American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

Assam Baptist Missionary Conference Report

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

Gauhati, Assam.

December 5-12

1924.
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**SESSION, DECEMBER 5-12, 1924**

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**Committees Elected by Conference:**

**Reference Committee**

- Mr. Kampfer
- Mr. Pettigrew
- Miss Geisenhener

Alternate for Woman's Society, Miss Crisenberry

**Managing Committee, Jorhat Schools**

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Representing Jorhat Management, Mr. Wyatt

**Committees Appointed by President:**

**Committee on Time and Place**

- Mr. Fielder
- Mr. Tanquist

**Committee on Arrangements**

- Mr. Pettigrew
- Mr. Longwell
- Mr. Selander

**Program Committee**

- Mr. Selander
- Mr. Wyatt
- Mr. Danielson
- Miss Holbrook
- Miss Stever

**Music Committee**

- Mrs. Boggs
- Mrs. Supplee
- Miss Marvin

**Publicity Committee**

- Mr. Fielder
- Miss Hay
- Miss Holbrook

**Correspondent to Missionary Review**

- Miss Crisenberry

**Committees Appointed by Reference Committee:**

**Evangelistic Committee**

- Mr. Firth
- Dr. Bailey
- Miss Lewison

**Educational Committee**

- Mr. Boggs
- Miss Hay
- Mr. Pettigrew
- Mr. Fielder (by special permission of Conference.)

**Property Committee**

- Mr. Kampfer
- Mr. Selander
- Miss Geisenhener (by special permission of Conference)
- Mr. Wyatt
- Mr. Sword, *ex-officio*

**Medical Committee**

- Dr. Bailey
- Miss Stever

**Woman's Committee**

- Miss Geisenhener
- Mrs. Longwell
- Miss Hay

**Assamese Literature Committee**

- Mr. Firth
- Mr. Boggs
- Miss Crisenberry

**Language Examination Committees**

**Assamese**

- Mr. Kampfer
- Miss Crisenberry
- Miss Wright

**Garo**

- Mr. Tanquist
- Ao Naga
- Dr. Bailey

**NOTE:** The Mission Secretary is, *ex-officio*, a member of all standing committees.
CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.
TO SERVE UNTIL END OF NEXT SESSION

President
Vice-President
Mission Secretary
Mission Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
Clerk
Asst. Clerk
Necrologist
Librarian

Committees Elected by Conference:
Reference Committee
Mr. Kampfer
Mr. Pettigrew
Alternates
Mr. Tanquist
Miss Holbrook

Committees Appointed by President:
Committee on Time and Place of Next Session
Mrs. Boggs
Mr. Allen

Committee on Arrangements
Mr. Tanquist
Mr. Longwell
Mr. Supplee

Program Committee
Mr. Supplee
Miss Tait
Mr. Sword

Music Committee
Miss Vickland
Miss Nicholas
Mrs. Danielson

Publicity Committee
Mrs. Longwell
Mr. Fielder
Miss Stever

Correspondent to Missionary Review
Miss Crisenberry

Committees Appointed by Reference Committee:
Evangelistic Committee
Mr. Selander
Mr. Bowers
Miss Lewison

Educational Committee
Mr. Boggs
Miss Hay
Mr. Pettigrew

Property Committee
Mr. Kampfer
Mr. Olney
Mr. Wyatt
Miss Holbrook (by special permission of Conference)
Mr. Sword, ex-officio

Medical Committee
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Language Examination Committees
Assamese
Mr. Kampfer
Miss Crisenberry

Garo
Mr. Phillips
Miss Holbrook

Angami Naga
Mr. Tanquist

Ao Naga
Mr. Longwell

Manipuri and Tangkhul Naga, Mr. Pettigrew.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

Study of Administrative Office
Mr. Danielson  Mr. Tanquist  Mr. Bowers

Location of Station for Mikir Work
Mr. Kampfer  Mr. Longwell  Mr. Boggs

Polygamous Marriages
Mr. Boggs  Mr. Longwell  Mr. Pettigrew

Extension Courses for Indian Workers
Mr. Boggs  Mr. Tanquist  Mr. Ewing

TO REPORT TO REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Curriculum for Jorhat Christian Industrial School
Mr. Boggs  Mr. Sword  Mr. Longwell

Development of Shillong Land
Mr. Fielder  Mr. Sword  Miss Crisenberry

ASSIGNED TOPICS FOR GAUHATI CONFERENCE

"The Missionary's Spiritual Life" ... ... Mr. Supplee
"The Missionary's Social Life" ... ... Mr. Boggs
"The Missionary's Reading" ... ... Mr. Fielder
"The Missionary's Attitude towards the Welfare of Primitive Peoples" ... ... Mr. Tanquist
"The Missionary's Home Church" ... ... Miss Holbrook
"The Missionary's Educational Policy" ... ... Mr. Phillips
"Economy in Administration" ... ... Mr. Wyatt
"Medical Problems and Prospects" ... ... Dr. Bailey
"The Ministry of Indian Music in our Mission Work" ... ... Miss Masales
**KEY TO CLASSIFICATION OF MINUTES**

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ACTIONS OF CONFERENCE

Grouped by Subjects*

Gauhati, December 5-12, 1924.

I. Churches (Indian) and Auxiliary Organizations.

Case 2970-24. Co-operation with All-Assam Convention.

The Committee on Relations with the All-Assam Convention reported that it had presented the actions and greetings of Conference to the Convention and submitted the following reply:

RESOLVED: That the Fraternal Committee of Conference be answered as follows:

(a) That the All-Assam Convention most respectfully accepts the greetings of Conference, and heartily thanks the Conference for such official recognition of the Convention.

(b) That the Convention records with deep gratitude what certain missionaries have done for the Convention. Convention is a fruit of their hard labour and prayer.

(c) That the Convention realizes its responsibilities and admits that the time has come,—nay, came long ago,—when the Indian Church has to take over Christian work begun by the Mission. It is her duty and at the same time a proud privilege.

(d) That the Convention heartily thanks the Conference for showing its willingness to hand over such work to the Convention as it is able to handle and can manage well.

(e) That the Convention expresses its regret at not being able at the present moment to take over any work over and above what it is already handling, and that because of the following reasons:

1. The Christian community as a whole has not as yet fully realized the existence of the Convention and less so its importance. Most people do not understand what it is and why it is necessary.

2. The above being true, contributions to the Convention are not regular and not ample (considering the work that lies before it).

3. It has been noticed that all missionaries in the various

*This abbreviated form of report is issued for convenience and economy. A copy of the complete minutes, in chronological order, is to be found in the Mission Secretary's files.
fields have not joined heart and soul for the cause of the Convention. Without their support the community cannot be expected to support the Convention. All have not held aloft before the eyes of the people that the Convention is an organization necessary for the community and possesses all the opportunities of the future, is capable of bearing immense burdens if unitedly supported, and is a cause worthy of support.

4. The Convention does not at the present moment possess the confidence of all the Christian people. The people want to know someone personally. For all things they go to the missionary; they know him and through him the Missionary Society and almost every other organization. They do not rely on any other organization which is not local. In short, the missionary has the confidence of the people in his own field. If responsibilities have to be gradually transferred to the Convention, this confidence and reliance needs also to be gradually shifted to the Convention. To this the Convention has no right; it can only be done through the free will, full consent and own initiation of the missionaries in the various fields. This does not mean diminishing the confidence in the missionary, but rather an extension for greater service.

(f) That, lastly, the Convention humbly urges the Conference to explain to individual missionaries the need of co-operation and realization of the importance of united Christian work through an organization such as the Convention and to hold earnestly before the people the necessity of supporting such a cause with prayer and service.

