamese with the tidings of salvation by Christ. But little effort has been put forth thus far for the evangelization to the Siamese. Two or three Presbyterian missionaries are at present laboring among them. So that it is not necessary to confine our thoughts now, or our efforts in the future to the Karens, but we may embrace Siam with its ten millions in our plans. It would, perhaps, be better for work to commence among the Karens, but to have other departments established as soon as possible.

Again, our missionary sisters, Miss DeWolfe and Miss Norris, have both acquired the Karen language, and have been laboring among Karens ever since they went to Burmah, and are, therefore, prepared to enter upon the Karen department of a mission in Siam.

Then again, our three brethren, Armstrong, Sanford, and Churchill, after calmly surveying the fields, and having the claims of other places pressed upon them, earnestly and unanimously desire to be sent to Siam.

Putting together all these circumstances, your Board feel that they can heartily recommend to the Convention the adoption of the course above indicated.

MISSIONARIES.

Since the last meeting of the Convention our missionary company has been increased by the addition of Mr. Geo. Churchill, of Yarmouth, who, with our other brethren, graduated at Newton Theological Institution in June last. Bro. Churchill had been accepted by the American Baptist Missionary Union, and designated

to Tavoy, but having brethren in these Islands, his engagement for application to your Board.

Two ladies also, Flora Eaton, of the Missionary Aid Society, and a missionary force stationed in this country—

In the Foreign Field.
Under appointment for and wife, Rev. Geo. and Miss Flora Eaton.

It seemed desirable to sustain should be the mutual support there be no discouragement to laborers.

It is expected that the last of September for Burmah via the will probably remain knowledge of the land some insight into mission will enter the territory proceed to locate the

In reviewing the Board can look with not been in vain. increasing missionary The Board, while encouraging the people to meet the of the mission, have the adoption of permanent intelligence, and an The visit of our missionaries many of the churches in this direction. The report which will be

In venturing to a growing conviction that not already come, we devote his whole time to this department rendering without serious interruption and thought to of the brother thus engaged holding missionary