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BURMA BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION, DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION.

I.—The name of the Society is the "Burma Baptist Missionary Convention."

II.—The objects for which the Society is established are,

a. The diffusion and promotion of the Christian Religion throughout Burma and adjacent Countries.

b. The promotion of education among the inhabitants of Burma and adjacent Countries.

c. The diffusion of useful knowledge and literature by means of printing and circulating books, both in English and the Vernaculars. And,

d. The doing of all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects. But this Society shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power; neither shall it interfere with the internal affairs of any Association connected with it by representation.

III.—(Officers of the Society.)

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

I. All ordained Ministers resident in Burma who are in fellowship with the Baptist Denomination may be members of the Society.

II. Each "Association of Churches" in fellowship with the Baptist Denomination in Burma may appoint annually representatives who shall be members of the Society for one year from the date of their enrollment under Rule IV, the number of the said representatives to be in the ratio of five representatives for each Association, together with an additional representative for every twenty churches composing said Association, provided however that in this enumeration, after the first twenty, fractions of twenty over ten shall count as twenty. Churches working with the American Baptist Mission, but not yet formed into Associations, may appoint one representative to the Convention for every one hundred members or less, and every such church having more than one hundred members may have an additional representative for every additional one hundred members, provided that in this enumeration, after the first hundred, fractions of more than fifty shall count as one hundred.

III. Other persons may be admitted to membership (either Ordinary or Honorary) of the Society upon election by a majority of the members present at any General Meeting. Honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of Ordinary mem-

bers and may participate in the discussion at the meetings of the Society, but they shall not be entitled to vote nor shall they be eligible for election as officers of the Society.

IV. No person shall be a member of the Society unless and until he shall have signed his name on the roll of members to be kept by the Recording Secretary for that purpose. Every member shall by so signing be considered to signify his assent and submission to such rules as shall from time to time be the rules of the Society.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

V. Ordinary General Meetings shall be held annually at such time and place as shall be appointed by any previous General Meeting and if no other time and place is prescribed, a General Meeting shall be held on the first Saturday in the month of November of every year in rotation amongst the following places: Rangoon, Bassein, Tharrawaddy, Moulmein, Henzada, Toungoo

VI. The Committee of Management may, whenever they think fit, and they shall, upon a requisition in writing specifying the object of the proposed meeting and addressed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society by not less than one fourth in number of the members of the Society, convene a Special General Meeting, of which at least three months notice shall be given to the members by the Committee of Management. The discussion at every Special General Meeting shall be limited to the object specified in the requisition.

VII. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, shall preside as Chairman at each meeting. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents the meeting shall proceed to elect some one of their number as their Chairman.

VIII. The Chairman, with the consent of the meeting, shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place. Questions put to the meeting shall be decided by show of hands, and in case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

IX. The ordinary General Meeting shall be held for the purpose of receiving from the Committee of Management for the past year a Report on the work and progress of the Society and its affairs generally, and for discussing the same and passing resolutions thereon which shall be binding on the members of the Society; but no resolution that may conflict with these rules shall take effect until it has been confirmed in the manner hereinafter provided with regard to the alteration of these rules. At the Ordinary General Meeting shall be elected the Officers of the Society, namely, one President, four Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, two Assistant Recording Secretaries, a Treasurer and Committee of management for the ensuing year, and such other business shall be transacted as the Committee of Management or individual members may bring before the Meeting.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

X. The Committee of Management shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer of the Society as *Ex-officio* members, together with twelve other members who shall be chosen annually at the Ordinary General Meeting of the Society.

XI. At every Ordinary General Meeting the members of the Committee of Management for the past year shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election. If during the interval between any two Ordinary General Meetings the members of the Committee of Management shall from any cause be reduced below ten, the remaining members of the Committee shall have power from time to time to re-appoint such other members of the Society as they may think fit to make up the full number of the Committee until the next Ordinary General Meeting.

XII. The Committee of Management shall meet whenever necessary for the transaction of business upon the requisition of the Chairman and Secretary. Seven members of the Committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of business and questions shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present. The Committee shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the Committee. In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee at any meeting, the members present shall proceed to elect some one of their number to fill the Chair at that particular meeting. In cases of equality of votes upon any question, the Chairman presiding on the occasion shall have a casting vote.

XIII. The Committee of Management shall conduct the affairs of the Society in the interval between the General meetings, and except as otherwise provided by these rules, shall exercise all powers and do all things necessary for the promotion of the objects of the Society and the Management of its affairs.