This reply was referred to the Committee on Findings, which brought in the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLVED: That each missionary be urged to stress on his own field the importance of the All-Assam Convention and to attempt to lead in co-operating in every way with its activities.

(See also Cases: 2715-23, Communication to All-Assam Convention; 2716-23, Committee on Relations with All-Assam Convention; 2746-23, Policy of A. B. F. M. S.; 2992, Relation of Indian Church to Mission Society; 2990, paragraph 8, regarding curtailment of appropriations for fields where Christian community is able to carry large share of work. Also 2993, Action regarding Polygamous Marriages Deferred.)

II. Comity and Co-operation.
III. Conference Matters and Miscellaneous Committees.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Findings
Mr. Boggs  Mr. Tanquist  Miss Holbrook

Committee on Printing Conference Reports
Mr. Fielder  Mr. Danielson

Committee on Conference Attendance Expenses
Mr. Olney  Miss E. E. Nichols

Mr. Firth, the Necrologist, mentioned the Home-going of Mr. Dowd, Miss Bond, Mrs. Stephen and Baby Helen Hutton, and read memorials of their lives.


RESOLVED: That the Secretary be requested to write to Dr. Robbins to ask for an interpretation of the paragraph in his letter pertaining to the proposed Conference on Mission Policies which outlines the basis of representation; and

That, in case the Assam Mission is entitled to four delegates, they shall be Messrs. Tuttle, Harding, Swanson and Wyatt, with Mr. Hutton as alternate, the last named to be the fifth member in case our Mission is entitled to that number.


On the recommendation of the Woman's Committee, it was

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Miss M. A. Nichols as delegate for the Woman's Society at the Conference on Mission Policies, and of Miss Wright as alternate, be approved.


RESOLVED: That Section III of the Rules for the Operation of the Harvard Plan be amended, by deleting the clause, "immediately on his return to his field from Conference, send in", and substituting for it the clause, "within forty-five days after the close of Conference, have in the hands of the Mission Treasurer", and by inserting after the phrase, "in attending Conference", the clause, "in default of which such missionary shall pay from his own resources the amount of his bill submitted, in addition to the share chargeable by the Committee".


RESOLVED: That all papers presented to Conference on assigned topics be written on quarto sized paper and filed with the Mission Librarian.
Case 2975-24. Thanks for God's Blessings.
RESOLVED: That as a Conference we wish to render praise and thanks to the Giver of Good Gifts for the marvellous blessings poured out upon our work in Assam during the past year.

Case 2976-24. Thanks to Hosts.
RESOLVED: That we as members of the Conference extent a hearty vote of thanks to the Gauhati missionaries for the use of their fine, large bungalows, comfortable tents and pleasant church, which we have enjoyed, and for the splendid entertainment we have received during our Conference.

Case 2977-24. Thanks to Miss Geisenhener.
RESOLVED: That Conference extent to Miss Geisenhener a vote of thanks for her faithful service on the Reference Committee.

Case 2978-24. Thanks to Mr. Fielder.
RESOLVED: That we extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Fielder for his effective work in the investigation of the cost of living.

Case 2979-24. Time and Place of Next Session.
RESOLVED: That the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Bowers to hold the next session of Conference at Sibsagar be accepted, and that the dates be from the 10th to the 16th of December.

IV. Constitution.

Mr. Pettigrew, Chairman of the Committee on revision of the Constitution, reported that the Committee had no changes to suggest.

RESOLVED: That the report be adopted.

V. Correspondence.

Copies of the year's correspondence from the Foreign Secretaries were placed in the hands of every member of Conference, and excerpts were read by Mr. Longwell.

(See Cases: 2746-23, Policy of A.B.F.M.S.; 2992, Relation of Indian Church to Mission Society; 2970, Co-operation with All-Assam Convention; 2993, Action regarding Polygamous Marriages Deferred; 2991. Acquisition of Wokha Compound.)

VI. Education.

Owing to the pressure of other business it had been impossible to complete the report of the Educational Committee, and it was voted that it should be mimeographed and sent to the members of Conference.

The following resolution, submitted by the Reference Committee, was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Constitution of the Jorhat Christian Schools be declared inoperative;
That the Jorhat Management be requested to draw up for submission to Conference a new constitution and policies which will fit the actual needs of the institution; and
That, pending the adoption by Conference of the new constitution, the three departments, viz., the Bible School, the Academic Department (including the Normal adjunct) and the Industrial Department, deal directly and separately with the Reference Committee in matters of submitting estimates, receiving appropriations and submitting financial statements.

Case 2982-24. Reorganization of Jorhat Industrial Department.

The following resolution was submitted by the Reference Committee and adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Industrial Department of the Jorhat Christian Schools be discontinued after December 1924 on its present plan; and
That a special Committee, consisting of Mr. Boggs, of the Bible School, and the Mission Builder, Mr. Sword, be appointed, to act in consultation with the Mission Secretary, and that the Committee be authorized to invite Mr. Krause, of the Bengal-Orissa Mission, to make a trip to Assam at the expense of the Assam Mission to consult with this Committee on the question of drawing up a curriculum for the Industrial School; and that the findings of this Committee be referred to the Reference Committee for action.

Case 2983-24. Committee on Extension Courses Continued.

Mr. Boggs made a brief report for the Committee on Extension Courses for Indian Workers.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted, and that the Committee be requested to continue its work.
Mr. Tanquist and Mr. Ewing were appointed to take the places made vacant by the absence on furlough of Mr. Harding and Mr. Hutton.

VII. Evangelism.


Mr. Fielder made a report for the Committee on Work among Government High School Students, referring to the improbability of being able to undertake such work on an extensive
scale for a long time, but recommending that all who are living where there are Government High School Students try to minister to them, so far as possible, by means of Bible study and kindly services.

RESOLVED: That the report be adopted.

(See also Case 2990, Suggestions for Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment, paragraph 12.)

VIII. Reference Committee.

IX. Field Reports and Statistics.

Reports were presented as follows:

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B. Woman's Work.

**Evangelistic**
- Gauhati: Miss Wilson
- Kangpokpi: Mrs. Pettigrew

**Educational**
- Tura Girls' School: Miss Wright
- Gauhati, Satri Bari School: Miss E. E. Nichols
- Nowgong Girls' School: Miss Hay
- Golaghat Girls' School: Miss Tait
- Gale Memorial Bible School: Miss Lewison

**Medical**
- Gauhati: Miss Marvin, Miss Stever

**General**
- Gauhati, Reeder Memorial
- Widows' and Orphans' Home: Miss Wilson

X. Financial Matters and Treasurer.

**Case 2985-24. Audit of Mission Builder's Accounts.**

The report of the Committee appointed to audit the Mission Builder's books was presented, as follows:—

**Property Committee,**

Assam Baptist Conference,

Gauhati.

**Brethren:**

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Mission Builder's accounts for the year ending October 31st, 1924, wish hereby to report that we have reviewed said accounts and that in our judgment they are correct. The following totals are itemized in the Builder's balance sheet:

**Receipts**  Rs. 95,896-4-1

**Disbursements:**
- General Expenditures: Rs. 58,492-5-0
- Sundry Debtors: Rs. 31,695-4-10
- Cash on Hand: Rs. 5,708-10-3

**Total Disbursements:** Rs. 95,896-4-1

Respectfully submitted,

Sd. W. Danielson,
Sd. W. K. Allen,

Auditors.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be accepted.
Case 2986-24. Recurring Specifics and Distribution of Budget.

RESOLVED: That the matter of recurring specifics given to missionaries be taken into consideration in distributing the budget.

Report of Committee on Cost of Living.

