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Tibetan Mission, Darjeeling.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From July 1st 1929 to June 30th 1930.



Dear Friends and Fellow-workers,

"The Lord is good.....a stronghold.....and He knoweth them trust in Him."

Having completed at the end of June another financial year, we desire to thank all faithful friends who have been workers together with us for the Tibetans. The past year has again brought changes through the passing away of friends including Mr. Robert Murdoch of Camelon, who was for many years a staunch helper: we shall miss him.

We can say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" and though sometimes we have been like Elijah by the drying brook, our faithful God has intervened through His servants and supplied the needs of the work. The midsummer months have often been testing times through the falling off of income, and this year has been no exception.

Our Christmas meetings for young and old were made happy by the work of many kind home helpers, who provided gifts both for adults and children. We send our warm thanks to all those who have helped us in this.

During the year we have been favoured with visits from a number of the Lord's servants who have ministered to us and the people. Mr. Handley Bird gave addresses on the Tabernacle using diagrams. Mr. Robert Cunningham from Tachienlu on the Chinese border of Tibet stayed a week-end, and addressed the Sunday School and the Sunday services in Tibetan. We have also much enjoyed fellowship with Mrs. Gordon Watt who gave messages at the Tibetan services and also at our English prayer meetings.

On the 18th May a Baptismal service was held when two young men and three women were baptized. Please pray for those who have thus confessed Christ that they may be true witnesses for Him.

Early this year Mr. and Mrs. Kelly expressed their desire to use the money which had been received towards their furlough to send their son Daniel to America to continue his education, as the way was opening up for this. This plan has been carried out and Daniel left on the 21st May and has safely reached America. We ask your prayers for him and for Mr. and Mrs. Kelly in these circumstances.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly having decided thus, the next one of our number for furlough is Miss Menzies who will soon have been out seven years. We ask your prayers that funds for this purpose may come in, and that guidance may be given to us regarding all matters relating to the Lord's work here.

We greatly appreciate the various prayer circles upholding us at the Throne of Grace, and interceding for the spiritual needs of the Tibetan people, which are very great. Please continue in prayer for all those who now know something of the Gospel that the Holy Spirit may open their eyes and shew them the need of salvation from sin.

We desire to acknowledge the help and co-operation of our Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, of the members of the Auxiliary, and also the assistance of the Local Representatives and Box-holders. During the past year a few new helpers have been united with us in this service but we need many more.

We are living in solemn days and the time of opportunity may soon be past. Pray that souls may be saved through the preaching of the Word.

Thanking you all for your fellowship and help in the Lord's service,

TIBETAN MISSION,
Darjeeling
16th August 1930.

Yours in our Coming Lord
JEANIE FERGUSON,
Secretary.

Dear Friends,

Darjeeling is nine days march from the Tibetan border, and excepting Kalimpong is the best place for Gospel work amongst Tibetans.

Our method of approach to them includes preaching, school and Industrial work, and we have unrivalled opportunities of getting acquainted with their religious needs and of presenting Christ to them.

THE TWO MEN RECENTLY BAPTISED are doing well. The elder, Chotrim, was for some time in the Drepung Monastery. He went there expecting to find the "Power of Renunciation" which many Lamaists seek. Disillusioned by the conduct of those to whom he was assigned as a pupil, who misappropriated the funds sent for his support and for the necessary presents to the Monastery; Officials to ensure his proper training in the life and studies of the priesthood, he left the Monastery and made his way to Darjeeling. In the Bazar he was invited to our Sunday forenoon meeting, and on hearing the Gospel felt that it met his spiritual need, and he declared himself a seeker. We are now looking forward to the day when he will be able to testify of finding in Christ that salvation vainly sought in Lamaism.

TENPA TSERING, THE YOUNGER MAN, is a Lepcha, a native of Rongli, Sikkim, three days journey nearer Tibet. He was sent to the Sikkim State School at Gangtok, where he learned to read Tibetan very well. On his father's death his education ceased and he came to Darjeeling, where he heard the Gospel and believed.

BROTHER RINCHEN DORJEE WHO WAS baptised in 1926 is again with us. He was employed in Kalimpong for some time. He is always ready to help in the meetings.

