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MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE
BURMA BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION
Rangoon, October 10-12, 1930.

The Sixty-fifth annual session of the Burma Baptist Missionary Convention met at Rangoon on the 10th, 11th and 12th of October, 1930.

FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER

Prayer meetings in all language groups were arranged and held each morning from 7—8 o'clock. These meetings were well attended. The meetings for the Burmese were held in Ruggles Hall, those for the Sgaw Karens in Vinton Chapel and those for the Pwo Karens in Brayton Hall. Much of the deep spiritual tone of the Convention was due to the truly Christian spirit of the leaders of these groups.

The first session of the Convention as a whole was held in Vinton Chapel with President U Po Mya in the chair. The meeting was opened by prayer by Saya Toke of Henzada after which all joined in singing, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.” U Po Mya then directed our thoughts to the 8th verse of the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles: “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” He said the emphasis should be on the idea of witnessing. Jesus, he said, went about witnessing under all circumstances. Even before Pilate, he witnessed a good confession. His witness was not like that of the muddy stream or river, but like that of the clear rippling brook. So also we must make our witness and testimony for Christ clear and unmistakable. Our witnessing must be constant, in season and out of season. He then closed with an earnest prayer that we all might truly present Christ by our lives.

On call for the business of the day by the Chair, Mr. Hinton moved and it was VOTED that in the absence of S’ra Byu, U Ba Kin be appointed Secretary pro tern in Pwo Karen.

Mr. Josif presented the printed programme for the Programme Committee and moved its adoption including a statement that the Friday meetings should be in Vinton Hall and the Saturday meetings at Ruggles Hall. This was VOTED.

After singing by the Lanmadaw choir the following new members were presented to the Convention: Miss Eva Cummins of the Girls High School at Mandalay, Miss Pauline Meader and Rev. P J. Braisted of Judson College.
The Chairman then appointed the following Committees:—

**Nominating Committee:**
- U Tun Pe
- U Tha Din, Prome
- Thra Kya Bu
- Thra Saw Koo
- Rev. M. C. Parish

**Committee on Arrangements:**
- Thra Moung Po
- Saya Ah Syoo
- Thra Shwe Lu, Toungoo
- Thra Shwe Young
- Rev. H. I. Marshall, D.D.

**Time, Place and Preachers:**
- U Po Min
- U Tha Din, E. A. C.
- Thra Joseph Pawmlaw
- Thra Shwe Ba
- Rev. J. E. Cummings, D.D.

**Enrolment:**
- Thra Ollie
- U Po Kha
- Saya Po Mya, Prome
- Thra Po Nyein, Henzada
- Rev. B. C. Case

**Resolutions:**
- U Tha Din, Mandalay
- Thra Po Ban
- Thra Toe Khut
- U Shwe Hman
- Rev. G. D. Josif

**Obituary:**
- Thra Mg Yin
- Saya Chit Pwe
- Thra San Yoe
- U Po Myit, Insein
- Rev. H. E. Dudley

**Digest of Letters:**
- Thra Moloe
- Thra Mg. Bu
- U Po Shwe, Pyapon
- Maung Ba Kin
- Rev. A. E. Seagrave
Correspondence:—

Thra. Ba Te
Saya Ba Han
U Shwe Nya
Thra Li Po, Moulmein
Rev. E. C. Condict

Thra San Ba, Corresponding Secretary, presented to the Convention the Report of the Committee of Management, as printed (see report), which was accepted by the Convention. Besides the report of workers as given in the printed report the following gave brief verbal reports: Dr. Cummings for the Henzada worker, U Aung Pyo of Prome, Saya Kyaw Pe of Pyapon, E. C. Condict for Thayetmyo. Then after special music by the Lanmadaw choir and the collection, Thra Ba Te reported for Saya San Myaing of Taunggyi and Mr. Hinton told of the work for Chinese at Mandalay and Upper Burma, especially the work of E Hwe at Myingyan.

The Amendment to the Constitution of the All-Burma Orphanage, Moulmein as notified on page 14 of the minutes for 1929 was taken up and passed at this time. The object of this Amendment, namely, the deletion of the words in Article VI, "from among the lady missionaries," is the devolution of responsibility from the missionaries to indigenous people; it will enable the Managing Committee of the Orphanage to choose as Superintendent any lady, irrespective of race and position, whether missionary or not.