At the session of 1923 Mr. Longwell and Mr. Fielder were appointed as a committee to study the cost of living in Assam, with a view to securing a basis for a request to the Board for an increase in salary. The Committee was expected to make its report to the Reference Committee during the year, but so much time was required to obtain and compile the data that the report was not finished until just before Conference met. For this reason it was decided to bring the report before Conference itself, which was done; but owing to the impossibility of a thorough study of the findings by that body, after the main outlines had been given it was again referred to the Reference Committee, by common consent.

(See also Cases: 2990, Suggestions for Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment, for numerous financial items; 2973, Change in Rules on Conference Attendance Expenses; 2999, Development of Shillong Land; 2988, Funds for Sending Literature to America; 3000, Funds for Directory in Missionary Review.)

XI. Government Relations.

(See Cases: 2991, Acquisition of Wokha Compound; 2749-23, Committee on Polygamous Marriages, and 2993, Action regarding Polygamous Marriages Deferred.)

XII. Home Base.

XIII. Industrial.

(See Case 2982, Reorganization of Jorhat Industrial Department.)

XIV. Language Study.

The undermentioned persons were reported as having passed language examinations during the year, as follows:

Assamese—First Examination

Miss Cheeseman          Mr. Allen
Miss Stever             Mr. Danielson

Second Examination

Miss M. A. Nichols      Miss Christenson
Mrs. Wyatt (readings to be finished) Miss Marvin
Mr. Selander
Mr. Sword
Miss Paul

Ao Naga—First and Second Examinations.
Miss Masales.

XV. Library.


The Committee on Sending Mission Publications to America made recommendations as follows:—

1. That Conference send one copy of all publications on hand and one copy of all future publications by the Mission and one copy of each publication either authorized or approved by it to the Librarian of Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, said publication to be filed with the Samuel Colgate Baptist Historical Collection if deemed best;

2. That, in order that this action may be properly carried out, Conference should further add this duty to the other duties of the Mission Librarian and should instruct him to mark in English, both on the cover and the fly leaf, the title of the publication and the language in which it is written, so that there need be no mistakes in its filing at Colgate; and

3. That Conference thank the Librarian of Colgate University for his kindness to the Mission and for his interest in its work.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Committee on Sending Mission Publications to America be adopted, with the amendment that if there be only one copy of any publication available it be kept in the Mission Library on the field.

Case 2988-24. Funds for Sending Literature to America.

With regard to the expense of sending Mission literature to America, it was

RESOLVED: That so far as possible the books be packed in such a way as to be included in missionaries' freight or luggage without extra expense to the Society, it being understood that missionaries will co-operate so far as possible in taking the books to America and that it may take some time to take them all; and

That any balances left in the Printing or Publicity appropriations after the needs of those two items are fully met be applied so far as necessary to the expenses of sending our publications to America.

(See also Cases: 2549-22, Preservation of Literature in America; 2738-23, Sending Publications to America; 2974, Filing of Papers on Assigned Topics,)
XVI. Literature and Bible Translation.

A short report on the work of the Assamese Literature Committee was given by Miss Lewison.

(See also Cases: 2974, Filing of Papers on Assigned Topics; 2987, Preservation of Literature in America; 2988, Funds for Sending Literature to America.)

XVII. Medical.

(See Cases: 2998, Plans for Jorhat Medical Plant; 2989, Statement of Needs; 2990, Suggestions for Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment, paragraph 4.)

XVIII. Mission Conferences, Councils, Organizations, etc.

XIX. Needs and Occupation of Field.


The Reference Committee, as the Committee on Needs, presented statements of needs for both the General Society and the Woman's Society work, arranging them, first, in order of urgency and, second, by classification. These were supplemented by a list of items referred by the Reference Committee to the Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment which it was anticipated would be appointed. At another meeting the Reference Committee was requested to undertake this work.

As regards the General Society statement, it was voted:

That the Order of Urgency List be adopted as recommended;

That Group I of the Classified List, regarding missionaries, be adopted with the following changes:

Item B 3, Tura, Medical, one family, be transferred to A, Most Urgent.

Item C 1, North Lakhimpur, one family, be transferred to B, Less Urgent.

That Group II, Property, and the List of Items Referred to the Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment, be adopted with the following changes:

That item B 12, Dum Duma Chapel and Land, be transferred to A, Most Urgent.

That item B 8, Kangpokpi, Covered Way, be eliminated.

That consideration of item C 25, Gauhati Administrative
Bungalow and Grading, be deferred until the Committee appointed to study the administrative office shall be ready to report.

That we retain the item of Rs. 45,000 requested for the building for the Academic Department of the Jorhat Christian Schools, and that this request be placed in the A, Most Urgent group of needs, with the understanding that the suggested amount be not asked for from the regular Assam Mission budget, but from approved specifics as represented by Dr. Rider.

That action on the matter of the Assamese work bungalow at Golaghat be deferred until next Conference.

As regards the Woman’s Society statement, it was voted:

That we reiterate our statement of needs as regards two lady missionaries for each of the fields Kohima, Kangpokpi and North Lakhimpur, and that this request be placed in group B, Less Urgent.

That item B 1, in the classified list of missionaries, Tura, educational worker, be transferred to A, Most Urgent.

That item B 2, Nowgong High School worker, be transferred to A, Most Urgent.

After these amendments had been made, it was

RESOLVED: That the entire statement be adopted, with the recorded changes.

The report as amended is given below.

Report of Committee on Needs.

General Society.

Most Urgent Needs in Order of Urgency.

1. Finishing Kangpokpi educational work bungalow ... ... ... 5,779 0 0
2. Temporary residence for Mikir work, to be used later as school building ... 5,000 0 0
3. One family, evangelistic work, Nowgong field ... ... ... 800 0 0
4. One family, medical work, Tura ... 200 0 0
5. Additional 12½ per cent for Sibsagar bungalow ... ... ... 1,500 0 0
6. North Lakhimpur well (1,000) and cook house (700) ... ... ... 1,700 0 0
7. Kangpokpi Water Works ... ... ... 3,541 0 0
8. Property Pool overdrafts (subject to revision):
   (a) Lower Assam evangelistic worker's bungalow (in pool) ... ... 10,800 0 0
   (b) Impur dormitory (in pool) ... 800 0 0
   (c) Tura dormitory ... ... 1,634 3 10
   (d) Impur Woman's Society bungalow 5,065 0 0
   (e) Tura Woman's Society school plant 2,981 13 3

9. Jorhat Academic Department building (from specifics) ... ... 45,000 0 0*

Classified List.

I. Missionaries.
   A. Most Urgent.
      Nowgong field, evangelistic work 1 Family
      Tura, medical work 1 Family
   B. Less Urgent.
      Kamrup, evangelistic work 1 Family
      Naga Hills, evangelistic work 1 Family
      Sadiya, evangelistic work in plains 1 Family
      North Lakhimpur, evangelistic work 1 Family

II. Property.
   A. Most Urgent.
      1. Finishing Kangpokpi educational work bungalow ... ... Rs. 5,779
      2. Temporary residence for Mikir work 5,000
      3. Additional 12½ per cent for Sibsagar bungalow ... ... 1,500
      4. North Lakhimpur well (1,000) and cook house (700) ... ... 1,700
      5. Kangpokpi water-works 3,541
      6. Jorhat Academic Department building (from specifics) ... ... 45,000
      7. Sadiya, Dum Duma land (300) and chapel (320) ... ... 620
   B. Less Urgent.
      8. Lower Assam evangelistic worker's bungalow, additional ... ... 4,200
      9. Golaghat dispensary and land 4,000

* See action given above under this case.
10. Kangpokpi:
   a. School house 3,404
   b. Chapel 1,883
   c. Dormitory 1,332
d. Dormitory cook house 1,356
e. Finishing medical work bungalow 1,200

