The Sixty-eighth Annual Report of the BURMA BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION Held at PYINMANA on Saturday, the 7th October, and Sunday, the 8th October, 1933

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The Sixty-eighth Annual Session of the Burma Baptist Missionary Convention was held at Pyinmana, 7th and 8th October, 1933.

Splendid arrangements had been made by the Pyinmana people for the lodging and entertaining of the guests. The Burmans were quartered in the High School and neighbouring homes, while the Karens and Chins lived in a fine large mandat erected on the Agricultural Farm. A large dining hall had been built on the southern limits of the farm where all the groups gathered at mealtime in real friendship, to enjoy the excellent food which was prepared.

Inspiration and Worship

The programme each day started with prayer meetings in the various languages. These were lead by Saya John Thet Gyi, Thra Molo, Samo Aung Pe, Rev. U Tha Aung, Thra Annie Dewar and Samo Tun Pa.

On Sunday morning, the 8th October, church services were held in Burmese, Sgaw Karen and Pwo Karen. Rev. U Po Ka of Pyinmana preached at the Burmese service at the High School; Thra San Nwe of Rangoon at the Sgaw Karen service at the Agricultural School Hall; and S'ta To Gyi at the Pwo Karen service at the Farm Dining Hall.

Sunday afternoon was taken up with meetings of the Burma Women's Missionary Society at the High School, and the Annual Christian Endeavour and Sunday School Rally at the Agricultural School.

At the evening Mass Meeting, Rev. H. E. Hinton preached the sermon in English. He contrasted the disciples who slept in the garden when Jesus was in danger, with the bold and active disciples who later healed the lame man. Jesus told them
to “rise and pray;” and “When they had prayed, . . . they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and fearlessly uttered God’s message” Acts 4:31. This change in the disciples’ attitudes and lives occurred because they came to a true appreciation of Christ, because they appropriated Christ in their own lives, and because they truly manifested Him to others.

Following the English part of the service, U Hla of the Government High School, Prome, gave an address in Burmese.

Each of the three business sessions on Saturday were opened with a half hour devotional period. These were lead by Thra Peter Hla of Toungoo, Rev. H. E. Dudley, and Rev. U Ba Han, President and Chairman of the Convention. Rev. U Ba Han said in his key-note address, which he based on Matt. 9:37, that the harvest time is a climax which for us presents both opportunities and duties. First, we all must work; no one may shift the burden, for it is harvest time and the crops must be brought in. Second, because the harvest is plenteous, it is a testing time for our implements, our methods of working. Third, harvest time is a real privilege because we can all work hand in hand with Him—co-workers for the Kingdom.

Music for all the services was arranged for by Thra Johnson Kan Gyi and Thra San Po Thin.

Educational

On Saturday morning U Ba Shwe, Assistant Commissioner of Boy Scouts, Toungoo, addressed the Convention on the subject, “Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, an Aid to Village uplift.” He said that the ideal of scouting is to build character, a fundamental need if village life is to be improved. This it does through a constructive programme of outdoor activity in subjects which prepare a scout to serve those about him. Scouting as a direct method of village uplift is almost untried. However, Scoutmaster Timothy is getting very hopeful results from a troop which he started in a village in Toungoo district where he is working for village improvement. Their projects include road repair, house cleaning, gardening, live-saving, and evening game periods for the village boys. In closing, he said that the greatest need was for scoutmasters with the necessary ideals and energy to carry on the work. The boys and girls and the program are there; it is leaders that are needed. Who will take up the work?

After the business meeting on Saturday night, U Tun Yee talked on “Village Uplift.” This was followed by very interesting movies on “Malaria and Village Sanitation.” These films could well be used in many places as they are really educational, and can be secured free of charge.

An overflow meeting was held at the same hour in the High School when Dr. U Tha Saing spoke on “Prevention is better than Cure” or “How to Keep Well.”
Business

The first business session of the Convention was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday with Rev. U Ba Han in the chair.

*Election of Temporary Recording Secretaries*

As the regular recording secretaries for Burmese, Sgaw and Pwo Karen were absent, the following men were elected to fill the vacancies: U Hla Aung, U Po Sein, Thara Molo, and S'ra Maung Kwa.

