"Launch out into the deep. Luke V: 4."

Held at
JUDSON COLLEGE, RANGOON

on
Saturday, the 19th October, and Sunday,
the 20th October, 1935
For President:—
Rev. W. E. Wiatt, Insein

Vice-Presidents:—
Thra Chit Maung, Rangoon
S'ra Ba Kin, Rangoon
Saya U Tun Pe, Judson College
Saya Chit Pyu, Mudon, Moulmein

Corr. Secretary:—
Thra Arthur Shwe Taw, Moulmein, appointed upon resignation of Ko Tun Yin, Rangoon,

Recording Secretaries:—
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Pwo Karen: S'ra Toe Khut, Maubin
Burmese: Saya Hla, Prome
English: Rev. R. Cummings, Moulmein

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Rev. C. L. Conrad, Bassein
Saya Ah Syoo, Moulmein
Saya U Hla, Prome
Dr. Daw Saw Sa, Rangoon
Saya U Po Kha, Pyinmana
Thra Po Gyaw, Rangoon
Thra Mooler, Insein
Thra San Ba, Bassein
S'ra Toe Khut, Maubin
Thra Po Myine, Henzada
Daw Bwint, Rangoon

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OUR CHURCH AND THE NEXT CENSUS

For the past two years this Convention has faced the disturbing fact that the 1931 Census report showed Baptist Burmese Christians to have decreased from the number reported in 1921. Last year Dr. Chaney's analysis of the possible causes for this alarming situation were presented to our Convention.

There remain only five years until the next census will be taken. Therefore I have chosen to speak on the theme of "Our Church and the Next Census." Lest anyone mistake me I do not believe for a minute that we Christians should make mere numerical gains or improved Census figures our goal. What we need in Burma is an awakening of our Church that will inevitably yield an increase in baptisms, readmissions on experience and active affiliation with our many churches. Then the meaning of Christian life must become more real. In that sense the next census is a very good mile post at which to aim.

"Our church and the next census" — what does the phrase mean? First we think of the Baptists in Burma composed of all races and language groups — our Baptist Church at large. Again we work with Racial conferences for ease of communication in a common language. Finally of course, the matter narrows down to Our Local Church. My church and the next census! How can I lead or co-operate to bring about an increased loyalty to Christ and new sense of importance of the church to all members? We can find the answer only in action.

Our Convention slogan this year is "Launch out into the Deep." To whom did the Master speak these words? To common fishermen. But they as a group together obeyed his command. The result is so well known that we are in danger of forgetting the application to our Church problem. In Pantanaw area, fishermen from small boats know the value of working together. I have counted as many as fifteen boats with two men to the boat cruising about the river waiting for the tide to be right or until they sight a school of fish. Then at a sign the paddlers push the boats out in a complete circle holding the boats in place while the other man in the boat stands up holding his net ready for a cast. At a signal all fifteen nets slash down on the water at exactly the same moment of time. Nearly always they make a good catch because together they have the fish hemmed in. Do you see the application? Our church progress depends on united effort planned, timed and executed at the right time. In the next five years by working together with God we can make a great catch too.

Only the members of our local churches can prepare for the launching out. We each of us need to do certain things. First, our individual letters ought to be in the church we live near or usually attend. Do not cling to the old association or
the fond memory of the church of first membership. To do so thwarts the power of that Church you love as well as prevents your being a full member of the church where you live. Therefore each local church needs a new listing of membership. Resident active members are the only ones that can do the work. Just as the Pantanaw fisherman belongs to a given boat and knows his place, we must work together to acquire skill in common action.

Secondly when fish are being taken there is no distinction made as to kind until after they are caught. We need to remember that likewise we Christians should seek all and as many as are offered us. Therefore it is sinful to overlook the backsliders who have either been put out of the church or have drifted away. Now during these five years let us seek to win them back at the same time we are striving for new members. God can reclaim the fallen through us. At the same time make a survey of all Christian households of church members. See if there are not children of age for decision in our Christian homes. Then what about the relatives that stay with us for months at a time, unbaptized brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, aunts, uncles and the like. Fishermen search the streams carefully before they cast their nets. We ought to be at least as wise and seek to take our catch in the most likely places. Finally there will develop a class of neighbors around a truly active church who by their interest become good prospects for church members.

But all that we might do by planned action would fail without the great preparation, Prayer. Prayer is the most necessary part of soul winning. There must grow up a Prayer Band, composed of active resident members who together want to bring in a great catch during the next five years. Their relationship to the church as listed members qualifies them for this important service. When they have prayed personally and together for the definite back-sliders, Christian's children and relatives, and Buddhist inquirers; they will hear the Master's words, "Launch out into the deep and cast your nets." Oh brethren can we not step out on God's great promises and have a great ingathering during the next five years? We can and we will. Then we will know assuredly that the 1941 census will show our Church to have grown. Grown not only numerically but become a spiritual force because its members being obedient servants of Christ, have launched out into the deep.

[English gist of S'ra Shwe Dwa's afternoon address.]
THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BURMA BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION
held at
JUDSON COLLEGE, RANGOON
On Saturday, the 19th October, and Sunday the 20th October, 1935

The 70th Annual Burma Baptist Missionary Convention began with a Pre-Concert held at Vinton Memorial Hall, at Mission Road on Friday evening, 18th October, 1935. A large and enthusiastic crowd listened to the many fine numbers supplied by the several Rangoon Communities. A collection taken for Convention Fund yielded Rs. 31-4-6. The president of Convention, Thra Po Win, was present and read his appointment to Committees at that time.