VOTED to pass to the Resolution Committee the following Resolution. RESOLVED: That the work hitherto directed by the Evangelistic Committee of the Missionary Conference be now devolved upon the Burma Baptist Convention.

The morning session then came to a close with prayer by U Ba Han and the singing of the Doxology.

AFTERNOON SESSION

With U Po Mya in the Chair, the second session opened at 2 o'clock with the Singing by the congregation of three verses of "Come Thou Almighty King." Saya U Pa led the devotional service with the reading of 1 Timothy 6:11—"But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." In answer to the question, Who is that man of God? he offered the following four suggestions: 1. One who is in communion with God; 2. One who is filled with the Holy Spirit; 3. One who has great faith in God; 4. One who is doing the will of God. He concluded with the words of Jesus as found in John 20:21, "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." After the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story" by the Lanmadaw choir the collection was taken.
As the first item of business, the President called for the Treasurer's Report which was given by Dr. Roach. The report was printed in English, Karen and Burmese and distributed at this time. After a few questions, on the motion of U Hla Bu and being seconded by U Po Ban the report was accepted as printed (see printed report).

Mr. E. M. Harrison spoke in Burmese on the subject: "Pentecost in Burma." In brief his thoughts were these: "We need the same Pentecostal power as the early disciples had. Some of the hindrances to that power are: (1) selfishness and impurity, (2) Our fears, (3) Lack of Prayer. We may have that power, he said, if we are willing, like the disciples of old, to go into the upper room and pray, and pray with one accord."

A very fitting close to this talk was the singing by Thra Johnson Kan Gyi of "The Holy City."

Although it was voted in the morning to meet at Ruggles Hall on Saturday, on presentation of the matter on account of the seating capacity of Ruggles Hall by Mr. Josif, it was VOTED to hold the Saturday meetings in Vinton Chapel.

The Report of the All-Burma Orphanage was presented by Saya Ah Syoo, (see printed report) who announced that Mrs. P. R. Hackett was elected Superintendent for next year and that Saya Chit Pwai was elected Secretary-Treasurer by the Local Sub-Committee. He then called on one of the teachers who called six boys of the orphanage to the platform and after a brief statement to the effect that the children are very interested to do any work that is given to them and that they love to express their appreciation by making contributions from their earnings, she called on these six boys to sing, which they did very acceptably. VOTED to accept the Report as printed.

The Report of JUDSON COLLEGE followed, given by Dr. St. John, and was ADOPTED.

"The progress of the College building scheme can be understood best by a visit and all are invited to see the new buildings on Prome Road. Except the Chapel all of the buildings of our scheme are now under roof and the six teaching buildings are waiting for the coming of doors and frames from England. The College Board of Trustees approves of the contract for the Chapel being let as soon as Rs. 1,00,000 have been practically provided in Burma with the understanding that the first contract shall be for the foundation, the walls and the roof only. The monthly reports of the cash receipts have kept you informed of the payments made.

I am delighted to report that the members of the College Staff, which included all of the teachers, have actually paid more than Rs. 12,000 into the Fund, and all has been done with absolutely free will. This does not mean that all have completed the payments on their subscriptions, nor that all have subscribed
or offered any sum at all. It may also be mentioned that at the College Rs. 2,527-2-0 have been raised by entertainments and other means.

A year ago the cash credit balance of this Fund was Rs. 35,505-15-9. At the end of September, 1930, the cash credit balance was Rs. 61,516-5-3. The increase in the collections was largely from the payment of small sums by the churches. The Churches paid in Rs. 17,971-1-0 during the year. The specific pledges, not including Association pledges, advanced from Rs. 58,948-1-9 to Rs. 81,302-9-6, an advance of Rs. 22,353-7-9. Rs. 17,327 of these pledges came from the Churches. Missionaries subscriptions advanced by Rs. 2,964-6-0. Their payments advanced by Rs. 5,967-7-0. Old students pledges increased by Rs. 2,062-8-0. Their payments increased by Rs. 3,847.