*Appointment of Committees by the President*

The chairman announced the following Convention Committees:

- Nominating Committee: Rev. H. E. Hinton, U Po Gyaw (Rangoon), U Po Myaing (Henzada), Rev. U Yaw La (Sagaing).
- Time, Place, and Preachers: Rev. L. B. Rogers, Thra Joseph Paw Malaw (Moulmein), Thra U Po Ban (Bassein), Thra Byu (Rangoon), U Po Min (Mablingan).
- Enrolment: Saya Mg. Yin, Thra Bennett (Rangoon), Rev. U Tun Pe, Saya U Hla Aung.
- Obituary: Rev. H. I. Marshall, Thra Ba On (Bassein), Thra San Nwe (Rangoon), Rev. U Tha Din (Mandalay).
- Resolutions: Rev. E. T. Fletcher, U Ba Te, U Po Kyaing, Miss Gertrude Teele, U Shwe Hman.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

Altogether three meetings of the Committee were held. At the second meeting was appointed a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, the Treasurer, U Shwe Hman, Thra Sau Koo, Saya U Po Min, and the Secretary to revise and look into Convention work in all the fields, and to recommend changes and additions wherever necessary and suitable. At the last meeting of the Managing Com., Mr. H. W. Smith was co-opted to serve on the Readjustment Committee.

This sub-committee met twice. At the second meeting the committee agreed on making the following recommendations:

1. Voted that we recommend that with effect from 1st January, 1934 the support of two workers (offt of four) in Siam be withdrawn.
2. Voted that we recommend that the salary of Thra Ba Thaw, worker among the Lisus, be reduced from Rs. 60 to 50.
3. Voted that we recommend that Rs. 240 be the maximum amount to be contributed by the Convention to any of the stations which apply for aid from the Convention.
4. Voted that with reference to the application of the B. B. M. S. for support of a worker at Magwe at Rs. 30 a month (Rs. 360 a year) we recommend payment of an appropriation of Rs. 240 a year.
5. With reference to the request by the Myingyan Committee for some appropriation for the Dry Zone work, we recommend that Rs. 180 be granted.
6. We recommend the readjustment of appropriations as follows:

   - Rs.

   1. Two workers who are withdrawn from Siam:
      - 3 months—Oct., Nov., Dec., 1933 Rs. 50 a month 150
2. Two workers who are retained in Siam at Rs. 70  
   per mensem  
   Rs. 840
3. Haka, Chins Rs. 400 reduced to  
   Rs. 240
4. Kengtung, Muso Rs. 250 withdrawn  
   Rs. 240
5. Loikaw, Karen Rs. 300 reduced to  
   Rs. 240
6. Mandalay, Chinese Rs. 200 withdrawn  
   Rs. 240
7. Namkham, Shan Rs. 300 reduced to  
   Rs. 240
8. Loilem, Black Karens Rs. 400 reduced to  
   Rs. 240
9. Pyap'on, Burmese Rs. 480 reduced to  
   Rs. 240
10. Taunggyi, Taungthu Rs. 220 reduced to  
    Rs. 220
11. Tavoy, Burman Rs. 250 reduced to  
    Rs. 200
12. Kyangin, Burman Rs. 360 reduced to  
    Rs. 240
13. Prome, Burman Rs. 250 reduced to  
    Rs. 240
14. Thayetmyo, Chin Rs. 250 reduced to  
    Rs. 200
15. Magwe, Burman new appropriation  
    Rs. 240
16. Mt Popa, Burman new appropriation  
    Rs. 180
17. Myitkyina, Lisus Rs. 720 reduced to  
    Rs. 600

Report of work done by Convention workers have come from a few of them. Saya Po Lun, Black Karen, Loilem, reports that he has been working among Black, Striped, Red-necked Karens and Taungthu, who always listen attentively to the Gospel. Some Black Karens have been baptised, and there are many others almost ready for baptism.

Thra Ba Tun, Lashio, reports that many Lahus are ready for baptism, but that there is no minister.

Saya U Aung Po, Prome, reports 116 baptisms and many more to come.

Saya U Kyaw Pe reports 11 baptisms at Maubin and 11 at Labyan village. Some more to come.

Reports from workers in our Siam field indicate a spiritual revival there. Thara Winner tells of the extraordinary interest shown by the people there, and Thara Thinker confirms this when he reports that the headman of Met-ya Khee village and his wife have been baptised, while many others are ready for baptism. A great hope seems to have sprung up in the hearts of our workers in Siam. They all conclude their reports with the words: "Do not give up. Pray for Siam."

Respectfully submitted,
Johnson Kan Gyi,
Corresponding Secretary, B. B. M. C.