BROTHER PASSANG SHERPA accompanied the Kinchenjunga expedition as orderly to one of the climbers, and after a thrilling time at the base of that great mountain returned to us suffering from altitude throat. He is now quite recovered

BROTHER TRASHI WANGDU IS OUR WORKSHOP foreman, and relieves me of a lot of routine work in buying materials and supervising the work generally. He is also helpful in the Sunday services.

YACOB TENZING has a temporary post in the "Darjeeling Furnishing Company." We hope it may prove a permanency, so that he may become economically independent of the Mission.

As we contrast the present condition and character of these brethren with what we remember of their original state, we glorify God who is thus able to save and to keep. We praise him for the others too, of whom it is not now possible to write particularly.

Some ask, "Why are not converts independent from the beginning"? The answer is, that just as at home some church members are independent, and some are not, so it is here. Some Missionaries expect from their preaching a response equal to that made by a well-to-do people at home, and dissatisfaction is expressed that progress is so slow. But as we look at the labouring Tibetan we ask, "What progress could be expected from the corresponding class at home?" Much money would be expended on them before they became self respecting, useful and SUBSCRIBING members of any church! We therefore feel that so long as Missionary work goes on in India, so long will industrial work be necessary for the young Tibetan Church. The pity is not that such work must be done, but that its necessity is not more generally recognised and provided for.

In conclusion I would thank you for your prayers and support during the past year. And for the present, Phil. 4: 19.

Yours in Christ,

J. Kelly.

Dear Friends and Fellow-Workers,

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4, 12.

This being so we continue to preach the Gospel to the Tibetans. Week after week as Mr. Kelly brings them into the meetings we have new listeners including Tibetans, Sherpas, Sikkimites, Lepchas and Bhutanese. All hear of this wonderful Salvation, some understanding more, some less. At times Lamas (priests) and Trapas (novices) are invited, and listen earnestly. Of the latter class was the young man Chotrim (Religious Law) recently baptised. He had been an enquirer for about two years. Our aim and prayer is to reach these young men. When we think of the 20,000 who are sheltered (but not from sin) in the three large Monasteries near Lhasa, many of whom run away and come here, we pray that the Lord will hasten the day when deliverance will come to "the captives."

"You preach against sin, and yet you ask me to commit sin" said a young begging Lama to me one day. "How is that?" I asked. "You want me to work in the garden, and if I put this spade through a worm it might be my father or mother, grandfather or grandmother. And look at my white hands; I have never worked. These lamas spend their time in going from house to house reading religious books for the people, and in the monastery. They are supported by gifts from their friends.

If a Tibetan mother has a son it is a real joy to her to present him to the monastery. The home life and religious life of Tibet are so intertwined that the layman will not revolt against the lama. All are in bondage to him.

Three women were baptised at the same time as the young men, two of them wives of the men who work in the Industrial. One young man left this week for the borders of Bhutan. He is joining another Mission, his intended wife is with the Missionaries there. We long for more families from amongst the Tibetans. When a young man begins to be clean and smart, he is

drawn away by the temptations of the bazar. Tibetans have no caste. The Tibetan woman is quite good-looking, with brown eyes, black hair, jolly, happy-go-lucky, loud talking, and free as the wind. She is mistress in her own house and works as hard as her husband. If he is not kind to her she thinks nothing of leaving him. We are always glad when we see our young people settled down and having no desire to wander about the bazar.

It is a real joy to take part in the meetings. At the women's meeting some say they believe in Jesus. They listen well as the Word is preached. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give them a clearer vision of Jesus and power to confess Him.

Darjeeling is rich in fruits, such as oranges, pineapples, pears, peaches, plums, lemons and Sikkim apples. These are made into Jams, Jellies and Marmalades by the converts who work in the Industrial. After they are trained they can earn a decent livelihood.

We wish to thank you for your prayers, and gifts, enabling us to send our son Daniel to America. He has arrived safely at his destination.

Once again we thank you for all your helpful sympathy in our work, and for your prayers.

We realise that nothing but prayer and the Holy Spirit working in their hearts will bring these dear Tibetans to the feet of Christ, and for this reason, we long for a continuance of your prayers.