11. Lhota Work:
   (1) At Wokha:
      a. Site 400
      b. Camp house 4,000
c. School house 100
d. Dormitory 100
   or (2) At Furkating:
      a. Office, book room and dispensary 2,000
      b. Teacher's house 200
c. Dormitories 200

12. Kohima:
   a. Higher school plant:
      Land 1,000
      School building 10,000
      Dormitory 2,000
      Outbuildings 1,000
      Water supply 1,000
      15,000
   b. Higher School bungalow 15,000

13. Gauhati, school boys' dormitory 10,000

14. Kohima, cook house for educational work
    bungalow ... 500

15. Gauhati, cook house for administration
    bungalow ... 250

16. Golaghat, cook house 163-1-0

17. Gauhati, student work bungalow pillars 500

18. Shillong, two rest houses (Case 3019), estimates to be submitted ... ...

C. Not Urgent.

19. Tura, fence for compound 2,100
    hostel and equipment 1,000
    hospital alterations 1,000

20. Golaghat, finishing Mikir work bungalow, estimates to be submitted

21.Impur, hospital addition 1,500

22. Nowgong, Assamese work, school building 1,000

23. Nowgong, church building 8,500

24. Gauhati, enlargement of administration building 1,000
25. General literature, for Secretary-Treasurer 2,000
26. Jorhat medical plant 25,000

*Items Referred to the Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment.*

**Jorhat:**
- Normal School building 30,000
- Nurses' Bungalow 15,000
- School land in Property Pool 5,581-10-0
- Dibru-Sadiya bungalow, Tinsukia 15,000
- Tinsukia land 2,500
- North Lakhimpur bungalow 12,000
- General—Builder's bungalow 15,000
- General—Builder's bungalow land 3,000
- Mikir work bungalow 15,000
- Motor cars, general (3) 9,000
- Motor car, South Bank, Gauhati 3,000
- Jorhat, loss in exchange 8,186
- sanitary measures 33,450
- Kangpokpi buildings, etc. (A.R.C. 2048) 23,668
- Tura Bible School and hostel furnishings (A.R.C. 1828) 2,650
- Phillips bungalow 2,000

**Woman's Society.**

Most Urgent Needs in Order of Urgency.
1. Tura, educational worker
2. Gauhati, evangelistic worker
3. Nowgong, high school worker
4. Gauhati Hospital:
   a. New road on compound ... ... 100
   b. Brick lined well, bungalow ... ... 500
   c. Repair of old well ... ... 300
   d. Pucca cook house, estimates to be submitted
   e. Two native houses, for relatives or isolation ... 600
   f. Latrine ... ... 250
5. Tura school plant, first instalment (Case 2458) ... 5,000

**Classified List.**

1. **Missionaries.**
   A. Most Urgent.
      Tura, educational worker
      Gauhati, evangelistic worker
      Nowgong, high school worker
B. Less Urgent.
Kohima, two workers
Kangpokpi, two workers
North Lakhimpur, two workers

II. Property.

A. Most Urgent.
1. Gauhati hospital:
   - New road on compound ... ... 100
   - Brick lined well, bungalow ... 500
   - Repair of old well ... ... 300
   - Pucca cook house, estimates to be submitted ... ... ...
   - Two native houses, for relatives or isolation ... ... 600
   - Latrine ... ... 250

B. Less Urgent.
1. Gauhati hospital (estimates by Mission Builder are awaited):
   - Water supply and sanitation
   - Laundry
   - Nurses’ home, cook house and latrine
   - Tank for extra water
   - Morgue
   - Isolation ward
   - Durwan’s house and gate
2. Gauhati, Bible woman’s house ... 400
   - Hindu widows’ house ... 400
3. Nowgong school house, addition (Cases 1856 and 2041) ... ... 13,400
4. Tura school plant balance (Case 2458) to be revised ... ... 11,192
5. Shillong, rest house (Case 3019) estimates to be submitted

C. Not Urgent.
6. Jorhat, Gale Memorial School outbuildings ... ... 17,500
7. Gauhati hospital equipment, second instalment ... ... 11,200
8. Golaghat Girls’ School (Case 2046) ... 11,750
Items Referred to the Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment.

Naga Hills, Girls’ School (Case 1768) ... Rs. 5,000
Gauhati, teacher’s house ... ... ... 1,200
Nowgong, branch schools (Case 2042) ... 1,600
Gauhati, Orphanage ... ... ... 6,470
Kangpokpi, Woman’s Work buildings (Case 2047) 4,125

Case 2990-24. Suggestions for Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment.

A list of suggestions offered for the consideration of the Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment was presented by the Reference Committee. Action on most of these items was as given below. The others on which action was necessary were covered by Cases 2982, Reorganization of Jorhat Industrial Department; 2986, Recurring Specifics and Distribution of Budget; and 2991, Acquisition of Wokha Compound. The paragraph referred to in section 11 recommended the enforcement of the action of the 1918 Conference, "that the Mission Treasurer be instructed to audit, so far as practicable, the accounts of all missionaries."

RESOLVED:
1. That we ask for assurance that our general work appropriations shall not be decreased, and that we shall be allowed to plan with this in view;
2. That the Woman’s Society be requested to restore its staff to the 1921 standard, twenty-three workers, and to maintain it at that figure;
3. That all plans for Tinsukia, Mongoldai and Bishnath involving expenditures for property be held in abeyance;
4. That medical grants be considered, looking to the gradual attainment of self-support of this work;
5. That an endowment for the Jorhat Christian Schools be sought, in accordance with A.R.C. Case 1102, of September 1916;
6. That the question of the adjustment of the field appropriations of Golaghat and Tura be referred to the Reference Committee for action;
7. That the question of specifics be referred to the Reference Committee for reconsideration;
8. That appropriations for fields where the Christian community is able to do a large share of the work be curtailed;
9. That the matter of the agricultural and industrial work
at Kangpokpi be referred to the Reference Committee for action, in consultation with Dr. Crozier;

10. That a committee, consisting of Mr. Danielson, Mr. Tanquist and Mr. Bowers, be appointed to make a study of the administrative office, to report at the next session of Conference;

11. That as a first step toward putting into effect the paragraph pertaining to the auditing of missionaries' accounts, the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to examine the accounting of our missionaries;

12. That, in case it is possible to increase the budget, the Board be requested to apply the increase to missionary re-enforcement thoroughly trained for evangelistic work.


The correspondence between the Mission Secretary and the Deputy Commissioner of the Naga Hills District regarding the terms for acquiring a site for a compound at Wokha was reviewed.

RESOLVED: That Conference recognizes the fact that the Deputy Commissioner of the Naga Hills is an authority on the customs, conditions and needs of the people and genuinely interested in their welfare. Hence the Conference regrets most sincerely that on certain points the Deputy Commissioner and the Mission have been unable to arrive at complete agreement as regards the proposed lease;

That, while Conference as such has no fixed policy regarding dress for native Christians under the care of its missionaries, and while, because of Baptist Church polity and other considerations, it would seem extremely difficult to enforce regulations as regards mode of dress, the Conference is very desirous that every effort should be made for a satisfactory agreement with Government on every point; and

That the Conference wishes the Mission Secretary to secure from the Deputy Commissioner this plot of land on as liberal terms as possible, and that, while keeping our main missionary aim ever in view, we do all we can to encourage adherence to the regulations which the Deputy Commissioner feels should be embodied in the lease.

XX. Policies and Principles.

Case 2992-24. Relation of Indian Church to Mission Society.