After the report of the committee was read by Mr. Kan Gyi, it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The printed treasurer's report was approved as circulated. Rev. E. B. Roach stressed the fact that though there is shown a slight balance, this has only been made possible by dropping work or by reducing the salaries of the workers. The reduced gifts from Churches and Associations during the year have necessitated the cuts announced by the Managing Committee in their report. Some of the Convention funds invested in Government bonds which formerly bore 6% interest, will in the future give only 4%. This means reduced income from this source also.

The total amount of the various collections taken at the 1933 Convention was Rs. 161-7-6.
Telegram of sympathy to Ma Hannah

Before the morning business session adjourned, it was voted to wire to Ma Hannah the sympathy of the Convention and their best wishes for her speedy recovery.

REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

The Evangelistic Committee has very little to report. That does not mean that there has been very little evangelistic work done during the past year. The activities are carried on by such agencies as the Daily Vacation Bible School work under Sayama Ma Hannah, the Gospel Team work, and other activities from the seminaries, the efforts of various missionaries and young people's organizations. Many of these efforts are gathered up in the work of the Kingdom of God Movement of the Burma National Christian Council.

This committee has had two meetings during the year. One at Henzada at the time of the last convention when the organization was effected and Dr. Marshall was appointed Chairman. Then once during the year when the funds appropriated from the Reference Committee were allocated to the D. V. B. S. and Gospel team work.

The writer of this report desires to say that he feels that the committee as at present constituted is greatly handicapped and that it is almost impossible to get any effective work out of it. Theoretically it is good to have all races and all groups within the Convention represented on the committee but practically it means that the membership is scattered all over the country and to get a meeting with any representative attendance means a great expenditure of time and money. I would recommend that the matter of the constitution of this committee be referred to the Managing Committee of the Convention for revision in order that a committee may be chosen which can meet from time to time and can plan for some real aggressive evangelistic work such as is really needed in the country and for which there is a crying demand. I would suggest a smaller committee which could get together oftener, and that it might be possible to get smaller committees outside in various sections or among the various racial groups to function in their own areas in cooperation with the central committee. It would seem that with a little time and thought a plan could be worked out that would give better results than the present plan.

Respectfully submitted,
H. I. Marshall,
Chairman.

The report was accepted as read, but no action was taken to change the organization of the committee.

REPORT OF JUDSON COLLEGE

One of the problems with which Judson College has to deal during these days of financial stringency is that of aiding students who are unable to pay all of their college expenses. During the year 1932-1933 we had an enrolment of 283 students and 40 per cent. of this number received aid. We have the same number of students this year and the percentage of aided students is about the same as that for the preceding year. The many requests for aid have placed a heavy burden upon the College but we have endeavoured to help as many of the worthy students as we could.

Our College Chapel is now practically complete and we plan to have the dedication services on the 12th November, 1933. We greatly appreciate the aid which you have given us in the work of erecting this beautiful building which affords us an appropriate place in which to
centre the religious life of our College. We have not sufficient funds in hand to pay all the money due on the Chapel. The College Trustees have appointed a special committee to raise the balance needed which amounts to about Rs. 22,000. With the completion of the Chapel the major building operations on the College compound have been finished.

A happy relationship seems to prevail in the College, both between the students and members of the teaching staff and as far as the students themselves are concerned. Most of the students are interested in some form of college activity that is supplemental to their classroom work. The student body is divided into groups and each group has a faculty member as advisor. The students are encouraged to discuss their problems with their advisors and an effort is made to enable the students to get the best out of their college life. Much importance is put upon character building.

We feel that the religious life of the College is well emphasized. The students are given opportunities to develop their abilities as Christian leaders. An example of this is that a number of our Christian organizations are led by the students themselves. This is especially the case with the mid-week prayer meeting. At present about 60 per cent of our students are Christians. This is a very high percentage for colleges.

The students seem to be paying proper attention to their studies. There is no difficulty about non-observance of study hours in the hostels and a growing tendency to do better work is shown. This is caused, to some extent, by the keener competition that they now have because of the scarcity of positions.

Our teaching staff is extremely conscientious in doing the work of the class room and laboratory. Quite a number of them are doing extra work because of the need for retrenchment but the quality of their work is not impaired by their extra duties.