At present the pledges of missionaries are mostly paid. Still payments from them are coming in and a good deal more is expected. Old students have pledged Rs. 11,070-8-0 more than they have yet paid.

Association pledges have not been listed as pledges though we can count on them in general.

If Rangoon Karens rise in their might as the Bassein Sgaw Karens are doing 40% of our further need will be provided for. Then we are counting much on the Bassein Pwo Karens who have asked us to delay until this late date that they might care first for local needs. The Shwegyin Karens are planning on bringing in their full quota and that should aid greatly in the movement. The Tharrawaddy, Henzada and Moulmein Karens can be counted on to greatly increase their gifts. The Maubin Pwo and the Tavoy Karen Churches will surely put forth efforts to do something worth while during the coming months.

Then there are all of the Burman churches. They are not numerous nor are they wealthy, but the Burman Christians are loyal givers as many have already made plain. Several of our good Burman families are investing more than Rs. 1,000 each in the Chapel.

We have a big struggle ahead of us. We shall need to do our level best. Many of us will be called on to make real sacrifices. U Mya Pon has been requested by the Board of Trustees to meet as many of our Karen brethren as possible and U Po Myit has been requested to represent this cause to the Burman Christians. Welcome them as God’s messengers in this great effort.”

Dr. St. John also announced that buses would be at the door of Vinton Chapel at the close of the Saturday afternoon session to convey all convention visitors who wished to see the college grounds out to the college and back and that tea would be served to those who went. It was reported later that a large number took advantage of this invitation.
The following is a digest of the report given by Miss Viola Peterson of the KAREN WOMAN'S BIBLE SCHOOL: “Five things about the Karen Woman’s Bible School:—I. Enrolment: thirty-four in the graduating class, twenty-six in the 2nd year class, twenty-three in the 1st year class, total eighty-three. Only one from the 1st year (new) class has not studied at least one year in the 4th standard and she is A.V. 3rd pass and has had experience which will make her a valuable worker. One has passed the 9th standard and thirteen have studied in Anglo-vernacular Schools. II. Our Testing this Year. (1) Beginning school during the days of the riots. (2) Serious and prolonged illness of Miss Ragon and Thramu Aung Byu. III. Our Testings have brought growth in: (1) Faith in God. (2) Seeking God’s will and guidance, (3) Prayer, (4) Finding God’s word a living Power, and (5) Carrying help to others. IV. A very hearty “Thank You” for the many ways you have helped us. Our piano fund up to date is Rs. 882-15-0. V Asking the women with our Trustees and Executive Committee to meet the next day at 8 A.M.” This report was followed with singing by a quartette of girls from the school, “Where he leads me, I will Follow.”

Dr. Marshall read the following telegram from Mr. Dyer who was with the Gospel Team in India: “Great victory Rawalpindi good time Sialkot greatest opportunity Lahore Pray for us in many groups all well happy Dyer.” After prayer by several for the Gospel Team it was VOTED That Dr. Marshall be asked to reply to the telegram for the Convention at Convention expense.

The afternoon session closed with the singing of the Doxology.

EVENING SESSION

The Evening was given over to services in the different languages at which addresses were given on the topic, “The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Local Church.” Saya U Tha Din (Man) spoke at Ruggles Hall to the Burmese, Thra Po Nge spoke at Vinton Chapel to the Sgaw Karens, while S’ra Toe Khut spoke at Brayton Hall to the Pwo Karens. These were all reported to be highly inspirational and practical.

SATURDAY, 11TH OCTOBER

Besides the Prayer Meetings for the language groups from 7 to 8 a.m. held in the usual places, the Burmese Woman’s Missionary Society held its business meeting.

The regular session for Saturday morning opened at 10 a.m. with singing by the Pwo Karen Choir, followed by a selection by the Lanmadaw Choir. The Devotions were led by Thra Mg. Bu who, after calling on another for prayer spoke very interestingly from 2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore if any man be in
Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” He emphasized the idea that we are no longer our old selves, but new creatures indeed in Christ Jesus our Lord. He said, “The need of a new nature is urgent and is to be appreciated as much as new clothes are essential and appreciated in our meetings. In order to realise this new divine nature in us we need a cleansing of our hearts, we must have a thorough-going repentance. When we have thorough repentance we shall have the fruits of the new spirit which is Power.” He spoke in Karen and closed his remarks with prayer. Thra Po Mya translated into Burmese. San Po Thin added greatly to the inspiration of the period by singing very effectively, “This is my Task.”