At the session of 1923, when the statement of the proposed policy of the Society was considered, it was voted to defer action on paragraph 5 (d) pending further information from the Foreign Secretary. This information was presented to Conference by the
Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Findings, which brought
the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Assam Mission Conference hereby
expresses its complete accord with the interpretation of paragraph
5, section d, of the Restatement of Policy as set forth in the letter
from the Foreign Department, dated the 19th February, 1924; and
That a committee of one be appointed to convey this
information to the national and tribal associations in Assam, i.e.,
to the All-Assam Convention and to each tribal association not
affiliated with this Convention; and
That these bodies be informed that a copy of all com-
munications so sent to the A.B.F.M.S. should at the same time be
sent to the Secretary of the Assam Mission.


Mr. Boggs, reporting for the Committee on Polygamous
Marriages, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED: That action upon the question of poly-
gamous marriages, submitted by Mr. Mills of the Naga Hills, be
defered until next Conference, and that in the meantime we seek
the mature opinion of the different associations in Assam and of
the All-Assam Convention, this information to be considered in
formulating our reply to Mr. Mills’ question.

The Committee, consisting of Messrs. Boggs, Longwell and
Pettigrew, was asked to continue the study of the question.

(See also Cases: 2746-23, Policy of A.B.F.M.S.; 2749-23,
Committee on Polygamous Marriages; 2971 and 2972, Represen-
tation at Conference on Policies; 2990, Suggestions for Com-
mittee on Adjustment and Retrenchment; 2991, Acquisition of
Wokha Compound.)

XXI. Property Matters.


The report of the Property Committee was presented by
Mr. Kampfer.

Report.

There were fewer Property Committee meetings this year
than last—only one—, although this year was more fruitful in the
number of actions taken, 112. The statement in last year’s
Property Committee report, that the Committee had “begun to
feel the advisability of having the experience of the Mission in
building matters written up in available form,” was taken very
seriously by the Reference Committee, and we hope that a Manual
on Mission Construction Work of serviceable value can be
produced by our Committee.
We regret to report no progress on Case 2750-23, in which we were asked to draw up a list of standing property regulations.

No phase of our institutional work as a Mission in Assam is more vital than a sound system of supervising construction work. As missionaries we want assurance that our buildings on their present scale of expense and magnitude of construction have in them no errors of engineering, freaks of architecture and experiments of novices. Without fire insurance, without municipal building inspectors, we must satisfy ourselves that our buildings will stand the test of hurricane, excessive rain, parching sun, hail, white ants and earthquakes. It is our conviction that we should standardize still more than has been the case in outbuildings, as well as bungalows. With an appropriation of Rs. 15,000 it still is impossible to erect a type plan bungalow, to say nothing of meeting the requirements of Case 2752-23, List of Building Requirements.

We need more technical and professional advice on construction. We need to relieve the Builder still more from the burden of construction, that he may give more time and attention to the drawing up of plans, specifications and reliable estimates. An absence of these results in real danger to life and an expense to the Society. The Mission is not lacking in men who can be depended on to supervise buildings provided they have the written technical advice furnished them, and it is here, in the full preparation of such papers, that the Mission Builder, or Engineer, can be of the greatest service to the Mission.

In a letter to Mr. Longwell dated October 17, 1924 Dr. Robbins wrote:

"There are those on the Board who take the position that our experience in regard to appropriations for property has been so unsatisfactory in several of our Mission fields that as a rule no appropriations should be made until plans and estimates are submitted to the Board by the proper committees on the field."

On the strength of this statement, we desire to recommend, first, that complete building papers be drawn up for all projects remaining in the Property Pool, if this already has not been done; second, that all projects on the List of Needs which have the full and unquestioned approval of Conference be called List A, and that the Mission Builder, or Engineer, be authorized to draw up full papers for all buildings on that list, a copy of each such set of papers to be kept on file by the Reference Committee and the Home Board. Further, we recommend that a second list be drawn up, called List B, comprising the projects of secondary urgency,
and that full papers for these projects also be drawn up and circulated among the members of the Property Committee for consideration and approval.

The following is a list of older and approved projects for which building papers still need to be drawn up:

1. Estimate for finishing Mikir work bungalow, Golaghat.
2. Technical advice and a solution for the protection from rain of the Woman's Society bungalow, Nowgong.
3. Woman's Society school plant, Tura, Rs. 5,000.
4. Cook house for girls' dormitory, Golaghat, Rs. 500.
5. Addition to Woman's Society school building, Nowgong.
6. Woman's Society school building, Golaghat.
7. Drainage, nurses' home, cook house, laundry, morgue, isolation ward and durwan's house for Woman's Society hospital, Gauhati.
8. Lower Assam bungalow (in Property Pool).
12. Revision of estimates on remaining buildings and parts of buildings in plant of Gale Memorial Bible School, Jorhat.
14. Office-bookstore-dispensary building, Furkating, Rs. 2,000.
15. Sadiya, Abor boys' dormitory, Rs. 2,000.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.


The following resolution, submitted by the Property Committee, was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Property Committee be requested to take steps to prepare a manual for the guidance of missionaries in the construction of mission buildings, to contain such technical matter as:

a. Plans, drawings and photographs of type bungalows for both plains and hills and for both the General Society and the Woman's Society, and of types of school houses, chapels, dormitories, cottages, cook houses, servant quarters, workers' houses, latrines, wells, drains, granaries, garages and hen houses;

b. Standardized doors, sashes, flooring, oiling, weather boards, steps, window panes, almirahs, buffets, school desks, seats, benches, fire places and septic tanks;

c. Specifications, tables showing method of arriving at estimates, specimens of contracts, names of building material
firms, details on kinds of wood, bricks, plaster, paints, preservatives and their suitability for building purposes;

d. Rules, standing resolutions, actions such as are given on page 29 of the Conference Report for 1923 and in Cases 2750 to 2755-23, and advice on keeping and submitting building accounts.


Mr. Sword, the Mission Builder, presented his annual report. The parts pertaining to property matters are given below.

Report.

A year has passed and the time has come when we must strike a balance and take account of what we have accomplished or failed to accomplish during the twelve months since we last met in Conference. As we review this past year we cannot but feel that God has been very good to us and has blessed us far beyond what we had hoped or prayed. The seemingly insurmountable mountains that rose sky high last year have disappeared and the difficulties that we dreaded we have been able to overcome, by the grace of God. There are, of course, always occasions for regret as one reviews the past, but we wish to assure you that we have tried to meet our obligations conscientiously and as well as conditions would permit. If we have failed, it is not wilfully that we have done so. Thus we have carried on with the wisdom that God has given us, doing the things that needed to be done, whether they were under our direct jurisdiction or not.

Travel. The number of miles travelled this year has been small as compared with last year, as we have been responsible for buildings in only one station, Jorhat. We went to Jorhat from Gauhati, however, immediately after Conference last year to assist in taking an invoice of the stock at the Industrial School. Upon our return we were confronted with the unpleasant task of moving and in the latter part of January were again somewhat settled in our new temporary home. We also made a trip to Nowgong, in March, in connection with a Property Committee meeting held there. We have visited Sibsagar four times and Gauhati twice during the year in the interest of buildings, and have made several short trips to Golaghat for the same purpose.

Buildings. During the year we have completed the Gale Memorial Bible School. In connection with this project we have built several subsidiary buildings, a dormitory for girls, a bath house and a latrine, and a house for the Head Mistress and other temporary quarters. The General Society’s bungalow at Jorhat is well under way, and if nothing unforeseen happens we hope to have
it finished in the latter part of February. We have also put the finishing touches on the General Society’s Bible School building at Jorhat, so far as money would permit. The infirmary at Jorhat also is under construction. It was no small job to clear the site of the new bungalow at Jorhat from jungle, and it took several weeks for the Nagas to cut enough jungle to enable us to lay out the site.