S. H. Rickard,
Officiating Principal.

After Mr. F G. Dickason had read this report in the absence of Mr. Rickard, Dr. Marshall, as a member of the committee elected by the Trustees of the College, spoke to the Convention to raise the Rs. 22,000 still due on the Judson College Chapel. He laid before the Convention the facts and asked those who could to make gifts to this cause.

REPORT OF THE PYINMANA AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

As the Convention is being held on the grounds of the Agricultural School at Pyinmana you can see for yourself what we have here. Every visitor is expected to go around the farm, and see the fruit and vegetable gardens, the sugar cane, bean crops and the animals. The price of paddy is likely to remain low for many years and the people of Burma need to learn how to produce something else in addition to rice.

The School:

Last year the school completed the first ten years of its history and there were fourteen who graduated after completing the four year course. Since the Government Grant for the school was reduced from Rs. 22,000 to Rs. 10,000 last year, the class room teaching has been reduced to 2½ days a week and the time for field work increased to 3½ days per week. As the scholarship aid for needy pupils had to be reduced the students needed to work longer on the farm to pay for their board. The school fees are only Rs. 20 a year for tuition and students need to bring Rs. 10 when they enter at the beginning of the year. This year seventy students have enrolled of whom thirty-seven are in the first year class. The number of Burmese students has increased to eighteen which is one fourth the total number. A Lisu from Mogok, a Tiddim Chin and a Lahu from
Meng Meng China and a Siamese Shan from Kengtung are representatives from new sections this year. Of those who have graduated from the school fifty-nine per cent have gone back to do agricultural work with their own hands and a total of ninety per cent have taken up some form of work directly serving village communities. Therefore many of those trained in the school are working for the help of village people.

The Farm:

The area occupied by the farm is 200 acres. The field crops cover about 140 acres, and vegetable garden 10 acres. With the low price for paddy we have been demonstrating how other crops giving more profit can be grown and give employment during the time not required for paddy. Crops which are being found more profitable than paddy at Pyinmana are sugar cane, maize, matpe, (Mungo bean), pegyi (Lablab bean), gram (Chick pea). Also pebok (Soy bean) grows well in the higher fields in the rainy season, as it stands much heavy rain if there is drainage. Although requiring much hand weeding the work on the crop can be done at such a time as is free from work on paddy.

Because of the increasing difficulty of marketing farm products due to the shortage of money and the low prevailing prices for all crops, the purchases from outside for the boarding department and animal food have been reduced to a minimum and the crops which could be consumed by the farm and school have been increased to a maximum. For example, to save buying broken rice and rice bran for our pigs and cattle we have increased the area planted to maize three fold. Also the boarding department has a constant supply of vegetables from the garden such as beans, onion, gourds, brinjal, cabbage, mustard, lady finger and roselle. This policy of subsistence farming we would commend to our farmers in Burma during this time of financial depression. They should learn to produce more of the things which they need for their own use. By this means the school has been able to meet its requirements even with reduced funds. The total value of the products of the farm come to about Rs. 1,000 a month.

The fruit garden with grafted trees imported from India is a new feature. The Tangerin and Nagpur oranges, grape vine and seedless guava have started to bear fruit and give promise of being of much value.

Among the animals, the Berkshire pig is much in demand and boars have been sold for crossing with village sows. During the year 43 pure bred Barred Rock cocks were distributed in 9 centres with Government assistance. For three years this improved poultry farming program has been carried on and interest in poultry has increased much. Newcastle Disease (Ranikhet disease) has attacked chickens all over Burma and in many places killed off nearly all the fowls. The disease is spread by crows as well as by fowls. We have succeeded in preventing the disease spreading to the farm by keeping all the poultry feed inside the houses and placing flaps of burlap over the entrances that crows should not touch the food. Also no fowls from outside have been allowed near our birds and our own fowls have been kept inside separate yards surrounded by wire netting so that if the disease started in one yard it should not spread to the next.

Extension Work in the Villages:

The work and influence of the school is extending out to the villages. Many letters of inquiry are received and visitors are coming in increasing numbers. The program of improved poultry farming is being extended among the villages. Four men trained in the school have been employed in the egg marketing work growing out of the above program. Sanitary bore hole latrines have been constructed in some of the villages where most interest has been shown in poultry. At the Agricultural School the bucket system has been replaced by the bore hole system and by pits covered over and made fly proof. Constant instruction is required to prevent sticks being thrown into the holes which will fill them up rapidly.
The Fourth Rural Reconstruction Institute was conducted April 11 to 26 and the Thirteenth Annual Workers Institute will take place for ten days immediately following this Convention. At these Institutes various departments of Government have been asked to show how they can help in rural uplift. We would recommend this resource of Government to others in rural work. Judson College has also been represented by Professor Andrus helping with a course on Rural Economics and Professor Dickason is now going to give some lectures on "Plant Life."