The first item of business was the reading of the Report of the ELLEN MITCHELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL by the Secretary, “Report for the Conference Year Ending September 30, 1930.”

Since we last reported to Conference and Convention we have had twelve months of interesting, and we hope, useful work. Our daily numbers have again averaged between fifty-five and sixty. As usual they have been of many kinds both as to race and disease. Some have come too late for help for their bodily ills but work, plus prayer, has brought back others who seemed, humanly speaking, to have gone hopelessly far down into the valley. We thank God and take courage.

There have been between 700 and 800 admissions. Of these patients, exclusive of European patients, over one third have paid us in smiles and salaams for they had no money with which to pay. Another quarter of the total could not pay more than half of the cost of their care, while only one fifth paid full rates and less than one in thirty more than the cost. Because of this large amount of free work and decreased income the financial situation is giving us more concern than usual. We are trying to adjust the income and outgo but find it a difficult task.

There have been several changes in our personnel during the past twelve months. Miss Maxville’s sudden departure left us very shorthanded for several months. Dr. Grey’s return at the beginning of the rains brought much needed help but we find that our present missionary staff of four is still less than is needed for the really efficient work we want to do. Among other changes has been the resignation of Sayama Ma Mu Baung leaving two full time staff nurses, and only one half of our real need. A part time clerical worker has been a real help. Sayama Ma Seint has succeeded Sayama Ma Paw as Bible Woman. She is doing good work and having a helpful influence among her associates and among the patients. A staff nurse who could accompany the Bible Woman in visiting the homes of the patients would be a great asset.

Dr. Grey’s return has brought us another blessing for, due to her efforts and the help of her friends, we have an X-ray
machine. The small building now being put up for it will give us additional advantages in providing two bathrooms and a new nursery. We hope that the new nursery will contribute much to the rest and comfort of the patients by making the hospital, especially the upper floor, more quiet. We are deeply grateful to the friends, in America, and in the churches of Burma, for the gifts which have made this possible.

Our nurses have continued to do well. Five girls sat for Government Examinations during the year and there were no failures. Last hot season the only non-Christian among our girls at that time was baptized. Her example seemed to have a very good effect upon one of our house girls for she has become a Christian and wants baptism. This is an example of the spirit which we hope will grow and permeate the whole life of the institution. Groups of our pupil nurses have gone from time to time with the staff nurses and the Bible woman to different villages from which patients have come, used their friendship to get a hearing, and have made friendly visits in the homes. In one village they have started a Sunday School and after a few trips the appearance of the car got a following suggestive of the Pied Piper of Hamlin Town. Nor were the children the whole audience, for adults sometimes come and the school is held in the home of a former patient. The husband took this way of expressing his appreciation for the service which Dr. Seagrave sometime before had been able to render. The trips have been made with real enthusiasm and we ask all Christians to join their prayer with ours that these and all our efforts to serve shall bring forth much fruit for the kingdom. Report ADOPTED.

The Report for the KAREN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY was called for and given by Dr. Marshall and was ADOPTED. He said in part: "The second and last unit of the Smith Memorial buildings is now nearing completion. The Karens have raised over Rs. 37,000 and a similar sum has been received for these much needed dormitories. They will soon be officially opened. The money has been raised for one new teacher's house and that will make possible the gift of a similar sum: for a second house. There is a bad debt of Rs. 2,467/- on the running expenses which the trustees have just voted to clear off with a special appeal. The spiritual life of the seminary is the best ever. A Gospel Team is now touring India with Mr. Dyer of the English Department. We hope you will join us in praying that a Pentecostal revival may take place here in Burma."

