

Appendix.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.

Mr. President and Brethren of the Convention.

This Annual Report of your Foreign Missionary Board must be chiefly a record of the laying of foundations; a more arduous and perplexing work frequently than the subsequent building. Whether they have been well and wisely laid the future will prove.

While our missionaries elect have been completing their course of study at Newton, the Board has been carefully surveying various fields, to ascertain, if possible, the right place for our mission, and making arrangements for its early establishment. They have also sought to promote the home work of Foreign Missions, endeavoring to make prominent the idea of *permanence* in the work upon which we are entering, that it is not for a few years, but for "the ages to come."

SECRETARY.

A serious loss was sustained in November last, by the removal, to another sphere of labor, of Rev. W. S. McKenzie, who had so zealously and efficiently discharged the duties of Secretary of this Board since its reorganization in 1871. Rev. W. B. Boggs, pastor of the Church at Portland, N. B., was appointed to the vacant position. Rev. Dr. Cramp has continued his very efficient and invaluable aid in this department.

MISSION ROOM.

Last autumn the Board obtained a permanent place for its meetings, through the generosity of Messrs. C. & E. Everett, of Saint John, who placed at their service the use of a very suitable and convenient room in their premises on King Street. Here the Board has met regularly every month, besides on special occasions.

MISS DEWOLFE.

Miss M. B. DeWolfe, who arrived in Burmah in May, 1868, and has since been laboring earnestly and successfully among the Karens at different stations in that country, has been compelled during the past year, on account of failing health, to leave her loved work and return to her native land. In her physician's view this was absolutely necessary in order to save her life. It gives us great pleasure, however, to report that her health is improving, and that there is ground for hope that it will soon be fully restored. She says, in a recent communication: "I am thankful to tell you God's blessing has attended the means used for my recovery, and I am decidedly improved. The doctor says that by care and resting now there is but little doubt that I may be strong, if not quite well, before very long. And when my health is established I hope to resume the

work I had so suddenly left the past year has dengue fever left school work just up attend to almost closing school, when cause of our having but gave us time graciously smiled upon in the time of our conversion of many many walks in Hebron some of our little ones for me to say how I country. While I pleasure to do what giving them a better so nobly laboring, have strength to please my Lord to

At the beginning Bassein assisting in were very acceptable importance of putting with the approval of and after going to Siam accompanied tour have been given took up the school having returned to in charge of the school says: "We have a Karen school of two and quite a large Burmese are very full of work the work in our own ready to accompany

The principal question Board during the year our mission be established consideration. Strong respective claims of from various sources to give wise counsel and advantages, and prayer for Divine