From November through January teams of students have gone out to the villages and into the bazaar to teach and demonstrate the things they have learned and to conduct games and dramas. A group worked up a drama on the life of Judson and besides giving it throughout the cold season locally visited associations and stations on a tour by motor car through Lower Burma. The school is thus seeking to produce men with zeal for service in the rural life of Burma.

Brayton C. Case,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

Read by Dr. H. I. Marshall.

There have been nineteen full time students enrolled this year until the death, in August, of Lal Shikula, the Assamese student who succumbed to enteric in the General Hospital. His death was a great loss to us all.

The numbers are slightly less than last year owing to the enforcement of the rule requiring a year or more of some kind of training, either college or practical experience, following the passing of the Matric Examination. But the wisdom of this move has been apparent. Five of the last year's entering class failed to come up to the required standard of work, but they have been allowed to return to the first year class and are now doing much better work. Thus the standard of intellectual requirements is being brought higher and higher to the good of all concerned.

The work of this department is handicapped by the fact that we have no permanent staff. But as we have called upon one and another from the College faculty and the missionary group to help us in teaching we have had most hearty response and our gratitude is hereby expressed to Dr. H. O. Wyatt, Mr. B. M. Jones, and Sayama Ma Nyein Tha and to Miss Shivers for their splendid co-operation this year. When Mr. Dyer returns in November, he will relieve Sayama Ma Nyein Tha for other work. Mr. Jones is now ill and has gone to Calcutta. We would be glad if he could continue for the rest of the year but that may be impossible. Dr. H. O. Wyatt will continue the history courses throughout the year.

When Drs. Padelford and Robbins visited the Seminaries in December last they were much interested in the department and enquired into its work. They felt that a curriculum prepared in Chicago for American students was not the most applicable to conditions in Burma.

Thus far this department has grown of itself. Its relation to the trustees of the Burman and Karen Seminaries has been loose and undefined. Therefore we welcome the appointment of a committee such as was suggested at the Maymyo Missionary Conference to study the matter of the co-ordinating and reorganizing of the theological schools now at Insein and with that proposed by the Pwo Karen community. As the various groups will soon appoint their quotas on this committee and it will no doubt soon begin deliberations, further comment at this time is unnecessary. We shall await its report with interest.
This year there has been more co-operation with the students in the three Seminaries than formerly. Saya U Ba Han has taken responsibility for assigning various tasks to the students who are related to the Burman side and on the Karen side there has been equal co-operation. The students have benefited by this co-operation and have taken part in all the student activities in so far as their time and other duties would permit.

Every student in the department is required to do some practical work as a definite part of his course. Formerly each teacher was responsible for the practical work in connection with his class. This year the practical work connected with the different subjects taught is being co-ordinated so that groups going out can accomplish a greater amount of good by different members specializing on a task thus being able to serve in a variety of ways, such as evangelistic work, religious education, village survey, sanitation, etc. There has been Sunday School teaching, Young People’s work, village work and various activities in Rangoon city. During the rains there have been fewer campaigns than usual.

A new building is greatly needed as was mentioned in the report of last year. The building loaned by the Karen Seminary has been outgrown and the house occupied by the Dyers has again been used for a dormitory. More room must be found at once as these Mission houses will be occupied by missionaries. As last year, we ask that the trustees of the Burman and Karen Seminaries will support our appeal to the Board for a suitable home for this growing department. Whatever the new organization of the Seminaries may be there can be no question of the need of a suitable building for this department of work.

Respectfully submitted,
H. I. Marshall,
Acting Dean.

REPORT OF THE MOULMEIN ORPHANAGE

A printed report of the orphanage was circulated. Seven of the boys from the home sang well, giving all an idea of the good work being done there.

REPORT OF HARPER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Harper Memorial Hospital was built in January, 1930, at Namkham in the Northern Shan States, as a memorial of Dr. Robert Harper who worked for many years in the old building which has now been replaced by the fine stone one. When his health finally failed, he returned to America where he soon died. In his memory, the Christians there collected six lakhs of rupees which they sent to Burma to build the new hospital.