The Report of the BURMAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY was given by U Ba Han and was ADOPTED. He said in part:—

"It is a very real pleasure to present the report of the Burman Theological Seminary to this Convention. At the close of the first term we had thirty students in the vernacular de-
partment. Among these are fourteen Pwo Karens, five Sgaw Karens, five Burmans, three Shans, one Taungthu, one Mon, and one Kachin. The boys are keeping well and studying hard. We miss Saya U Aung Ba a great deal and it is very hard to get a teacher who is able to take his place. We teachers are doing extra work to fill up the gap. We are praying hard that our Heavenly Father will send a new teacher soon. In conclusion, kindly remember us in your prayers that God might send fully surrendered pupils in the coming year, for the fields in Burma are white unto harvest.”

The Report of the BURMAN WOMAN’S BIBLE SCHOOL was read by Secretary Charles Halliday in Burmese. It was Adopted. The following report was handed in by Miss Teale on her return from India:

“God has been wonderfully leading us in our work at the Bible School this year. All the girls whom we felt were really fitted to go on studying with us came back. We are glad that the number is small for these first two years because it makes it easier to get adjusted to each other and to have a happy, understanding fellowship.

It has been a joy to watch the girls develop. When they entered last year it seemed impossible that some of them could ever be trained, but the outside evangelistic work along with their Bible studies has worked miracles. During the year they go out on week-end jungle trips and to a few school campaigns. The result has been a new vision of what it means to follow Christ, and a desire to win others.

Two “new things” have happened this year: (1) The first all-women’s Gospel Team which went to Pegu in September. Three girls from Judson College, three Bible School girls, two teachers and myself composed the team. We were very conscious of God’s Spirit with us the entire time, and we have learned again that where there is full cooperation, both at the place of the campaign and among the members of the team, we can always count on God to send a definite blessing. 2) A group of six second year girls who spent the first week of their vacation doing evangelistic work in a group of Karen villages. The idea was their own and it was almost entirely financed by them. It is the first time to my knowledge that a team has gone out without a definite leader and also the first time that a group of girls have gone alone. They took Christ as their Leader and refused to let anything disturb the wonderful fellowship that they had among themselves. The result was that everyone who saw them saw something in them that they longed to have. Ten people have asked for baptism and many more are deeply interested.”

In his usual vivacious and enthusiastic style, Mr. Brayton Case reported the work of the Pyinmana AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL which was ADOPTED. He said: “This is the
eighth year of the school and ninety-one have enrolled. The Pwo Karens are the largest racial group. Of the graduates the majority are doing agricultural work. Two this year joined the seminary. The farm gave a yield of 3,000 baskets of paddy and the vegetables sold from the garden amounted to Rs. 1,600/-. Also Rs. 1,900/- worth of pigs and pig products were sold. Some new varieties of maize and cow peas brought from America give promise of high yields. Some Berkshire pigs and Rhode Island Red hens also were brought from America by Mr. Case and are of a very superior strain."

"An Institute on Village Life held in March was attended by eighty-eight and the workers’ Institute on methods of Christian Work held in September was attended by 127. In the regular work of the School and at the Institute the aim is to give training for Christian service in the villages as well as to help men gain a better living by agriculture."

M. Robbin of Myitkyina, Zawlu of Bhamo, and Labyu De of Namkham were introduced at this time and after a brief report of the work they are doing among the Kachins prayer for the Kachin peoples was offered by U Lu Din of Magwe.

Mr. Josif presented two matters to the Convention at this time which were referred to the Resolutions Committee for report in the afternoon session. The first pertained to a Retired Preachers’ Pension Fund and the other was the matter of the Transfer of Church Membership.

U Tun Pe reported for the Nomination Committee and the report was adopted and the nominees declared ELECTED to office for the year 1930-31. The following is the report:—

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TRUSTEES OF JUDSON COLLEGE

Term Expiring 1931:—
Thra Maw Po, Henzada
S’ra Shwe Ba, M. L. C., Bassein
U Po Myit, Insein
Thra Pan, Rangoon
Thra G. A. Tudee, Tavoy
Thra Choot Po, Bassein
U Po Saw, Danubyu

Term Expiring 1932:—
Rev. L. T. Ah Syoo, Moulmein
U Ba, T. P. S., Rangoon
U Tha Din, E. A. C., Rangoon
Thra Po Myat, Henzada
U Po Byu, Toungoo
Thra Po Win, Moulmein
Dr. Ma Saw Sa, F R. C. S., Rangoon