Outside of Jorhat, the bungalow at Sibsagar has been going up under the supervision of Mr. Bowers. The medical work bungalow at Gauhati also has made good progress under the supervision of Mr. Kampfer. The old bungalow at Nowgong that the Woman’s Society missionaries have occupied for so many years has been dismantled and the material disposed of. A new cook house also has been built there. All of this work was under the supervision of Miss Hay.

A good deal of our time has been spent in drawing plans for the Nowgong School addition, Nowgong church, Gale Memorial Bible School and its subsidiary buildings, Jorhat infirmary, the educational and medical work bungalows for Jorhat, the Woman’s Society bungalow for Gauhati and the water tower, cook house, laundry, etc., for the hospital plant there, a dormitory for boys for Gauhati and a high school building for Jorhat. It took a good deal of time to draw up a type plan for bungalows that was suitable to everybody concerned, but we are happy to report that the majority, at least, are satisfied with the plan now in vogue. We drew a little city in miniature to show the plans for the Sibsagar compound, to be submitted to Government for action.

Office. We have shared our office help with the Industrial School, thus reducing our overhead considerably. From this experience we have learned that on a reorganized basis the offices of the Builder and of the Industrial School can be combined with great advantage to the Mission.

We have also served as Secretary of the Property Committee during the year. You heard its report yesterday......

Publishings. In accordance with Reference Committee action 2859, we proceeded with the compiling of material for a Manual of Construction, which will be submitted to Conference for action. On account of the lateness of the notification’s reaching our office we have not been able to bring to Conference as complete a sample of the book as we should have wished. We have made an outline, with a few samples of what we intend to do, which I hope will be enough to give you an idea of what the purpose of the book really is. It is hoped that this little volume will give the average missionary the information required in connection with building problems in Assam......
**Accounts.** We are happy to be able to report that our accounts have been audited and found correct. Our financial statement is as follows:

### Total Receipts and Disbursements.

**Year ending 31st October, 1924**

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<th>To Balance from last year.</th>
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**Total** | 95,896 | 4 | 1

### By Expended during the year.

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G. S. Kangpokpi Projects  ...  2,540 7 3
G. S. Sundry (rethatcliing Gauhati bungalows, etc.)  ...  1,900 0 0
G. S. Sibsagar bungalow  ...  6,000 0 0

Property Pool Account:
Buildings  ...  7,423 10 3
Satri Bari  ...  70 4 0
Paid Treasurer  ...  5,989 1 3  60,183 4 9

Balance in hand.
Cash: Gale Memorial Bible School  ...  2,172 12 3
W. S. Hospital  ...  115 13 9
G. S. Educational bungalow, Jorhat  ...  7 6 6
Property Pool  ...  3,412 9 9  5,708 10 3
Sundry Debtor, Property Pool Account  ...  30,004 5 1

Total  ...  95,896 4 1

Builder's Balance Sheet Year ending 31st October, 1924.

W. S. Gale Memorial Bible School.
To Balance brought forward from balance sheet up to 31st Oct., 1923  ...  2,000 0 0
Received from Treasurer  ...  8,000 0 0  10,000 0 0

By Exp. for Gale Memorial:
School bldg.  ...  7,580 15 9
Exp. for latrine and bathroom  ...  231 4 0
Exp. for teacher's house  ...  15 0 0  7,827 3 9

By Balance in hand:
Cash  ...  771 5 9
International Bank  ...  16 3 3
Doss & Co., Local Bank  ...  1,385 3 3  2,172 12 3

Total  ...  10,000 0 0

W. S. Medical Bungalow, Gauhati.
To Received from Treasurer  ...  10,000 0 0
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**W. S. Hospital, Gauhati.**

To Balance brought forward
from balance sheet up to 31st Oct., 1923
Received from Treasurer
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(Property Pool, for land, Prop. Com. action 24A/23)

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**W. S. Sundry Account.**

To Received from Treasurer
for W. S. bungalow roof, Golaghat

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**G. S. Educational Bungalow, Jorhat.**

To Received from Treasurer

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### G. S. Kangpokpi Project.

To Balance brought forward
from balance sheet up to
31st Oct., 1923  ...  1,828  6  3
Received from Treasurer  ...  467  0  0
Sundry creditor, Dr. Crozier ...  245  1  0
_____________________________  2,540  7  3

By Paid sundry creditor  ...  712  1  0
Balance:
Timber at Kangpokpi  ...  1,180  6  9
Materials at Kangpokpi  ...  642  8  6
Cash with Mr. Pettigrew  ...  5  7  0
_____________________________  1,828  6  3
_____________________________  2,540  7  3

### G. S. Sundry Account.

To Received from Treasurer
for rethatching Mr. Fielder’s bungalow ...  400  0  0
For rethatching Mr. Stephen’s bungalow ...  300  0  0
For rethatching School house ...  1,200  0  0
_____________________________  1,900  0  0

By Expended for rethatching
Mr. Fielder’s bungalow ...  278  12  0
Paid Mr. Stephen for rethatching of Bungalow and school house ...  1,500  0  0
_____________________________  1,778  12  0

Returned to Treasurer ...  121  4  0
_____________________________  121  4  0

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### G. S. Sibsagar Bungalow.

To Received from Treasurer ...  6,000  0  0
Transfer from Property Pool Account ...  1,110  6  6
_____________________________  7,110  6  6
By Exp. as per Mr. Bowers' account
Balance with Mr. Bowers

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Projects in Property Pool.

To Balance brought forward from balance sheet up to 31st Oct., 1923

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Received from Treasurer:

- For Impur Dispensary
- For W. S. Bungalow, Nowgong
- For W. S. Reeder Memorial (Orphanage)
- For G. S. Bible School building
- For G. S. Administration building
- Received from sale of materials of old W. S. bungalow, Nowgong

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By W. S. Bungalow, Nowgong
- W. S. Reeder Memorial
- G. S. Bible School building
- G. S. Administration building
- G. S. Sibsagar bungalow
- G. S. Dispensary, Impur

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Paid W. S. Hospital for land, as per Property Committee action 24A/23

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Paid W. S. Satri Bari

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Paid Treasurer to credit of Lewis Memorial Hostel as per Property Committee action 48-23

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To credit of Mr. Blanc's office, travel and shop upkeep, as per Property Committee action 78-24

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To credit of Overhead account, vide notification No. 138 of 3-4-24
Cash to Treasurer ...
Balance in hand:
Jorhat School Bank ...
International Bank ...
Doss & Co., Local Bank ...
Cash in hand ...
Sundry Debtors ...

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<td>Gauhati cook house</td>
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<td>Miss Doe, Nowgong</td>
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<td>Cash with Miss Hay, from dismantling old bungalow</td>
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<td>J. Selander, Sadiya</td>
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Schedule of Sundry Debtors.

RESOLVED: That the report of the Mission Builder be accepted.


RESOLVED: That the plans and specifications for the construction of Woman's Society bungalows, as laid down in A.R.C. Case 2508, be amended by the adoption of the specifications authorized for General Society bungalows in Property Committee action No. 28/23, which provides that, for the present, bungalows for the plains shall be constructed with single walls, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) inch thick floors, corrugated iron roof with proper protection against heat, and seven foot chang.


RESOLVED: That the entire hospital project be put into the hands of the Property Committee to draw up new plans, in consultation with the Medical Council, with a view to giving more nearly equal accommodation to the dispensary and the hospital features of the work.

Mr. Fielder reported for the Committee on Purchase of Land in Shillong, including the history of the business, the securing of a suitable piece by Mr. Kampfer and himself, and the arrangements for purchase. Rs. 2,000 have been paid, and the balance, Rs. 500, is to be paid when the legal transfer is made. It still remains to do the following things:

1. To draw up complete plans, specifications and estimates for every structure to be erected, with a map showing the location of the same, and to secure approval of them by the Board and the Government of Assam.