To this sum Dr. G. S. Seagrave and the Shan Christians subscribed as much money as they could, and the hospital was completed after one and a half years. Some of the non-Christian Shans, also, gave to the fund.

This hospital is situated very near the border of China, and consequently many Chinese patients come to the hospital for treatment. The doctor and the nurses who are Christians give the best kind of care; many of the patients are deeply influenced by the friendly care while they remain for treatment.

In the hospital there is a Nurses’ Training School in which there are twenty-one girls, including Shans, Kachins, Taunggyi and Mone Shans, Lahus, Padaungs, Karens, Burmans from lower Burma, and Taungthu.

In 1932 the outpatients numbered 10461, and the inpatients 757. From Maymyo northeast to Yunnanpur there is no other hospital where operations are performed. During the past year 690 operations were
performed of which 170 were goitre or abdominal cases. Aside from the treatment of the sick, the hospital cares for some orphan children. Although 3,000 rupees come from America and the same amount from Government, yet much more is needed to carry on the work. The patients are so poor that some of them can give only one anna. Scarcely any can pay as much as five or ten rupees. The hospital needs the help of the Christian men and women of all Burma.

Please send any gifts to the address below.

Dr. G. S Seagrave,
A. B. Shan Mission,
Namkham, N. S. S.

REPORT OF MEDICAL WORK IN THE SHAN STATES

U Ba Te gave a verbal report of the medical work in the Shan States. He said that while Dr. Henderson was in Taunggyi, he started three outstations where medicines were stored and which he visited once a week. Dr. Ah Pon is carrying on some of this work.

The dispensary at Taunggyi is self-supporting. Any fees received are turned back into the work.

The dispensary at Mongnai has to be turned over to the Government as we cannot afford to put in a qualified assistant. Until the Government takes over, a Kachin nurse trained at Namkham is looking after the work.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President:—S'ra Shwe Ba, Bassein
Vice-President:—
Thra Peter Hla, Toungoo
S'ra U Ba Kin, Rangoon
U Tha Din, Mandalay
Rev. E. T. Fletcher, Maubin

Corresponding Secretary:—Thra Po Kyaw
Assistant Corresponding Secretary:—Saya Tun Yin, Insein

Recording Secretaries:—
Thra Po Win, Moulmein
Saya Hla, Prome
S'ra Toe Khut, Maubin
Rev. E. T. Fletcher

Treasurer:—Rev. E. B. Roach, Prome

Committee of Management:—
Rev. L. B. Rogers, Toungoo
Rev. U Kan Gyi, Thonze
Rev. C. L. Conrad, Bassein
Rev. U Kan Gyi, Thonze
U Ba Han, Insein
Saya San Yin, Rangoon
U Tha Aung, Pegu
Rev. U Kyaw, Insein
Sayama Ma Nyein Tha, Moulmein
Dr. Daw Saw Sa, Rangoon
Thra Pan, Rangoon
Thra Po Ban, Bassein
Representatives to the Burma Christian Council:—
U Tun Pe, Judson College
U Chit Pe, Pyinmana
S'ra Shwe Ba, Bassein
Thra San Ba, Bassein
U Shwe Hman, Rangoon

Judson College Trustees:—
Terms expiring 1934:—
Thra Maw Po, Henzada
S'ra Shwe Ba, Bassein
U Po Myit, Insein
Thra Pan, Rangoon
Thra G. A. Tudee, Rangoon
Thra San Ba, Bassein
U Po Saw, Danubyu

Terms expiring 1935:—
Rev. L. T. Ah Syoo, Moulmein
U Ba, Rangoon
U Tha Din, Rangoon
Thra Po Myat, Henzada
U Po Byu, Toungoo
Thra Po Win, Moulmein
Dr. Daw Saw Sa, Rangoon

Terms expiring 1936:—
Thra San Baw, Tharrawaddy
U Ba Htin, Pegu
U Shwe Hman, Rangoon
S'ra Toe Kut, Maubin
U Ba Hlaing, Mandalay
U Po Min, Myingyan
U San U, Zigon

All-Burma Baptist Orphanage:—
Superintendent Mrs. P. R. Hackett
Secretary and Treasurer:—U Chit Pwe, Moulmein
Committee Members:—
Miss Ragon
Miss Good
Daw Thein Mya
Thra Po Win
L. T. Ah Syoo
L. T. Ah Poh