XIV. Property and Funds which may at any time be confided to the disposal of the Society shall be deemed to be vested in the Committee of Management for the time being and shall be faithfully applied in accordance with the objects of the Society and the expressed wishes of the donors.

XV. The Committee of Management may from time to time invest moneys for the Society on Mortgage or in Government or other securities and from time to time realize the securities and invest in other securities at their discretion and all and any documents necessary for such purpose shall be duly executed by the President (or by two of the Vice-Presidents, should the office of President be at the time vacant or its holder incapable of acting,) by the Treasurer, and by two other members of the Committee of Management nominated by the said Committee, and when so executed shall be binding on the Society.

XVI. The receipt in writing of the Chairman of the Committee of Management and of the Treasurer of the Society for the time

being, shall be good acquittance and discharge to all persons paying money to the Committee on account of the Society.

XVII. The Committee of Management shall at each Ordinary General Meeting of the Society present a faithful report of their doings and of the affairs of the Society generally since the last previous General Meeting.

XVIII. The Committee shall have power to frame such Bye-laws and make such arrangements for the due and proper conduct of those affairs of the Society which are under their charge as they shall think proper, provided that they do not offend against any of its General Rules and Regulations.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

XIX. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a faithful record of the proceedings at the General Meeting of the Society, and such record shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting and by the Recording Secretary.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

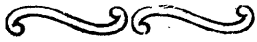
XX. The Corresponding Secretary shall be *Ex-Officio* Secretary to the Committee of Management and shall record the proceedings of the Committee at their meetings, conduct their Correspondence, and preserve copies of important letters.

THE TREASURER.

XXI. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, subject to the direction of the Committee of Management, to take charge of the Society's finances; to keep an accurate record of all receipts, disbursements, and investments; and to render a faithful account of the same, whenever it shall be required.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

XXII. These Rules may be amended, altered or rescinded, or new rules may be added thereto by the resolution of an Ordinary or Special General Meeting; but no such resolution shall take effect unless and until it be confirmed by the next Ordinary General Meeting or by a Special General Meeting to be called for the purpose of confirming it.



THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE BURMA BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF THE WORK DONE DURING THE PAST YEAR 1916-17 BY THE EVANGELISTS WHO ARE SUPPORTED, WHOLLY OR IN PART, BY CONVENTION FUNDS.

BURMANS

Prome. The amount received from the Convention was used towards the support of two men in the section north east of Prome. They reported considerable interest, and there have been four baptisms since the last report. Others are interested, and quite a number are reported as ready for baptism whenever the missionary can visit that section. There has been very little active opposition to preaching, but in some cases the Christians have been made to feel the weight of persecution. There is also an apparent revival among the Buddhist people, but it is too early to say what the result will be. It is doubtful if we ever had a greater opportunity than now, and it is a constant source of regret that we are not able to do more effective work because of the serious lack of the necessary funds. Pray earnestly for this great field.

Katha. The evangelist began at Katha January 2nd, 1917. Rev. Mr. Grigg hired a house for worship and preacher's residence. The evangelist found 15 disciples from Bassein, Pegu, Mandalay, Kamaywet, Insein and Thonze, in Government service at Katha. He held services three times a day on Sundays and Sunday School. He preached and distributed tracts not only in Katha and surrounding villages but also along the Irrawaddi in Inyua, Tigyaing, Myataung and to Tagaung in the Mogok District. He also went to Mohnyin monthly and, starting from Katha, worked from Indaw to Banmouk, a distance of 48 miles visiting about 24 villages. He found Burmans, Kadoos, Shans and Ganans, who listened respectfully. The work among them is very hopeful. Ten were baptized in Katha and six in Tagaung. There is much ground for rejoicing in the year's work.

Pegu. The money received from the Convention was used for the work in and around Nyaunglebin. Saya Ko Sin has worked hard all the year and opened up work in at least one new village where the prospects seem to be good. Four were baptized there. A school was established at Einchalazy village where a church was organized a few years ago. There are now enough Christians in another village at the northern end of the District to

organize another church, which we hope to do during the coming year. It will be a mixed church of Taungthus, Burmans and Chins. One other thing of special interest occurred this year. A young man from the very northern end of the district, a Shan who was baptized about two years ago, entered the Burman Theological Seminary this year.