SATURDAY, 19th October, 1935

At 7 a.m. the several groups met for an hour of prayer and devotion, the Burmese under leadership of John Thet Gyi, the Sgaw Karen with Thra Po Myat, Henzada, in charge; the Pwo Karen with S'ra Ba Khin conducting. A Chin group also met.

CONVENTION MEETING
Judson Memorial Chapel, 10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Thra Po Win, Moulmein, with the singing of “Onward Christian Soldiers.” He then pointed the thought of the morning with an address upon the theme of “Persistent Humility and Faith” as exemplified in the importunate widow, Mark 7: 24-30. His remarks in English were simple and direct and in Sgaw Karen and Burmese, points emphasized were in keeping with the general theme of Convention “Launch Out Into The Deep.” His main points dealt with the need for fearless expectation and perseverance.

Committees appointed by the Chairman were announced again as follows:

"Nominations"

Rev. A. J. Weeks, (Moulmein)
U Ba Han, (Insein)
Thra Po Ngai, (Insein)
Sra Shwe Dwa, (Maubin)
Time, Place, and Preachers.
Rev. H. E. Hinton, (Mandalay)
U Kan Gyi, (Thonze)
Thra Maung Yin, (Bassein)
Mahn Ba Kin, (Rangoon)
Dr. Dwe, (Toungoo)

Enrolment
Dr. J. R. Andrus, (Judson College)
U Maung Gale, (Rangoon)
Sra Byu, (Rangoon)
Thra Maung Bu, (Insein)

Resolutions
(Reappointed from last year)
Rev. V. W. Dyer, (Insein)
Thra San Baw, (Tharrawaddy)
Saya U Ba, (Cushing)
Sra Shwe Dwa, (Maubin)
Rev. L. T. Ah Syoo, (Moulmein)

Obituary
(Standing Committee announced last year)
Rev. A. J. Weeks, (Moulmein)
Thra Saw Koo, (Rangoon)
U Kan Gyi, (Thonze)
Thra Po Ban, (Bassein)
Thra Po Myat, (Henzada)

These committees were instructed to bring in their reports at later sessions.
Standing Committees were also appointed by Thra Po Win to prepare reports for 1936.

Resolutions 1936
Rev. J. T. Latta, (Thonze)
Thra James Tapa, (Tharrawaddy)
U Tun Pe, (Judson College)
U Chit Pyu, (Mudon)
Mahn Shwe Ba, (Bassein)

Obituary 1936
Dr. W. E. Wiatt, (Insein)
Thra Tu Hla Ye, (Nyaunglebin)
U Shwe Nyan, (Tharrawaddy)
U Po Nyan, (Insein)
Sra Po Mya, (Zalun)

Digest of Letters 1936
Dr. C. E. Chaney, (Rangoon)
U Tha Din, (Mandalay)
Thra Molo, (Toungoo)
Sra Shwe Pa, (Maubin)
Correspondence 1936
Rev. C. L. Conrad, (Bassein)
U Tha Zan, (Thonze)
Thra Saw Koo, (Rangoon)
Sra Po Myaing, (Henzada)

The report of the Managing Committee was read by Ko Tun Yin, Corresponding Secretary. After giving the main points in English he explained the actions in detail in Burmese after which the President gave the sense of the report in Sgaw Karen. (Text of report on page 11). Accepted on motion of U Shwe Sein (Toungoo); seconder U Tun Gyan, Inma.

In the absence of Dr. Roach, Rev. Fletcher read a letter from the treasurer expressing regret that he could not be present. The Treasurer's report was then read and construed into Burmese and Sgaw Karen by Sra Toe Khut, Recording Secretary, Pwo Karen. The report was accepted on motion of U Po Mya, Prome and seconded by U Ba Hmyin, Thonze.

On a motion by U Shwe Sein, Toungoo, supported by U Tha Din, Mandalay, Rev. Fletcher was made Treasurer pro tem.

The report of Judson College was read by Dr. Jury in English and phrased into Sgaw Karen and Burmese by Thra Po Win and U Tun Pe respectively. Dr. Jury first expressed the great satisfaction in having a Convention on the new Campus and welcomed the audience which filled the Chapel to overflowing. (Text of report on page 12). Accepted U Ba Myit, (Meiktila), Mover; U Ba Soe, Rangoon, seconder. Collection Rs. 40-15-3. Adjournment after prayer by Thra Po Win preceded by Hymn “To The Work.” Delegates signed the Convention register during the noon-hour interval.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1-30 p.m. the 2nd session was opened with prayer by Sra Shwe Dwa, Vice-President. The first item of business was the report of the Baptist Divinity School. The Report was read in English by the Recording Secretary and in Burmese by U Hla, Prome, Recording Secretary, Burmese. On the motion of U Nyan, Paungde, supported by U Tha Din, Prome, it was adopted. (See page 15).

The All Burma Baptist Orphanage next reported with nearly the whole committee present on the platform. Daw Thein Mya spoke in Burmese, Thra Po Win in Sgaw Karen and two boys from the Orphanage sang a hymn. The report was enthusiastically received and adopted, Rev. Latta moving and U Shwe Sein Toungoo seconding. U Tha Din, E.A.C., Ret., Insein, pledged Rs. 25 for the Orphanage to which challenge several others responded with smaller gifts. A special collection yielded Rs. 46-13-0 for the Orphanage.

