

Historical Sketch



The name of Miss Maria Norris is familiar to Baptists of the Maritime Provinces as the founder of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies. This lady while teaching at Acadia Seminary, felt called of God to do His work in Burmah. There was no means of support provided for her, but several Baptist gentlemen, among whom were Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Deacons S. Selden and T. H. Rand induced her to visit different churches, seeking to interest them in her work. These visits were greatly blessed, and resulted in the formation of the Aid Societies which were for the raising of funds to support lady missionaries. Over thirty societies were formed in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. This was in 1870.

The work so faithfully and prayerfully begun, has grown in strength and influence as the years