

we rejoice to be assured that whenever the subject of Foreign Missions is clearly presented to the churches and congregations within the limits of our Association, a prompt and encouraging response is generally made.

Since our annual gathering a year ago, the seven Missionaries then under appointment have left our shores, and, under the protection of the Great Head of the Church, have safely reached their destinations in the far distant East, there to acquire the languages of the natives among whom they will labor, and make such other preparations as may be necessary in order to the more direct accomplishment of their important work. The remarkable outpouring of the Spirit which has been enjoyed during the year by so many of the Churches represented by our Independent Mission, seems to indicate that the approval of the Master attends this enlargement of our Foreign Missionary operations.

We regret that so few of the Churches embraced by this Association have been permitted to gather in rich harvests of souls during a year distinguished by such a general revival of religion elsewhere; and while we recognize with pleasure and encouragement some indications of a growing missionary spirit among our people, we cannot but fear that our Churches have not brought all their tithes into the store-house, and hence have not enjoyed such gracious visitations as have been experienced by our brethren in other places. We believe that in proportion as our people become zealous in their efforts to promote the cause of Missions, there will be a corresponding degree of spiritual and numerical growth in our own home Churches.

Our beloved brother, Rev. W. B. Boggs, now under appointment to the foreign field, expects soon to leave us, and join our staff of missionaries already in the East. While we deeply regret to lose him from the home service, we rejoice that he is going to represent us in those more destitute regions, where our benighted and degraded yellow-men are saying to their more favored brethren in christian lands, unconsciously it may be, yet none the less truly, "Come over and help us." We recognize the increased obligation under which his appointment places us to sustain our Missionary brethren by our prayers, our sympathies, and our contributions.

We earnestly recommend that the pastors and leading members of Churches throughout our Association endeavor to awaken and foster among our people a deeper interest in Foreign Missions, by occasionally delivering missionary sermons or addresses, by holding monthly missionary prayer meetings, by securing, so far as possible, the circulation of missionary literature, and by taking up frequent contributions for the Foreign Mission treasury.

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Both Reports were spoken to by Revs. W. B. Boggs, W. C. Rideout, C. Goodspeed, W. A. Coleman, J. D. Pope, P. M. McLeod, and Brother G. F. Currie, and passed unanimously.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented:

To disseminate religious literature, is an effectual way of lifting up and unfurling the banner of the Cross. Having this before their minds, a few brethren have felt it their duty to resuscitate the Tract Society, under the title of the New Brunswick Tract Society, whose object is to spread broadcast over our fair land the "Old, old story," keeping in view our own distinctive views of truth, which are dear to every Baptist, as setting forth the teachings of God's word.

The brethren who are endeavouring to make the Society a power, want the support and sympathy of this Association, and of every individual.

Your Committee, in this Report, would call the special attention of the denomination to the *Christian Visitor*, as a very valuable medium for giving information concerning the interests of religion generally, as well as exhibiting and defending our own denominational views.