The report of the Agricultural School presented by Rev. Case himself elicited much interest. Several questions were
raised from the floor and answered by Rev. Case, regarding the new type of Co-operative Society. The fact that such societies deal usually in one commodity only was pointed out as a reason why they could be expected to remain simple in organization. (See page 13). The report was adopted on motion of U Mya, Insein, U Paw Tun, Zigon, seconding.

Reports in person by several of the workers supported in full or in part by Convention were now given.

Saya An Bwai, Sale Village, Myingyan, gave a testimony revealing that he was almost always out among the small villages. "The children in these villages received instruction and have been taught some of the Christian truths." From February till June a teacher at Rs. 10 from Convention Funds has taught in the school.

Saya Thin of Magwe tells of attempts to make friends with Buddhist neighbors in his area. "Pagoda trustees, monks and hermits have become friendly by reason of repeated contacts. During the past five months shifting about from bazaar to bazaar many tracts have been distributed. In all two persons have been baptized, a man 19 years old and a woman 24 years.

The corresponding Secretary, Ko Tun Yin, read reports from Siam worker, Pah Wah Hai. In Siam there was a village of five houses aided by Pah Wah Hai to find a permanent site.

Although many asked for baptism he writes that he is deferring it until they become settled and appear firm. He further states that there is great hope among other mountain villages.

Saya Shwe Aung, Prome, in the letter also read by Ko Tun Yin reports twenty-five baptisms during the year. In thirty villages he has found some listeners at all times. Recent work by Catholics has given him trouble.

The Treasurer read a brief report of the establishment of a Mon worker in Siam under the Chandler Fund which was made available after Dr. Halliday was called Home. Saya Tun Byu was finally sent over last April travelling with Nai Chua, the Siamese student, who graduated from our English Seminary. Originally Saya Po Chit had expected to go as the worker but later his presence was necessary in Moulmein so Tun Byu, equally well qualified, went in his place.

Dr. Clark a Missionary in Siam, is kindly overseeing the work and it is a great advantage to be able to send money through his hands. Dr. Clark writes, "Saya Tun Byu has thousands of Mons within his reach. Somehow I feel that the key to the present situation rests with the Mon women, and Ma Thin Myaing (Tun Byu's wife) strikes me as well fitted to get at some of them. We have had one or two good Siamese speaking Bible women spend short periods among them but they need their Mon tongue to feel thoroughly at home." Let
us all pray for this work. Workers reports, verbal and by letter were accepted on motion of U Tha Din, Prome; U Ba Myint, Thonze, seconding.

At this time Mrs. Fletcher sang a solo, “Peace Be Still,” Miss Laughlin accompanied on the organ. Collection Rs. 25-15-0 for Convention was taken at this time. Permission was then given to Dr. On Shwe to tell of his work in Mongnai and to show cause why the medical and school work there deserved help from the Burma Baptist Convention. Rev. Latta moved that this matter be referred to the Managing Committee, Saya An Bwai, Myingyan seconded. Thra Tu Hla Ye asked why so many Lower Burma workers were supported by funds designated as Foreign Missions of Convention. U Tha Din, Prome, replied that the question had been settled more than twenty years ago when certain areas were admitted as being needy.

Digest of Letters and correspondence could not be given as none existed.

The report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preachers was given by Dr. Mg. Dwe in all languages as follows:—

**Place** — Bassein.  
**Time** — Thadingyut Holidays.

**Pre-Convention Concert Committees** —  
Rev. L. W. Spring    Sra Shwe Ba  
Thra San Ba    Saya Po Sein

**Preachers:** —  
**English:**    Dr Josif  
Dr. Gates

**Burmese:**    U Maung Gale, Rangoon  
U Nyi Bu, Bassein

**Sgaw Karen:**    Thra Ah Du, Tavoy  
Thra Saw Ber, Toungoo

**Pwo Karen:**    Sra Toe Khut, Maubin  
Mahn Ba Kin, Rangoon

In discussion, U Shwe Hman asked why Moulmein did not receive Convention. Thra Arthur Shwe Taw replied that the Karens had had no crop for three years.

U Shwe Sein, Toungoo, replied that it was always difficult to receive Convention. “We need to have faith in God and accept our responsibilities.”

At this point, time of adjournment having arrived, an extension was moved by Rev. Latta and U Ba seconded.

Saya Po Sein complained that the Bassein Burmese Association being small required at least two years to get ready. He further pointed out that in 1931 Bassein had received Convention. They were not prepared and so did not see their way clear to take Convention 1936.
On motion of Rev. Latta, Thonze, seconded by U Shwe Sein, Toungoo, the matter was referred to the Managing Committee. The Report of the Nominations committee was read and construed into Burmese and Sgaw Karen by Sra Shwe Dwa and the Secretary directed to cast an electing ballot as nominated, U Kan Gyi, mover; Saya Thin, (Myingyan) seconder.

In accordance with the program an inspirational address was given at this time by Sra Shwe Dwa on the theme, “Our Church and the Next Census.”

Announcement of the place of Evening Session as Vinton Hall having been given, meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Latta.