Evangelistic Committee:—
Term ending 1934:—
Rev. V. W. Dyer
U Shwe Hman
S'ra Shwe Ba
Rev. U Ba Te
S'mo Aung Baw
U Chit Pu
Thra San Baw

Term ending 1935:—
Rev. J. T. Latta
Mr. J. C. Bannerjee
S'ra Toe Khut
Thra Po Mya
S'mo Tha Dun
U Aung Bwa
U Ba Han
Ma Hannah
REPORT OF ENROLMENT COMMITTEE

Missionaries .. .. 26
Karen men .. .. 521
Karen women .. .. 100
Chin men .. .. 86
Chin women .. .. 54
Burman men .. .. 603
Burman women .. .. 382

Total 1772

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHERS

This report which was read by Rev. Rogers was accepted.

Place:—Toungoo
Time:—Thadingyut

Preachers:—

Burmese, U Po Mya, Prome
U Paw Tun, Zigon, Alternate

Sgaw Karen, Thra Nuru Dee, Tavoy
Thra Ah Gray, Taunggyi, Alternate

Pswo Karen, S’ra Byu, Rangoon
S’ra Po Myaing, Henzada, Alternate

English, Rev. B. C. Case
Rev. A. J. Weeks, Alternate

Chin and Indian preachers are to be appointed by their Conferences.

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Isabella McCartney Money

Isabella McCartney Money was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on October 21, 1880. It was during a series of revival services conducted by Jack Cooke in 1903 that she opened the door of her life to the Lord Jesus Christ. That experience of conversion was the genesis of a ceaseless devotion which manifested itself in many avenues of service to the Lord. Her marriage to James B. Money took place at Milton, Mass., July 5, 1906. Their first term in Burma was from August, 1907, to March, 1914. Here were born their three children.

The years spent in the States before return to Rangoon in 1931 were filled with vital service.

Mrs. Money’s illness began in March, 1932, just five months after their second arrival in Burma. Through that long period of suffering there was never complaint—only happiness. Her thoughts were always for others, and those who visited her always brought away the cheer they came to give. The horizons which seemed to close on her earthly life expanded to measureless joy for her as she entered into the eternal companionship which belongs to those who put their trust in the Lord.

Hulda Wilbur Mix
1846-1933

Not to many is given the privilege of fifty-two years of missionary life in the tropics. Mr. and Mrs. Brenett J. Mix came to Burma in the party of 1879 of which Dr. and Mrs. Nichols were members also.

Leaving college without waiting to get her degree to come with her young husband to foreign service was indicative of Mrs. Mix’ high
loyalty, love and duty, but only a year later she returned to the U. S. A. with her husband dying of tuberculosis. After his death she felt that she must carry on his work, and she gave herself through a long life with unstinted devotion to the Shan people. For many years she lived in Mone when that station was a weary journey of three weeks from the railway. Many of the best Shan Christians have been those rescued by Mrs. Mix and brought up in Christian living in the orphanage she conducted for many years.

She was an authority in the Shan language. The Shan Dictionary is the product of her pen. She did a great work and the Shan Mission will ever be indebted to her. In a note written by the Commissioner, Taunggyi, at the time of her death, he said, “She was a great scholar and leaves behind her a lasting memorial.”

**Rev. Robert Halliday, Litt. D.**

Our dearly beloved Dr. Halliday passed away the 1st of July. It hardly seems possible that we shall have him in our midst no more.

Besides being a great scholar in the Mon language and a great missionary, he was a Christian gentleman to an eminent degree. Humility and courtesy and kindness radiated from his presence like sunlight from the sun; they were a part of him. Harbouring no prejudice, his judgement was rare and sound, and his advice often sought.

His work with the English Church in Moulmein was very valuable. He had strong convictions which he expressed not petulantly, but kindly. His calls in the parish were frequent, and wherever sorrow was, there he was quickly found to comfort.

The Mon Christians were Dr. Halliday’s special flock, and they, especially, knew how he was like his God, plenteous in mercy and able abundantly to pardon.

His two months of sickness were days of meditation upon the goodness of God, and the thoughtfulness of those who devotedly ministered to him.

