

AGENCY OF REV. W. B. BOGGS.

At a meeting held in September last, the Board considered and discussed the resolution of the Convention, passed August 28, 1877, recommending them "to make arrangements to secure for the coming year the services of Bro. Boggs in connection with the Home work of Foreign Missions," and they decided to appoint Bro. Boggs to visit the churches with a view of presenting the claims of our Mission and securing enlarged contributions for its support.

It was agreed that his salary should be at the rate of \$1000 per annum for the time actually spent in the Agency work, and his travelling expenses were to be paid by the Board. Before this appointment was made, it was clearly understood by both parties that the Board could not promise that at the end of the year they would be prepared to re-appoint Bro. Boggs to the Foreign field unless three facts were clearly established: *First*,—That Bro. Boggs' health should be fully recuperated; *second*,—That the increase in the contributions of the churches should be such as to warrant the attempt to support a fourth missionary family on the field; and *third*,—that the great masses of the denomination should be so united in their desire for Bro. Boggs' return to India, that no serious opposition could be made to his re-appointment.

With this understanding Bro. Boggs entered upon his labors as soon as practicable and labored assiduously and effectively, and we have reason to believe that the influence of his agency will be felt in future years. The following is the report of his work:

CORNWALLIS, N. S., July 22, 1878.

To the Baptist Foreign Mission Board:

DEAR BRETHREN,—I hereby submit a report of Agency work performed by me in your service during the past year:

Time spent in actual work, about six months.

Miles travelled, upwards of 3000.

Churches visited, 100; 69 in New Brunswick and 31 in Nova Scotia.

Missionary sermons and addresses delivered, 135.

Collected for the Board, \$642.36.

Travelling expenses, \$69.28.

The primary object of the agency, as the brethren will remember, was not to collect money, but to awaken a deeper interest in the churches, by bringing to their notice the great principles and facts connected with the Foreign Missionary enterprise. A much larger sum of money might have been raised if I had endeavored to collect all that could possibly be obtained in each community which I visited. Several sums have been raised through my efforts which have not passed through my hands, but are really to be reckoned among the results of the agency; such, for example, as the F.M. collections taken at the Associations after my addresses.

Mrs. Boggs was with me during my two principal tours among the churches. She held a large number of women's meetings, and organized 27 new Aid Societies, with an aggregate membership of 430. Her travelling expenses were \$42.34.

I am convinced that the great thing needed to secure the ample support of our Foreign Mission, is for the pastors to do their part faithfully.

Yours sincerely,

W. B. BOGGS.

On the 19th of June last, Bro. Boggs presented to the Board a renewed application for re-appointment to Foreign service, and after due consideration of this application by a judicious Committee appointed by the Board, and after a free discussion of the report presented by them, in order to test the feeling and to obtain the views of the denomination on the subject, it was resolved to submit the question to the representatives of the churches as they convened in their respective Associations at the period of their Annual Sessions.

This course was pursued; and while only two of the Associations