**EVENING SESSION**

*Vinton Memorial Hall, 6-30 p.m.*

Opening the meeting Thra Chit Maung gave an excellent devotional talk using Prov. 16: 1-3 and I Cor. 12: 12-26. After the singing of a hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” the Obituary Convention reports were read in Karen by Thra Arthur Shwe Taw and in Burmese by Sra Toe Khut, and adopted on motion by U Ba and U Tun Pe. Rev. Weeks remarked that accounts in English were unnecessary. (See pages 16-18).

Reports from hospitals in Nam Kham and Moulmein were given by the Seagrave Doctors. In fluent Burmese, Dr. Gordon Seagrave construed his report from English. His account gripped the audience. Dr. Grace Seagrave giving her account in Sgaw Karen told of real progress in Moulmein. These reports were accepted on motion of Rev. Latta seconded by U Tun Pe. (See pages 14-15).

The report of the Committee on Enrolment was presented by U Maung Gale.

| Sgaw Karen | 530 |
| Burmese    | 600 |
| Pwo Karen  | 213 |
| Chins      | 27  |
| Missionaries | 50  |
| Anglo-Indians | 20  |
| Indians   | 20  |

Total 1460

This report was adopted on motion of Rev. Latta with U Aung Tun, Okan, seconding.

During the singing of “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name” collection of Rs. 22-0-6 was received.

The special program representing “The Unity that is in Christ” was introduced (at this time) by Thra Chit Maung, Chairman. Various phases of Christian activity were to be
presented by four speakers. Thra Peter Hla of Toungoo—"The Church;" Dr. Hla Bu—"Education;" U Shwe Hman—"The Laymen" and Thra Timothy Tun Yein—"Rural Reconstruction." There was a disagreement as to order of business after the first speaker finished. The special feature program was deferred until the report of Resolutions committee should be received by motion of Saya U Ba, and U San Baw. Accordingly the Resolutions report was read and moved for consideration by U Ba seconded by Thra San Baw.

Resolution No. 1.

Whereas, we Karen, Burmese and Chin Christians desire that the 10-30 meeting on Sunday during Convention be used for regular preaching service instead of for the C. E. Program. Be it resolved that in the future preaching service shall come at 10-30 a.m. on Sunday.


Resolution No. 2.

We, the Chins, Karens, Burmans, etc., the indigenous Christians of Burma, who have in all the years followed the Baptist Faith in accordance with the teaching of the Bible, now, at this time have been disturbed on account of an introduction of a teaching, which we consider as different from our own, and that the main cause of this disturbance and difference lies in the Oxford Group Movement, which is being taught and sponsored by one of our own Missionaries, we find ourselves unable to weigh the matter and judge for ourselves the right and wrong of the Movement. We, therefore, resolve that this Convention request the Reference Committee to solve this difficulty, and tell us the significance of this Movement and its relation to our Churches, and to refer the matter to the Home Board to receive instruction regarding our duties, to be observed as members of Baptist Churches.


Resolution No. 3.

Whereas there have been certain difficulties with the change of office bearers every year.

Be it resolved that, in the interests of greater efficiency and continuity of policy, the president, the corresponding secretary, the treasurer and the committee of management be elected for a term of three years.

The committee of management is to be divided into three equal sections, the first section serving for one year, the second for two years and the third for three years and thereafter in rotation. This would mean a third of the committee would be elected new each year.
All office bearers elected for three years will be ineligible for re-election until two years have elapsed.

Passed. Mover: Dr. Ma Saw Sa; Seconder: U Ba Myint, Meiktila.

Question regarding Resolution No. 3 Convention officers terms, was answered by mover as being desired to apply immediately. (Meeting subsequently, Managing Committee construed that according to Constitution this Resolution constituted Notice of Amendment and therefore required re-affirming at next regular Convention session after which it would become automatically effective).

In accordance with Resolution concerning statistic collection referred to Managing Committee by Toungoo Convention report of progress was made by Ko Tun Yin and Thra Arthur Shwe Taw. Thanks was expressed to U Tha Zan, Thonze, for the loan of a complete file of Burmese Minutes and he was urged to deposit them permanently in the Field Secretary's Office if possible. Thra A. Shwe Taw then stated that he had found thirty years record in Sgaw Karen.

On resuming the specially prepared program, U Hla Bu, gave a clear presentation of the place of education in the Christian program. His words bore special weight in view of his recent return from England where he qualified for the highest scholastic degree granted in his subject.

U Shwe Hman indicated the ways in which the common layman in the church has a peculiarly important piece of work to do. Unless the rank and file are active no church can claim success

Thra Timothy Tun Yein, showed the importance of the Rural emphasis in the Christian program. In spite of the stringent financial conditions he showed how villages could be reconstructed if the Christians took the initiative.

Thra Po Win, President, brought session to a close with a word of appreciation.

After the singing of the appropriate words of "Blest be the Tie that Binds," adjournment followed the benediction pronounced by Dr. C. E. Chaney.

SUNDAY MORNING

Preaching 7 a.m.

Burmese — U Tha Din, Mandalay, at Judson College Chapel.

Sgaw Karen — Thra Mooler, Phil. 3: 17-14 "What Things were gain to me I counted loss for Christ" at Vinton Memorial Hall.

The midday service under the auspices of the Christian Endeavour Society was well attended. An interesting and varied program had been arranged by Ko Tun Yin, All-Burma Secretary.