Term Expiring 1933:—
Thra San Baw, K. I. H., Tharrawaddy
U Ba Htin, E. A. C., Pegu
U Shwe Hman, Rangoon
S’ra Toe Kut, Maubin
U Ba Hlaing, Bar-at-Law, Moulmein
U Po Min, Myingyan
U San U, Zigon
Members of the Managing Committee of the All-Burma Orphanage:—
Mrs. P. R. Hackett, Superintendent
Miss M. Fortna
Miss C. E. Hasseltine
U Chit Pwai, Treasurer
L. T. Ah Poh
Thra Po Win
Mr. E. C. Turner
Rev. L. T. Ah Syoo
Daw Thein Mya

The Report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preachers was then given by Dr. Cummings and translated into Burmese by U Po Min.

VOTED that the next annual meeting of the Convention should be held at Bassein and that the following should be the preachers:—

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On motion by U Ba Han it was VOTED that the TIME of the next annual meeting of the CONVENTION should be left to the Managing Committee.

After a few announcements and a vote of thanks to the singers the Saturday morning session closed by singing the Doxology after prayer by U Tha Din (Mandalay).

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened at two o'clock with President U Po Mya in the chair. After the Congregation had sung, “To the Work,” Rev. E. C. Condict directed our thoughts to Philippians 4:4; “Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, Rejoice.” He said: “The great lack in our religion, or rather our expression of our religion is, JOY. Jesus caused the children to smile when he said, “Let them come unto me.” The message brought by the Angels was: I bring you good tidings. Jesus was constantly thinking about JOY. See Luke 6:23; John 15:11;
John 16:20; John 17:13; Isaiah 53; Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 2:2. After prayer by Mr. Condict and during a solo by San Po Thin the offering was taken.

Rev. G. D. Josif presented the REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS which was acted upon seriatim:—

RESOLVED: that an effort be made to introduce more Rural Reconstruction Work into our district evangelistic programme. The following steps being suggested as a beginning: (1) Send evangelistic workers to the Institutes at Pyinmana to train for Rural Reconstruction Service to be carried on simultaneously with their evangelistic work. (2) Have the Pyinmana Agricultural School give a short course from November to February to which students of the Theological Seminaries and others desiring training for rural service may go. (3) The mission station to use certain selected bazaars as centres in which a regular systematic Rural Reconstruction programme is introduced containing such features as (a) an Agricultural Unit under an agricultural trained man distributing improved seed, implements as well as advice, (b) a Health Unit under a trained nurse, (c) a Religious Instruction Unit under a trained preacher. (4) Admit girls to the Pyinmana Agricultural School for a two years course in Agriculture, supplemented by Home Economics in order that the women of the villages may also become trained in Rural Reconstruction methods. ADOPTED.

2. After some discussion and the loss of one or two substitute motions the following resolution was ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, (1) Owing to the enlarged sphere of work of the racial conferences by the establishment of the Mission Joint Committees and the Women’s Missionary Societies, the addition of one more day is essential to do their business satisfactorily; and, WHEREAS, (2) the actual business of the Convention can be transacted satisfactorily in one day, Be it RESOLVED: that in future the meetings of the Convention be held on Saturday and Sunday only.

3. WHEREAS, we recognize the need of providing for the support of retired Christian workers, including preachers, pastors, Bible women, etc., therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Committee of Management be asked to study some suitable plan for such a Provident or Retiring Fund and report to the Convention at its next Annual Session. ADOPTED.

4. WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the work of Christ in the local church, as well as conducive to the development of the spirit of responsibility and stewardship among church members, to be actively connected with the life and work of the church where they live, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we urge upon all our churches in Burma to encourage their members who change their residence to take
out their church letter and transfer their membership to a church in the locality to which they have moved. Be it further

RESOLVED: that we request the editors of our church papers to keep the importance of this matter often before our people and churches, by writing editorial notes from time to time on this subject.

5. RESOLVED: that the work hitherto directed by the Evangelistic Committee of the Missionary Conference be now devolved upon the Burma Baptist Convention. (Since this was passed by the Missionary Conference it remained only for the Convention to accept it) ADOPTED.