**Rev. F. H. Eveleth, D.D.**

Dr. Eveleth was born in Maine, U. S. A., in 1843, and came to Burma with his wife to join Burmese work in 1873. In Toungoo they spent two terms of service when the work was hard and discouraging. Five years were given to Sandoway, and then the last years of his service were as President of the Burman Theological Seminary, Insein. He had a very accurate knowledge of the Burmese language and carried through a full revision of Judson’s Dictionary as well as read the proofs for a reprinting of the Burmese Bible. He translated Hovey’s Theology and other textbooks for the Seminary. He retired from active service in 1914. Mrs. Eveleth died in 1916 and he lived on quietly in retirement until November, 1932 when he passed away in his ninetieth year. He was well known as a Christian gentleman, a good sportsman, and exact scholar, a true friend and delightful companion.

**Rev. C. A. Nichols, D.D.**

Just ten years after the birth of Dr. Eveleth, Chas. A. Nichols was born in Connecticut. After being educated at Hamilton, now Colgate University, he came to Burma and joined the Karen Mission at Bassein. Here he was destined to spend his whole missionary career extending over fifty years. Dr. Nichols was a man of marked abilities both as an organizer and administrator, as a religious leader and as an evangelist. The Sgaw Karen work at Bassein has grown to be the largest single mission station connected with the A. B. F. M. S. During the troubled political times following the Second Burmese War he rendered unique service in catching decoit bands.
He was continually going up and down his field in close touch with the pastors and preachers. He built up a large plant for the town school and conducted the business of the saw mill from which funds were obtained for education. He died at home after a short term of retirement. Mrs. Nichols survives him. He will long be remembered by all the Karens as well as other Christians in Burma.

**Thara San Aye**

Born in Bassein, he went as a young man to teach in Ta Kre village near Moulmein. Later he left that place and got a place in the Forestry Department. He was so trustworthy that the government honoured him with promotion. After many years of service he was given a pension. Though he retired from Government service, he never retired from God’s service. The village where he had once taught had then no pastor, so he went back to Ta Kre where he worked faithfully as the servant of God until he died.

**Thara Ser Dee**

Thara Ser Dee was a Paku Karen who lived in Toungoo. He studied in the Seminary where he finished his course in 1898. The same year he became the pastor of Gaw Gee Lo village located west of Toungoo and Pyu. He worked faithfully in God’s service till his death.

He worked as an unordained pastor for eight years and then as an ordained pastor for twenty-seven years more. Altogether he gave thirty-five years of service.

Gaw Gee Lo was a very difficult place to reach because there was a big forest there and several large streams crossed the way. Besides, it was infested with wild tigers and boars. The people there could not pay Thara Ser Dee very much, but this pastor worked with patience till he died in 1933.

**Thara Tha Kyut**

Thara Tha Kyut was one of the oldest pastors in Bassein. He sincerely wanted to work for Christ, so he tried in many ways to do His will. Since he was a wealthy man, he scattered his wealth among the poor and the orphans. He built churches in some places and hired pastors. For one year he taught in the Seminary, after which he travelled from place to place in Bassein and Myaungmya districts for fifty years. Because of his preaching, more than a thousand people came to follow Christ. He died when he was eighty-five years old. We believe that his good works will continue to live in the hearts of those he has helped.

**REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

The following six of the resolutions presented by the Committee were accepted:

1. Seeing that the need for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ becomes more urgent every year while the funds for such work are becoming increasingly inadequate, resolved that we exhort Baptists and other Christian bodies to foster a spirit of voluntary service for the Gospel.
2. Resolved that some work be sponsored among the Mons of Siam since we are informed that there exists a fund known as the Helen Mar Chandler gift which yields an annual income of Rs. 800 to 1,000. This fund was formerly administered by the late Dr. Robert Halliday.

3. In view of the fact that since 1921 the number of Burmese Christians reported by the last census shows an alarming decrease in numbers, be it resolved that a committee of inquiry be appointed to seek the cause of this apparent decrease, and report its finding to the Convention next year.

4. Be it further resolved in this connection that in the future the total number of Christians be reported annually by Associations and that this information be printed with the minutes of the Convention for information and comparison.

5. Having seen at first hand the splendid work of our Pyinmana Agricultural School, we unanimously resolve to bring to the attention of our respective associations, the great unrivaled opportunity for practical training that exists here.

6. Resolved that this Convention in session expresses its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the local committee in Pyinmana, missionaries, and workers who have so royally provided for all the needs of those entertained.

It was voted to refer the third resolution to the Management Committee for action.

Vote of thanks.

Votes of thanks to Saya Ba and Rev. U Ba Han were passed.

F. G. Dickason,
English Recording Secretary.