

**The Ninth Annual Report of the Central Board of the
New Brunswick Baptist Women's Missionary Aid
Society, to the Baptist Convention, assembled at
Fredericton, August 24, 1878.**

It is pleasing to be able to report that the operations of the Women's Missionary Aid Society, during the year, have been of a very encouraging character, in the work actually performed by the wives of our missionaries on the Foreign field, in the acceptance of a missionary of our own, and her preparation to leave for the scene of her future labors, in the widening interest felt by our churches at home, in the liberality displayed by the contributions furnished to carry forward the plans of the society.

Schools have been conducted at Kimeby and Chicacole by Mrs. Armstrong, and at Bimlipatam by Mrs. Sanford.

Mrs. Churchill has also been engaged in school and mission work, but her labors have been necessarily much interfered with by illness and the unsettled condition in which they have been for some time.

Three hundred dollars were transmitted to be equally divided among these ladies to assist in carrying on their school work, and five hundred to Mrs. Sanford for the erection of a school house, into which it is hoped a large number of children will speedily be gathered.

A recent letter from Mrs. Armstrong contains the pleasing intelligence that one of her scholars, who followed her from Kimeby to Chicacole, has asked for baptism, and although prudence calls for delay in such an important step, it is evident that the seed sown is taking root.

Much difficulty is experienced in reaching the heathen women in their homes; but something has been accomplished in this respect, and, the barriers once passed, the means of usefulness thus presented cannot but produce beneficial results.

For some time after the last Convention, Mrs. Boggs was actively engaged in visiting the several counties on the river St. John as far as Andover, and the counties of Charlotte, St. John, Kings, Albert, and Westmorland; organizing twenty-three new societies, and presenting the claims of the mission.

In the month of March, Miss Carrie A. Hammond applied for an appointment as Bible reader and missionary under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Aid Society, was duly recommended to the Mission Board, and after examination by that Board, was accepted as missionary elect.

Miss Hammond has spent nearly two years in preparation for the work, during which time ample opportunities have been offered of judging of her fitness for the life of a missionary; and it is gratifying to know that the opinions formed by the Central Board have been fully endorsed by the Foreign Mission Board and ministering brethren in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Miss Hammond will, therefore, undertake her work encouraged by the love, prayers and contributions of the denomination. The preparation of her outfit has been carried on under the personal direction of the Central Board of St. John.

As far as circumstances permitted, Miss Hammond has visited the churches of New Brunswick, and has been successful in awakening and deepening the interest in foreign missions.

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