Yours in Christ our Life,
Annie Kelly.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Greetings in the all-prevailing Name of Jesus.

In a land where the heathen have their idols on every high hill and under every green tree, one realizes more and more the privilege that one has had of knowing the Gospel story from childhood, and the greater privilege of having been led to know the Lord Jesus Christ as one's own personal Saviour and constant companion and friend.

But — those other sheep which are not of this fold. What of them? Born into a home under the shadow of the idol-shelf, and almost, one might say, to the accompaniment of the monotonous sing-song tones of the reading of the sacred books by the Lama. (Tibetan priest); and from that moment until death claims them held by fear and superstition and sin, from which none of their works of merit or idol-worship can save them.

It is to this people that we have been called to be the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. This exhortation comes to each one of us. Here is a people steeped in idolatry and sin, and we know the way of salvation and life. We stand between the living and the dead, between the Living God and a Living Saviour and these dead in trespasses and sins. God has chosen us to be His ministers and stewards to these people, and if we fail, the wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will be required at our hands. Let us see to it that we are faithful in whatever ministry and stewardship He has given to us for the Tibetans, and at whatever cost, and then He will be able to accomplish all His purpose for the people of "The Great Closed Land."

During the past year as opportunity and strength have been given we have visited the homes of the people and told them again of the love of God in Christ Jesus. They listen, yes, but it seems that their minds are so dark that they

cannot understand. Often when we have thought that surely the message has been understood this time, someone will say "Oh, it's just the same as our own religion," and our hearts sink again. Only the Holy Spirit can penetrate the thick darkness of heathenism and sin, and He will come if we are willing to pay the price in the prayer life.

Even as I write a funeral is passing along the road to the burning ground. Several lamas with music and ceremony accompany the corpse and the mourners (only men); and to the mind of the people this is the only way to help the one who has passed away, on his journey in the next life through the various transition stages until he reaches his next rebirth.

It is always a privilege to work with the children in Sunday School and at their mid-week meeting and in personal dealing whenever possible. To my mind this work among the children is most important, for they are, while young, being taught the things that pertain to the Kingdom of God and can never be in such gross darkness as their parents are. Several of them definitely testify to being saved by believing in Jesus. If the Lord should tarry these young people will be the future Tibetan Church. Please pray for the children.

Thanking you for your prayers and ministry.

Yours for precious Tibetan souls for whom Christ died.

Darjeeling,
August 14th 1930

E. Mary Menzies

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Miss G. Askey, 224, Balham High Road, S. W. 17.

Rev. Ernest H. Taylor, 8, Muswell Hill, N. 10 Last Thursday 6-30 p. m.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM INDIA.

From 1st July 1929 to 30th June 1930.

Receipt No.	Rs.	a.	p.	Receipt No.	Rs.	a.	p.
58	5	0	0	71	20	0	0
59	5	0	0	72	10	0	0
60	10	0	0	73	30	0	0
61	5	0	0	74	13	0	0
62	10	0	0	75	20	0	0
63	5	0	0	76	20	0	0
64	20	0	0	77	20	0	0
65	130	14	0	78	10	0	0
66	20	0	0	79	10	0	0
67	30	0	0	80	10	0	0
68	2	0	0	81	50	0	0
69	10	0	0	82	5	0	0
70	5	0	0	83	30	0	0
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MISSION HALL ACCOUNT.**On Tibetan Mission, Darjeeling, North India.***For the period from 1st July 1929 to 30th June 1930.*

Dates	Receipts	AMOUNT	Dates	Expenditure	AMOUNTS
		£. s. d.	1930.		£ s. d.
1929			June 30	By rent and taxes	23 15 6
July. 1	To Balance in Bank	131 5 0			
1930					
June. 30	„ Interest on deposits	7 17 6			
June. 30	Transfer from General Fund	15 18 0		„ Balance at Bank	131 5 0

TOTAL £ 155 0 6
*Examined and found correct***R. M. ROBERTSON.**

TOTAL £ 155 0 6
J. FERGUSON.*Secretary.*
DARJEELING,
19th August 1930.