**Open Air**

Vesper service at 5 p.m. had to be held in the Assembly Hall due to inclement weather. Rev. Blackwell was the speaker of the meeting at which U Maung Gale presided. The corporate character of Christian service was emphasized by the speaker who stated that mutual dependence on each other needs to be recognized as a means of drawing nearer to the Christ. A combined choir added much to the occasion. Attendance was maintained throughout convention meetings exceptionally well and even this last meeting had a very good number present. During Convention Rs. 295-13-3 were collected besides Rs. 40-6-3 directly contributed to the Orphanage.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

In accordance with Convention vote the Management Committee took up the matter of sending a worker to Siam under the Chandler Fund to work among the Mons. We are especially fortunate in having the hearty co-operation of Dr. Clark, a missionary there in Siam, who has made arrangements for Saya Tun Byu and is over-seeing his work. He reports that the Mon villages are somewhat scattered and that Saya Tun Byu will be able to travel with one of the Siam Mon workers until he knows his way around. All money sent has been through the hands of Dr. Clark which makes it much easier for us and also ensures prompt delivery. We shall have a full report from Saya Tun Byu by next convention and will hope for great things from him. Prayer for this piece of work is urgently needed.

After the conclusion of the Convention sessions at Toungoo it was discovered that the Nominating Committee had failed to propose names for the Burma Christian Council representatives and for the Evangelistic Committee. The Managing Committee therefore voted to continue the representatives elected the previous year for another year.

Routine matters were transacted regarding the appointment and payment of workers. The only new worker is Saya Tun Byu who went to Siam in April. He is supported from the proceeds of the Helen Mar Chandler Bequest.

The printing of statistic forms to gather information regarding church members by associations was authorized. Letters from churches were to be secured if possible. A file of old Minutes in Burmese was discovered and one in Sgaw Karen also.

It was voted that an old safe belonging to Convention should be moved from the Seagrave house to the Field Secretary's office for the keeping of records.

Much uncertainty was encountered in arranging the place of Convention for the year. Rangoon reluctantly agreed to receive the Convention when the Moulmein Sgaw Karens reported their utter inability to entertain the Convention. The extreme lateness of the final decision is to be regretted and it is hoped that, in the future, place and date may be definitely settled early. The date finally fixed for this year's Convention was almost unconstitutional as it fell outside the Thadingyut holidays.
During the year Rev. Case was unable to serve in the capacity of Chairman and Rev. Fletcher was appointed pro-tem chairman at the first regular meeting of the Managing Committee.

Two meetings were held during the year and a brief council the night before Convention Sessions began. Attendance in the main was good. The necessity of economising on T. A. was recognized and many members paid their own expenses.

The sale of a plot of land from the Seminary Endowment Paddy Land was authorized if terms satisfactory to Dr. Wiatt and U Ba Han could be arranged with the Mingaladon Golf Club. At the time of Convention the Transaction had not been completed.

Several communications came in too late for action and were deferred until another meeting. Among these were requests for lump sum payment of appropriations. A suggestion that if possible a session of Convention be arranged in the Convocation Hall, could not be carried out due to the fact that such arrangements are subject to the Senate of University which would not be meeting before Convention to consider the request.

Respectfully submitted,
Ko Tun Yin,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORTS

Judson College (Dr. Jury)

Last year we reported the highest enrolment in history of the College as 323. This year enrolment rose to 330 soon after the opening of College, a new record. The number of Christians remains the same 60% of the total. The student body is divided into approximately three equal groups; 35.5% Burmese, 31.5% Karens, 33% other races including 59 Indians 25 Anglo-Indians, 25 Anglo-Burmans and 16 Chinese students.

Examination results are a source of satisfaction since Judson College candidates did very creditably in the University Examinations in March, short walks and a great many right close at hand. Somehow, I feel that 1935. 29 B.A. candidates were sent up and 20 passed; i.e. 69% as compared to 57% University as a whole. 4 RSc. candidates were sent up and 2 passed.

Staff conditions are heartening with all our houses again filled with staff members. Dr. and Mrs. Gates and Dr. and Mrs. Andrus have returned and Dr. and Mrs. Cady have joined us quickly fitting into their place. Dr. Cady comes highly qualified in the field of History with very valuable teaching experience to his credit. He assumes charge of the History department since Mr. Hendershot cannot continue due to his wife's health. We were grateful to Mr. Hendershot for coming back to finish a year's work after taking Mrs. Hendershot to America.

Religious work under the leadership of Dr. St. John as pastor of Judson College Church enjoys the help of Johnson Kan Gyi, the active secretary-treasurer. Weekly student prayer meetings are planned for by a committee composed jointly of Y.M.C.A. and S.C.U. (Student Christian Union) members. A Sunday morning study group meets at the Chapel, and Sunday evening discussion groups meet in rotation at the homes of staff-members. These are well attended with between forty and fifty often present. Work for Indian servants' families, a school for children, instruction for mothers, and Sunday School classes are carried on by groups of both men and women students. A monthly meeting of Christian staff members is held for consultation and prayer concerning the different branches of work.