2. To secure the Board’s formal sanction for the purchase, so that it may be completed and the papers passed.

3. To request the Board to reimburse the missionaries who advanced the money, as soon as it can be done conveniently.

4. To begin with the erection of the buildings whenever funds are received.

It will not be possible for the Board to make any appropriations until our Property Pool account is settled.

In view of these circumstances and in order that the purchase of the land and other business might be completed as soon as possible, the following resolution was embodied in the report and was adopted with it:

RESOLVED: That the Mission Builder and one representative each of the General Society and the Woman’s Society be requested to visit Shillong as soon as possible after Conference, with a view to determining the division of the land between the two Societies and to the early completion of all necessary building papers in connection with four small one-family bungalows for General Society workers and one rest house for Woman’s Society workers, and the necessary outbuildings, to be built there;

2. That the Property Committee and the Reference Committee, each according to its function, be authorized to pass finally upon the plans and to submit them to the Boards of Managers and the Government of Assam for approval;

3. That the Board of Managers of the General Society be requested to authorize the Mission Attorney to complete the purchase of the land in the name of the Society with the balance of the funds contributed by members of Conference and others;

4. That the Boards be requested to refund the sum of Rs. 2,550 to the underwriters of the cost of the land, according to the division to be determined upon by the above mentioned
special committee, with the hope that the money for the land can be repaid within another year or two, and to make provision for the erection of the bungalows as early and in such way as is convenient.

(See also Cases: 2989, Statement of Needs; 2990, Suggestions for Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment; 2991, Acquisition of Wokha Compound; 2264-21, Rest Houses for Assam; 2570-22, Rest Houses at Shillong and Darjeeling; 2571-22, Funds for Land at Shillong; 2758-23, Report of Committee on Purchase of Land in Shillong; 2985, Audit of Mission Builder's Accounts.)

XXII. Publicity.

The report of the Publicity Committee was given orally by Mr. Fielder.

The following were named to report the Conference to the various papers:

- Baptist
- Watchman-Examiner
- Missions
- Missionary Review
- Statesman
- Englishman
- Times of Assam
- Achikni Ripeng
- Burma News
- Iowa Record
- Swedish Standard
- Kansas Baptist
- Dipti

Miss E. E. Nichols
Mr. Pettigrew
Mr. Fielder
Miss Crisenberry
Mr. Pettigrew
Mr. Olney
Mr. Selander
Miss Holbrook
Mr. Allen
Mr. Firth
Mr. Tanquist
Miss Evans
Mr. Boggs


RESOLVED: That the Rs. 36 charged for the publication of the Assam Directory in the Missionary Review be paid from the general printing fund, so long as it is desired to continue the publication of said directory.

XXIII. Public Questions.

XXIV Secretary.


The report of the Mission Secretary was read by Mr. Longwell.

Report.

The logical beginning of this report is to quote a few sentences from the 1923 Conference Report, p. 49:
"RESOLVED: That owing to the many problems which will need consideration in the immediate future, and the many burdens resting on all our missionaries, Conference deems it unwise for Mr. Tuttle to take furlough before the spring of 1925, and "That Mr. Tuttle be requested to arrange to remain on the field another year in order that Mr. Olney may have opportunities to gain reasonable familiarity with the files and working of the administrative office.

"A cable message was sent informing the Foreign Secretary of this action.....His reply indicated that Mr. Tuttle should return to America unless covering letter from Conference gave additional reason for remaining. The matter of someone to take Mr. Tuttle's place in the event of his being called to America was left, by common consent, in the hands of the Reference Committee."

In a letter dated December 19, 1923, to Dr. Robbins the Reference Committee went to considerable length in explaining why it was felt that Mr. Tuttle should remain on the field at least one more year before taking furlough. We quote a few sentences from the Committee's letter:

"There is not a man on the field who could be released immediately from his own work to take over the work of the administrative office." "The plan of filling the vacancy for the period of Mr. Tuttle's furlough, by putting in a field missionary, who would have to carry on his mission work simultaneously,.............seems utterly impracticable." "The only other course apparently would be to suspend the functions of the office for a while."

Since the Conference left it "to the Reference Committee to decide what can be done to provide for the office when Mr. Tuttle takes furlough it would be a matter of much satisfaction to us to know how the Board would look upon a proposition to add a stenographer to the administrative staff." "The Committee feels that if Mr. Olney's services in the office could include the work of filing and of assistant to the Secretary as well as the supervision of the Treasury Department, the need of a stenographer could be met by engaging a competent Indian steno-typist." "This arrangement would add to the expense of the administrative office, but relieve the Secretary of much routine work............".

"We ought also to say that at the time of our recent Conference in Nowgong a motion was introduced to eliminate the Secretaryship from our organization........". "In addition to the objection to taking a man from his present work, there was an expressed desire for greater economy and greater simplicity in our missionary organization."

In response to this letter we received communications from
the New York Office, from which the following sentences are quoted:

1. Cable dated January 23, 1924, “Have received your recent letter. Abide by our former decision. Board advises your return to U. S. this spring. Authorize you to employ Indian in order to assist Mr. Olney as per your letter of December 19, 1923.” Sd. J. C. Robbins, G. B. Huntington.

2. Dr. Robbins’ letter of January 24, 1924, “The Officers’ Council and the Board would not look with favour upon the proposal to do away with the office of Secretary. One of our other missions that now has no secretary is considering seriously the necessity of setting apart a man for this particular work.”

As a result of these actions and correspondence recourse was had to the only remaining expedient,—that of letting a field missionary take charge of the Secretary’s work and continue in the oversight of his own station. That the work has been done in a manner unsatisfactory from the view point of the missionaries on the field and doubtless from that of the Home Office in New York, no one knows better or regrets more than the writer.

If he ventured to offer any excuse for the short-comings of the administrative office in 1924, he would be obliged to refer to his partial loss of contact with affairs on the field during an absence of nearly three years just prior to undertaking to carry on the work of the office simultaneously with his own station work. He would also, if perfectly frank, speak of the office work as a task for which he had little fitness in the way of experience, no special training and no taste.

Aside from travel in connection with committee meetings, several trips between Gauhati and Furkating during the year, and about a week’s tour with Dr. Rider, travel has been practically precluded. An important trip to Dhubri in the interests of our mission land there should have been made, but this was impossible owing chiefly to the failure to secure a power of attorney from the Home Office until too late to permit the trip being made before Conference. This business must be attended to immediately after Conference.

During the year the following Committee meetings have been held:

The Educational Committee met in Gauhati, July 23-25 inclusive, and again December 5. One regular meeting of the Property Committee was held in Nowgong in March. Reference Committee meetings were held as follows:
2. Gauhati, Jan. 8-14, 1924.

The Reference Committee have had some difficult problems to deal with. How well they have done their work the future only can tell. At a quite late date it has been pressed upon their minds that the Home Office expects the Assam Mission to study its budget in relation to the work and condition on the field, with a view to "adjustment and possible serious retrenchment". See letter to Conference, p. 5. As it seemed impracticable at so late a date to have a special "Committee on Adjustments" appointed by Conference to make any report at this session, the Reference Committee have taken the matter upon their hearts and, if desired by Conference, can be prepared to make a preliminary report before the end of the session. It may be stated also that the Committee have had the request and warnings of Secretary Robbins' letters of Sept. 24 and Oct. 6, 1924, in mind in distributing the present budget.

Some of us are bound to be disappointed when we receive notice of our appropriations for the year. Only one request is made of us, that we give the Committee credit for having faced their task in a spirit of fairness and consecration to the highest interests of the whole Mission.