(NOTE:—The following are some of the things which the Evangelistic Committee of the Missionary Conference has been directing:—Daily Vacation Bible School Work, Colportage work, Student Evangelistic Campaigns, etc.)

Note, This resolution was adopted with the understanding that the Managing Committee of the Convention would appoint a Committee.

6. RESOLVED: that a Sunday known as “Convention Sunday” be observed each year all over Burma and that the collections taken on that Sunday be given to the work of the Convention.

Note, This resolution was adopted with the motion that the Managing Committee of the Convention should set the Sunday and notify the churches of their action through the vernacular press.

REPORT OF THE ENROLMENT COMMITTEE: The total enrolment was given as 1397, made up of 4 Kachins, 5 Indians, 26 Chinese, 40 Chins, 610 Burmans, 672 Karens and 40 missionaries. The report was Accepted.

The following report of the OBITUARY COMMITTEE was read by Rev. H. E. Dudley and accepted as read:—

“Miss Harriet N. Eastman was born in 1839 and came to Burma in 1873. She died at Toungoo in May 1930. Her unusually long term of Mission Service was spent for the Karens. She began her service at Toungoo, spent some time in Rangoon, but for a number of years was again in Toungoo. Her great work was the preparation of books for the Sgaw Karen people. Her earnest spirit, her gentle nature, and her kindly Christian ways won her a large place in the hearts of the people.”

“Saya Aung Ba was for many years a worker in Maubin and Pyapon. He left Government service to serve the Lord and was a very faithful worker. The last three years of his life were spent as a teacher at the Burman Seminary. He passed away January 6th, 1930, greatly missed by all who knew him.”

“Thra Shwe Kin was for over thirty years the pastor of the village of Putikwin in the Bassein Sgaw Karen field. He was a locally trained man who was well known for his good and faithful work.”
As a fitting close for this report the President called for several to lead in prayer at this time.

Since there was no more business, after these prayers, the Convention rose and sang the Doxology, the benediction was pronounced and the regular business sessions of the Sixty-Fifth Annual Convention came to a close.

EVENING SESSION

Vinton Hall was full to overflowing to listen to the Concert given by various groups and individuals. The singing and instrumental numbers were every one of a high order and provided one of the finest concerts heard at Convention for a long time. The Burmese and Karens joined by missionaries and friends combined in this harmonious way is we hope but a prophecy of what is yet to be by way of cooperative effort for the cause of Christ in Burma.

SUNDAY, 12TH OCTOBER

From 7 to 8 in the morning the usual prayer groups were held for the language groups, while the hour from 10:30 to 11:30 was given over to preaching services in the various groups. These will be reported in the Burmese and Karen Reports.

From 1:00 to 2:00 P. M. the Burmese Woman's Missionary Society held its third and final meeting which was so full of interesting things that it ran far over time.

The Christian Endeavour Rally from 2:00 to 4:00 was attended by a large and interested audience. The programme was a long, but very interesting one. Selections were given by the Taungthugu, Nanthegon, and Insein choirs as well as selections by the Seminary Quartet and Thra Johnson Kan Gyi. The reports of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer were all interesting but were eclipsed by the appearance on the platform of Thra Klippa who gave a short report of his work in the Loikaw District. When the new officers were introduced for the year 1930-31 it was found that Thra Po Mya of Henzada had been elected the new president. After a few remarks by him, Dr. Eden gave the closing inspirational address of the afternoon. He spoke from the "Great Convention at Ziglag." His three main points were: Consecrated Purpose; Consecrated Talents; Consecrated Loyalty. Ma Hannah also spoke on Daily Vacation Bible Schools at this period.

EVENING SESSION

The Convention closed with the Annual English Service at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Rev. H. E. Hinton, preacher. He took for his text, John 14:12; "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." His main emphasis was on the words, "Greater works than these shall ye do." Just as the scientist
points out to us today that in the scientific world our knowledge is of the merest trifle compared to what there is to know, so in the Spiritual world we have only begun to know what the Spirit filled man can do. Jesus said, "Verily, Verily." When the Scientist makes a statement we believe him, why not believe Jesus in this statement of his. When we do we shall do the greater works." The pronouncement of the benediction closed the Sixty-Fifth Annual Convention.
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