Dean of Men. Dr. Hla Bu took over the office from Mr. D. O. Smith whose full time was needed in the Physics department. It has been a great satisfaction that one of our own Judsonians has been willing and
able to take this office. It is fortunate that one so capable of giving wise help and advice in meeting the problems of the College should have been available at this time. The appointment of Dr. Hla Bu as Dean of Men, is, I think, symbolic of the present-day situation in Christian work in Burma; that when a position of special responsibility needs to be filled and a Christian national has the training and gifts needed to fill it we should consider his appointment the natural appointment to make.

Extension lectures, organized by the College, have been much in demand. These are offered by members of the College staff to be given under the auspices of Schools, literary and social organizations in Rangoon and throughout the province. It is hoped that this service may be used by many organizations carrying on programmes of an educational nature.

Financial position is the same as last year for the 15% cut in grants has been applied again this year. We are hoping that improved financial conditions in the province will make it possible for an adequate grant to be restored. The College is grateful for the help of Convention endowment funds. The Chapel debt remains a problem. There have been some ready responses to appeals for the payment of pledges but a total of about Rs. 12,000 in unredeemed individual pledges remains. I have wondered whether this Convention could not take some measure at its present meeting to make a substantial reduction in the debt of about Rs. 18,000 which is still outstanding on the Chapel. It is on that portion of the cost which was to be raised in the Churches here in Burma that payment remains to be made.

The Impetus and direction of the Christian Church in Burma must be found in increasing measure within the ranks of the Christians whose native land is Burma

It is the desire of the College to help attain these ends through the training of the young Christians who come under its influence and who are turned back into the Churches disciplined and developed in mind and character. We are deeply grateful for the cases where a vision of life purpose caught or developed during college years has led to devoted and productive Christian service. We hope that this may increasingly be true and crave your support in helping to make it true.

PYINMANA AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

(Rev. B. C. Case in Afternoon Session)

This Agricultural School is in its thirteenth year of bringing the more abundant life to the villages by training self-supporting Christian laymen to serve in their communities. Eighty students enrolled this year of whom 34 were first year. Twelve graduated last year from the four year course. Since opening 80% of graduates are known to be engaged in some form of work directly serving the villages. Rev. J. M. Smith returned from furlough during the year allowing Rev. Case to give more of his time to Extension work. Mr. W. H. Cummings continues his teaching and Field work.

The Farm produced in all departments an income amounting to Rs. 13,000. Diversified farming has received emphasis to show that other crops in addition to rice can be grown at a profit. Some new fruits have been introduced which promise to be valuable, Nagpur oranges and grapes. Varieties of Tangerine oranges and grapes were successfully introduced from California nurseries. Cashew nut trees have been grown and distributed. These appear to do well on barren gravelly hills of moderate or heavy rainfall and give promise of profit for mountain villages. We have 98 head of cattle, 115 pigs and 555 chickens on the farm besides 164 pigs sold for breeding.
Extension Work has been greatly extended. The interest in keeping hens and selling eggs is growing even among Burman Buddhists who used to be ashamed to deal in eggs. Now we are making weekly sales of 4000 eggs and five graduates of the school are employed in this work. Such boys carry on an active program of all-round service while they are gathering the eggs from Thazi to Toungoo. Two co-operative village poultry societies of limited liability and the Industrial Village Bank of Pyinmana were started.

Christian Service permeates the program both in school and in the villages. Several areas were visited last year. A long tour on Maubin Pwo Karen Field and tours elsewhere demonstrated the possibility of such work. Six were baptized at Pyinmana, one a Chin chief’s son.

Harper Memorial Hospital, Namkham

This Rains has seen the addition to our staff of our first full degree medical College graduate. With not only Doctor Robin Krasu but with his equally well qualified wife, Dr. Phyllis Loo Nee Krasu both available, Namkham is at last rather lucky in her possession of doctors. The nursing staff has also changed. Until this year, being unable to use our own graduates on the staff because of the lack of the necessary Government certificates, we have had as head nurses first Naw Lucy Day, a graduate of the Mitchell Memorial Hospital, Moulmein, followed by Naw Mya Sein, wife of our Dr. Daniels, and a graduate of our Pegu Karen High School and General and Dufferin Hospitals in Rangoon. The first class in general nursing graduated this past May. Since that time, both the training schools, Nursing and Midwifery have had at their heads Shan Christian girls, graduates of our training schools.

We have graduated seven girls, four eligible only for Government Midwifery Certificate and three eligible for both midwifery and nursing. All of them passed all examinations given by Government, with percentages 65 to 85 in all subjects. Of these one made a good record in Pyinmana for a year, and another has been with Miss Johnson as instructor in the Home Arts School in Maymyo. Two are head nurses with us. From their arrival in the school and during their entire course, the nurses are urged to regard graduate work in some Mission school or hospital as a high privilege, and that if such a privilege is available a high salary should not be demanded. As a result several of the best girls are happily working for very decidedly small salaries and thereby ‘doing their bit’ for the period of depression.

A stone morgue has been built and also an extension to the nurses dining quarters to house the superb electric laundry given us by Mr. Phelps.

The work of the hospital may be very rapidly comprehended by a glance at the following figures comparing the years 1926 and 1934:—

Outdoor patients decreased from 7,245 to 6,701 reflecting growing confidence in us. Indoor patients increased from 704 to 1,428 more than doubled. Total treatments performed increased from 18,012 to 35,203. Operations both major and minor increased in the same period from 281 to 1,106.