Pyapon. Aid given by the Convention for a Burman evangelist in the Pyapon-Maubin field was applied on the salary of Saya Tun Pe. He and Saya Kyaw Pe have toured the field together, from the sea to Yandoon. Except in the large towns they have been kindly received, and found many attentive hearers. Many tracts have been sold or distributed. From among the number of inquirers they hope to have baptisms. Saya Tun Pe has shown much zeal and tact in his work. In the Pyapon District Karen and Burman evangelists often go together to places where the two races mingle. This great field has had comparatively little work done among the Burmans. Convention aid should be continued, if possible.

Henzada. The work at Kyangin was carried on by Saya Solomon up to January 1st, when, following the death of his wife, he sought a change and was transferred to work among natives of India in the Myitkyina District. Ko Htun cared for the work during February. Beginning with March, the work has been in charge of Saya E Maung, a recent graduate of the Burman Theological Seminary, assisted during the long vacation of March, April and May by Saya Aung Hmat, a Seminary student. Together they travelled widely to the west as far as Yenandaung and Lema and found attentive hearers. In July, Saya Ein Da and the missionary with Saya E Maung made a journey to the north as far as Akauktaung, in which vicinity they found three eager listeners who asked for baptism and are now under instruction. The Seventh Day Adventists are causing trouble in Myanaung and vicinity.

Tavoy. Last March the Missionary and worker took a trip to Mergui, where they spent one week. They found about a dozen Burmese and Karen Christians there and held a service on Sunday noon at the home of a Christian Barrister, Maung Kyaw Din. Miss Peck writes, "It made my heart ache to see that we have no Christian work, nor even a school, among the large Burmese population there." In the street meeting and in the house to house visitation, they found many earnest listeners, and sold about 300 Gospel portions and tracts. "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few." Would that the convention could send a Burman preacher to that needy field of Mergui.

In the "Letwegyun" Quarter of Tavoy, three miles away, there is a Vernacular School of about 80 pupils. The Christian teacher and preacher there are getting a hold of the people in that locality. The workers held two meetings there this "Rains" to interest the parents in the progress of the school, and over 50

men and women attended each time. "Brethren pray for us. We need your financial help, too, in the support of this work."

Thazi. In the past year at Thazi the Missionary reports the elevation of the school to the Seventh Standard. It has thus in three years climbed back from the Fourth Standard to where it was in 1914 when as a Government Middle School it was abolished. Now, however, there are 93 pupils as against 81 that year. Saya Kyaw is now pastor of this branch of the Meiktila church, which raises Rs. 23 towards his support. Moung San Pe, a recent Seminary graduate helped Saya Kyaw in jungle work. Two baptisms are reported for the year, including the wife of one teacher.

Mogok. About 12 Christians, consisting of Burmans, Karens and Kachins meet for worship in the house of the chief clerk of the court and a beautiful spirit of brotherly love prevails among them. A young man formerly connected with the Wesleyans was baptized who had been waiting for the ordinace for a long time. A young pastor is now in charge and reports ten candidates awaiting baptism. The Convention has been giving but Rs. 10 per month for six months in aid of this work, which appears very promising.

TAMIL AND TELUGU

V S. Letkana. He visited, with Rev. W H. S. Hascall during the year, Tavoy, Moulmein, Prome, Pegu, Kawa, Nyaunglebin, Thonze, Letpadan and Thaton. During that time he also visited the villages lying between Rangoon, Syriam and Kyauktan. The labouring class of the Indian people listen to the Gospel very well and they want him to return and tell them the story of Jesus. Twenty rupees worth of Scriptures were sold to them and to some Roman Catholics. There were four baptisms during the year and many are waiting. Since last March the evangalist has been in very poor health. The work in Syriam is very promising. They have themselves hired a hall and are conducting regular Sunday Services.

Mergui. The Telugu work in Mergui is promising. There were about sixteen Indian Converts, and Mrs. Armstrong has stationed a Telugu preacher there to shepherd the flock.

KAREN

Loikaw. Owing to the reduction in appropriation it has been difficult to keep the usual number of preachers in the field. Without aid from the Convention the work would have suffered severely. The work in the village of Wauthauko has progressed, although Thra Jeremiah has been sorely afflicted in the death of his wife, leaving three small children to his care. He has a Government inspected school of three standards. This year he sent four pupils to the Third Standard in the town school.

The work of Thra Noah in the village of Wau-bauko is gratifying. He also has a Government inspected A School of three grades. The church membership is 28. The C. E. Society numbers 23. The people show real interest in the study of the Bible.