The Committee has had actually less money to distribute than was available last year, for while the gross appropriation is exactly the same as that for 1923-24, there was a considerable balance from the old Reserve Fund added to the 1923-24 budget, while the 1923-24 Reserve Fund was all but exhausted.

Nearly all the minor questions requiring attention during the year have been dealt with by correspondence, and the volume of business falling in this class has been far greater than the writer dared to dream at the time he consented to undertake the work. In a few cases our good friends have had their patience tried, no doubt, by delays in getting their business attended to. One can only beg to assure such friends that no request has been pigeonholed, or wilfully allowed to lag. In addition to the correspondence with missionaries and with the New York Office, there has been considerable with Government officials and with other people outside the Mission.

The bulk of the correspondence with Government officials
has been related to our proposed Mission compound in the Lhota Naga tribe. This correspondence will be reviewed sometime during the present session, and Conference will be requested to take action upon it.

The meeting of the Reference Committee in Kangpokpi in June was one of the most important meetings of the whole year, and has led to a revision of estimates for the building operations in that station. There was every evidence that Conference had put itself behind extensive plans without knowing the real conditions of things on the field. The Committee were unanimous in the conviction that a far less ambitious scheme should be worked out for the developing of our work in Manipur.

The Property Pool, which has been a very unsatisfactory attempt at facilitating our property interests, is nearing the end of its existence. In the Foreign Secretary's letter of July 21, 1924, we received notice to the effect that Assam may not expect much further appropriations for property until this "Pool" is closed. We are happy to report that the Board have set aside a sum of money to apply on the overdrafts, and steps are being taken on the field to close up this account as rapidly as possible.

Our building program has not made the progress which we hoped for. The Mission Builder will doubtless report what has been accomplished in Jorhat where he has been in direct charge, and in Gauhati and Sibsagar, where general workers have given largely of their time and strength to building operations. The Woman's Hospital in Gauhati remains unfinished, and the General Society hospital at Jorhat remains untouched, and other building interests are lagging.

The entire building program of the Mission is a topic to which the proposed Committee on Adjustments and Retrenchment should give early and careful attention with a view to presenting a well-considered report to Conference for adoption. Certain building projects should be speeded up, while others which have been sanctioned by Conference should be abandoned.

Land and bungalow for the Lhota work at Furkating have been purchased. It has become quite clear that the land on which we are paying taxes on the west side of the tank at Sibsagar will not be available for Mission buildings. It would therefore seem wise to relinquish our claim on that part of our Sibsagar land. The land at Goalpara also should be relinquished if that has not already been done.

In the office the staff remains unchanged. The Indian helpers have worked faithfully and the writer feels that he owes a special debt of gratitude to the book-keeper, Babu J. C. Shome,
and to Sjt. C. Zillie, for their patient, steady and efficient work throughout the year.

Mr. Olney's help has been greatly appreciated. He has indexed the correspondence for 1924, and has had complete oversight of the Treasury Department and files.

The members of the Reference Committee have been most patient in dealing with the mistakes of the Secretary, and in this respect it would be difficult to speak too highly of Mr. Kampfer and Miss Geisenhener, whose experience and constant accessibility have made their helpfulness invaluable. The third member of the Reference Committee, Mr. Pettigrew, has also been very helpful, but his station being so far removed from the central office has occasioned some little delay in getting matters before the Committee by correspondence.

The Gauhati friends all have been most gracious and kind, and the missionaries throughout the field have been as considerate as could be expected in view of what they have had to endure.

Conditions on the field are most encouraging and yet distressing. Several stations are either vacant or only partly manned. The year has witnessed the departure of no fewer than fourteen of our missionaries for furlough or retirement, and seven or eight others are likely to go soon. To offset this decrease only one General Society worker and one representative of the Woman's Society have returned. We are happy to welcome Miss Maza Rose Evans, who is already one of us, and Dr. Esther M. Closson, whose early arrival is happily awaited.

The needs for reinforcement in the upper valley and lower valley are distressing, and the Mikir work is without a resident missionary. Except in perhaps two stations, not another missionary can leave the field without compelling us to consider the closing down of his work, and in several cases one missionary is carrying the work of two or more. Points at which our work is suffering most from being insufficiently staffed are the lower valley, the Mikir Hills, Sādiya, and Kangpokpi. But the all conquering Spirit of Christ moves on.

Inquiries are coming from interested people in many quarters, our Bible Classes have never been so well attended and it is doubtful if the interest has ever been so great, and the spirit of evangelism is in evidence, apparently, throughout the field. We await the field reports with great interest.

As we look out upon the unparalleled opportunity for evangelistic work in the province, and as we read in the Messenger and the Foreign Secretary's letters of probable "adjustments" and "possible serious retrenchments" we are forced to halt and take a
new look at things. The first "adjustment" must take place within ourselves. We need to get completely out of the atmosphere of the "New World Movement". That movement has had its day, has made its contribution, has left its dreams partially realized, partially faded. But it is a thing of the past; a new order has set in and we need to adjust ourselves to understand it, and to act in the light of to-day, not in the dreams of yesterday.

We need also scan the future with eyes which see the things which will abide. We do need buildings and we need institutions. But the beginning and the end of all our effort must be to leave in our tracks the Church of the living Christ,—a Church which will be self propagating, survive all social upheavals and outlast all political creeds.

The writer has not the slightest desire to encroach upon the reports to be read by others, and least of all that of the Necrologist. But he cannot refrain from mentioning the crowning of our brother W. P. Dowd, our sisters Ella C. Bond and Mrs. A. E. Stephen and little Helen Hutton. Their "sun is gone down and it is yet day."

RESOLVED: That the report of the Secretary be accepted.

(See also Case 2990, par. 10, regarding study of administrative office).

XXV Social Service.

XXVI. Womans' Work, General.


The report of the Woman's Committee was made by Miss Geisenhener, covering the visit of the Commission from home, losses and additions to the staff, building progress and nominations of Woman's Society representatives at the Conference on Mission Policies to be held in America during 1925.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.

See also Cases: 2972, Woman's Society Representation at Conference on Policies: 2989, Statement of Needs: 2990, Suggestions for Committee on Adjustment and Retrenchment, paragraphs 1 and 2; 2997, Alterations in Woman's Society Bungalow Specifications.)

XXVII. Miscellaneous.


Mr. Fielder reported that a total of Rs. 571-14-9, in addition to what had been given through the Viceroy's Fund, had been contributed by twenty-five families and organizations in our Mission toward the relief of the Japanese Christians who had
suffered from the earthquake. This netted $184.49 U. S., and was greatly appreciated by those in charge of the relief work.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.


The Committee on Repair of Missionary Graves reported through Mr. Fielder.

Report.

The Committee on Repair of Missionary Graves would report that during the year the graves of Dr. Ward, in Sibsagar, and of James Barker, child of Rev. and Mrs. Cyrus Barker, and of the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Ward, in Gauhati, have been put into thoroughly good condition.

Mr. Bowers had Dr. Ward's monument repaired and whitened, the iron fence around the plot repaired, and the ground within cleared of weeds. The cost of this, Rs. 75, was met by a gift from Mrs. Emma Bucknell, daughter of Dr. Ward.

The monuments of the two children in Gauhati both were in very bad condition. The Gauhati missionaries undertook to meet the cost of repairing them, provided the money could not be found elsewhere, and the work was undertaken by myself. The total cost was Rs. 77-9-0. I hope to receive one-half of this from Mrs. Bucknell and the remainder from the Board, and am now awaiting their replies to my letters.

Mr. Hutton intended to repair the graves in Nowgong, but owing to his sudden departure for America was unable to do so. However, Mr. Kampfer has funds for the purpose and will have the work done soon. When it is done all the graves of our missionaries here in Assam will be in condition to last a long time.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.

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