For a period of 12 months the hospital accepted and gave a one year’s intensive course in nursing to a boy who had previously finished High School and Seminary. Should the value of such training become sufficiently apparent, it is hoped that others may be trained.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon S. Seagrave.

Report of The E. M. M. Hospital Training School for Nurses and Midwives

Student enrolment in our Nurses Training School has increased from a daily average of thirty-six students in 1933 to a daily average of forty
students during 1934-5. These girls are admitted twice a year, in January and June, each class averaging from six to eight girls. The nurses admitted during the last two years represent quite a large part of Burma. They came from Tavoy, Pa-an, Thatong, Moulmein, Maubin, Wakema, Bassein, Gyobingauk, Pegu, Pyinnmana, Toungoo, Kyaukse, and Mandalay. The nationalities represented are Burmese, Karen, and Chin. Besides these new entries we have Kachin, Shan, Tamil, and Chinese represented in the remaining student body.

Scholastic Standard of Entrance is appreciably raised as the nurses admitted in 1934-35 are almost all 9th or 10th standard passes. Many of the girls have had further training in Kindergarten training and we even have one girl who studied a year in Judson College. Although these girls have had the advantage of H. S. we do not find that their degree of education is any too much to do, satisfactorily, the work required by the Council of Nurses and Midwives for Lower Burma.

Among our recent graduates who have finished their training during the period under review, two have been added to our own staff. One of these is temporarily filling a vacancy caused by the calling of our oldest staff nurse, Sayama Rosie to Taunggyi to assist Dr. Ah Ma in organizing the Infant Welfare Centre and Training School for Midwives. The other nurse is a very fine addition to our staff, as ward supervisor and assistant teacher. She is the first in her family to become a Christian, her family being strong Burman Buddhists. She is growing into a splendid Christian worker. Two of our graduates are in villages working as Result System Midwives. There are no other Christians in either of these villages. Not only are they in charge of the village in which they live but also a number of villages in a radius of three miles. Both of these girls have been officially commended by government for their very good work.

Religious work connected with the hospital this year has been about the same as other years. The nurses Sunday School meets regularly after which there is a Song Service for the patients. Three mornings a week there is a thirty-minute Bible class and once a month their own C. E. Meeting. Recently two of our nurses in spite of the opposition of their Buddhist relatives were baptized. Several of the nurses reflect marked spiritual growth and some are actively looking for opportunities to do real Christian work.

There are also things going on inside the hospital. One patient is asking for baptism and another is steadily growing in that direction in a gratifying manner, slowly but surely I think. We cannot measure results but can only leave that with Him who is abundantly able.

Irene O. Daleen.

I would like to point out that although our work in most phases has more than doubled, our expenses have not increased by fifty per cent. and that while in 1923 the mission appropriation covered slightly over fifty per cent. of the running expenses, in 1935 it covered about twenty-six per cent.

In the last 12 years the Nurses Home and the addition to the main building holding the X-ray department and Nursery have been added as new buildings. The Mission residence to the South of the hospital has been made available for a separate Children's Building. This has been greatly appreciated not only in making additional beds for children, but in making the main hospital a much quieter place for adults.

A. B. Grey.

Report of the Baptist Divinity School

On the 18th March of this year we graduated our second class since the opening of the English Seminary in 1927. All six candidates received the B.Th. (Bachelor of Theology) degree from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago.
The total enrolment for the current year was fifteen. Of these only one had to drop out because of health. The regular staff included Rev. and Mrs. Dyer, Thra Chit Maung, Thra Mooler, Dr. and Mrs. Wiatt. During the year a comprehensive course is taught and in vacation periods the pupils all do practical work. We regret to report that Thra Chit Maung having accepted another position will not be with us after the holidays.

A prospectus is available and gives needed information concerning the school. This has been translated into Karen and published in the Karen Bulletin and a copy has been sent to the Burman Messenger for publication. Copies in English may be had on application to the Principal, Divinity School.

Plans are now being formulated for providing a board of trustees for the Divinity School and also for closer co-operation of the three Seminaries, Burman, Karen and Divinity School.

W. E. Wiatt,
Principal.

OUR HONOURED MEMBERS WITH CHRIST IN GLORY

REV H. H. TILBE, D.D., Ph.D.
Born June 3rd, 1859, died March 4th, 1935.

While still a lad he resolved to secure a good education for himself. His parents being unable to provide this for him, he started out to make his own way. He was fortunate in making a contact with Dr. and Mrs. Parker, of Barry, Ill., splendid Christian people. He began as a sort of chores boy, the arrangement being that he should receive his board in return for such service as he could render. It proved to be a very happy arrangement, for they came to love him so much, and he to be so devoted to them, that he looked upon them and spoke of them as his foster parents. This relation was only broken by the death of Mother Parker, who survived her husband some years.

He became a student of Shurtleff College, from which institution he graduated, in 1886. While there he gave an excellent account of himself as a student, and took an active part in all that pertained to the religious life of the college. He had the respect and esteem of the faculty as well as of the student body.

He then had in view the work of a missionary in the foreign field, and his most intimate friends were two fellow students, both of whom hoped to enter into mission work abroad. One of these, Rev. Arthur E. Carson, preceded him to Burma, and gave his life to splendid pioneer work among the Chin people.

