

these was providentially furnished at Thongzai, much nearer the residence of Bro. Crawley, where they can be far more conveniently superintended by him. It appears that on the decease of Rev. Mr. Ingalls, his widow, with extraordinary fortitude and commendable zeal, took charge of the assistants under his supervision, and discharged that duty successfully for some years. At length, however, her health so failed that she was compelled to return to America. As these faithful and zealous men were left without either superintendent or support, Bro. Crawley, on whom the oversight of this field naturally devolved, was desirous to employ these laborers, provided the funds requisite should be placed at his disposal. Being Burmese, having families, and residing in large towns, they cannot be sustained by so small salaries as Dr. Kincaid's assistants, who seem to be either Karens, partly supported by their Christian flocks, or single men living in the jungle, where the necessaries of life are much less expensive. The moderate sum, however, of one hundred dollars per annum is sufficient to secure the devotion of each one of these servants of Christ to the gospel ministry among those perishing for lack of knowledge.

As the funds required for support of several of these men have been recently provided, through the kindness of generous donors, your Board cannot state definitely what number of heralds of the cross are now sustained in Burmah by means furnished from these Provinces. It is obviously increasing; and, through the divine blessing, happy results may be reasonably anticipated. In an interesting letter written by our esteemed Superintendent—already published in our Provincial periodicals—dated “Henthada, Feb. 14th, 1865,” he says, “I returned yesterday from the annual meeting of the Burmese Association, held at Thongzai”—the field occupied by several of the preachers for whose support provision has been recently made here. “The 4 churches comprised in the Association reported 75 baptized within the last year. The meetings were of unusual interest, and lasted four days.”

In a letter just received from him, written at Rangoon, where it was needful for him to remain for a short time, and dated, “May 9th, 1865,” he remarks, “During my absence