While a student in college he served as student pastor in the near-by city of Edwardsville, Ill., where he met the lady who became his wife. They were married shortly after his graduation, and went to Bloomington, Ill., where he served as pastor of the Baptist Church for about a year. In the Autumn of 1887 they sailed for Burma, reaching Rangoon early in December of that year.

Part of his mission life was given to Station work, part to educational work, part to literary work. For some years he had charge of the Rangoon Burman field. He gave a number of years to teaching in the then Baptist College. His literary work was done at various times, but principally during the last ten years of service. He was a student during the entire period of his service and during furloughs engaged in special study at Harvard and Chicago Universities.

Whatever he undertook to do, he gave himself to it without stint, going often to the very limit of his strength.

He was a man of strong convictions, and always able to give a reason for them. In debate at times he expressed himself with much vigor, and
those not well acquainted with him might think with some heat. But at heart he was most kindly and as far as possible from harbouring anger or ill-feeling against any one, no matter how great a divergence in opinion there might be on points at issue. He was a stranger to intolerance, except where real wrong was involved, and he had no patience with shams of any kind.

As a friend he was true-hearted and loyal. As a father tender and devoted. He had a strong sense of humour, and was able to appreciate a joke, even when it was upon himself. He was a man of lofty ideals and of unflagging devotion to them.

MISS EFFIE ADAMS

Died in Toungoo on July 4, 1935

Born near Boston, Mass. After securing a good education and normal training, she taught several years in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. During the Great War she went to Washington, D.C., to work for her country. While there she joined the Burrall Class of Calvary Baptist Church. During this period she received a greater vision of the world's needs and of what her part might be in meeting them.

A little later she offered herself for special service for her Master in foreign fields. She arrived in Burma in the fall of 1920, where she served faithfully as a representative of that class for fifteen years. She was designated to the Paku Karen work, and was very heartily welcomed by the Karens, who for some years had been without a lady missionary.

Almost without exception the Karens have given her loyal devotion and complete trust, from the very first. The explanation is very simple. She was a loyal and devoted servant of all, always planning and hoping great things for the future of her Karens. Her fine mind and her steady, conscientious labour, brought about great improvement in the Paku School, which was raised to High School grade during her time. To-day there are fine nurses, young men in college and seminaries as well as in business, who can all point to her quiet, helpful, Christian influence on their lives. Some of the teachers trained by her have been spoken of by Government Inspectors as the finest primary teachers in Burma.

She also rendered excellent service as a member of the Reference Committee. She proposed, and hoped to work out, valuable improvements in Vernacular Education in the villages, and recently started in the Paku School a practical type of education for those who could not attend school, or were slow in books, or who had no work. This took the form of Agriculture, specially plant and animal culture.

The Karens have said, "She talked little, but when she spoke her words were valuable." They have spoken very often about her patience, and her constant, humble devotion to their betterment and of their complete trust in her.

A true Christian she was, and a friend worth having, always striving to be her best, and to bring out the best in others. We have lost a dear, loved one, the Karens a mother, sister and friend, but Heaven is richer.

THRA DW E GAY

On August 23, 1935, Henzada Association lost one of its best leaders in the death of Thra Dwe Gay. He was a native of Moulmein. After graduating from the Seminary at Insein he offered his services to the Henzada Home Mission in 1898. He began as a worker in Mithway Chaung, and Sit Chaung, was a Pastor of Kyaw-gu Church for a few years, then Pastor of Nga-Shit-gayet Church up to the time he entered his reward. Three years before his death he was suffering from paralysis. His speech was inarticulate during the prolonged lingering sufferings, but he did not stop encouraging others to be faithful to God and His work. His last address at the Convention will still live in the memory of many.
THRA PO NYO

He was from Bassein Field. Graduated from the Seminary in 1907. First he was a Pastor in Thamindan and then he took the place of his father-in-law, who was retiring owing to old age, as Pastor of Thamingon Church. He was ordained after working a few years here. He was a bold preacher, he stood for the right and was earnest in his work. His ministry was found to be up-to-date. He served altogether for twenty-eight years. His death was a loss to the Bassein-Myaungmya Mission Field.

THRA TWE-LA-PAW

It was in a small village of Thaton District that Thra Twe-La-Paw was born on 14th March, 1869. He received his education and was the first graduate in the A. B. M. Karen Middle School, Moulmein. He was also the first graduate in Seminary (Teachers) Class in Moulmein. His first appointment was as clerk to a Deputy Inspector of Karen Schools. After serving for four years he went back to his own village and taught for three years. When a village school at Inwaing, Thaton District, was raised to a Middle Department he was appointed as a teacher there and worked for seven years. He was after this given an appointment as an Anglo-Vernacular teacher in the A. B. M. A. V. School, Moulmein, where he served for ten years. Hearing the call of the Lord for higher services, he left the school and became a Pastor of Inwaing Church where he served faithfully up to the time of his death. He was ordained in 1915 and amongst those who laid their hands on his head were Dr. Thomas, Rev. Than Byah, Rev. Bushell and Rev. Weeks.

He served faithfully for twenty years not only as a Pastor of the Church but also as a successful leader in the Moulmein Thaton Mission Field. He was instrumental in establishing five Mission working places in Thaton District which still continue under the care of his successor, Saw Po Tu, a retired Deputy Inspector of Karen Schools, and a son-in-law of the deceased. He was a faithful servant of the Lord up to the time of his death. He died at the age of sixty-six years.
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