Thra Po Mat left this field for business, and the village of M'Sala being very near another village, the work was placed in charge of that preacher, and the money used for Po Mat has this year reverted to Thra Saw Thi of the village of Ti-s'dor. In the year 1914-15 Dr. Johnson used the Convention money for this preacher. A church was formed here last year which now has seven members.

Mrs. Johnson feels that whatever retrenchment becomes necessary, the work in these three villages must be continued. Therefore she earnestly asks that the Convention grant her the same appropriation as last year.

"Please ask for our workers renewed consecration and quickened spiritual life and power."

Southern Karenni. The mission work in Southern Karenni has been carried on as in the past years. The evangelists have continued to tour among the villages and have brought in interesting reports. Thra To Ku visited ten villages in March and baptized 74 converts. Two of them were in Kawtuder, a village where Thra Ku Be has been working during the past year. There was a church there during Dr. Mason's time, but it has been extinct for more than 40 years. Three churches are without pastors so that the people have to depend on some member of the church to conduct the services. The young peoples secieties seem to be doing good work, but Bible study is very much neglected in all the villages. There are seven young men from the field in the Karen Seminary and several others in the station school. There are four Government aided and several unaided vernacular day schools in the district.

Toungoo. Through the efforts of native Christians and the Missionary the work among the Brecs is still in our hands. But it progresses under great difficulties. First, because of falsehoods spread abroad by Roman Catholic teachers, many have been estranged from the work and won over to their side. They gain access to native sympathy and friendship by giving them food, clothing, etc., and by allowing them to continue the use of intoxicating liquor. If a family desires to break away from them, the Catholic teachers reckon up the cost of all goods given to the family, and threaten them with imprisonment if payment is not made at once ; also in may other ways they are persecuted by the Catholic teachers and their native sympathizers. As a result of the Catholic toleration of liquor drinking, the heathen natives divide the professed Christians into two division ; (1) the liquor drinkers, and (2) the pure water drinkers.

Second, the old custom of making feasts to the nats, etc., clings with great tenacity to the people, even to out and out converts.

It is hard for the people to forsake their old customs. Moreover food is scarse. For instance paddy is so scarse that the people are forced to feed on wild grain and corn almost entirely.

But in spite by all these difficulties the work is progressing and if persisted in the work among the Brec Karens will bear fruit. There is much encouragement for the future.

KACHIN

Bhamo. During March the evangelists toured through the western part of the hills. The people listened attentatively and were anxious to hear more. However there was opposition, some talking publicly against the name of Christ. Then later they turned eastward going as far as the border of Siam, also turning northward toward the border of China. But though there are desciples in China they were not permitted to enter because of the unsettled state of affairs. They preached everywhere, and there were converts. They rejoice greatly because of the year's progress. The Christians have been encouraged and blessed. In many heathen villages requests came—urgents requests—for schools to be established among them. During the year 138 have been baptised, and the total membership is now 777.

KENGTUNG

The evangelistic work of the Kengtung field is ever calling to still greater endeavour. Since February of this present year about 100 Lahus have been baptized. There is an ever increasing demand for preachers and money to carry on the evangelistic work. If the many thousands of converts are to be kept true to Christ, there must be more preachers to teach these peoples the Word of God, so that they may become established in the Christian faith. Alas, not a few of the Lahu Christians of past years have gone back to heathenism, largely because their introduction to Christianity was not followed up with Christian teaching. During two tours recently made, the missionaries were able to cover a large portion of the field. They visited Christian churches as far away as the Chinese border and South to the Siamese border. In that great stretch of territory there are many strong Lahu churches, the Christians of which, are eager to know more of God and the Christian life. The Ahkas are another hill tribe in the Kengtung field, who have not yet been evangelized. The Roman Catholics are doing some work among the Ahkas, but our mission is not. Every day our missionaries are working for the conversion of the Shans. Just the other day a Shan family living near the Mission Compound asked to be received into Church membership.

SIAM

Chiengmai. The work has been steadily carried forward. Extensive preaching tours were made westward as far as Rayhing District, and north and north-eastward to Mainlongyi

and to the border of Kengtung District. Many Karen villages were visited. People listened well to the preaching of the gospel. In almost all of these villages the people desired teachers to stay with them and teach them the word of God. Many persons promised to become disciples of Christ when they learned how to read the Bible. One new Church was organized in Kyinzi District north of Chiengmai, twelve converts were baptized in the name of the Lord, and 32 persons attended the day school during the year. In the Siam Mission field there are five churches with a membership of 218 persons, three Sunday schools with 13 teachers and 197 scholars.

LISUS

Myitkyina. The greatest gain in the Lisu work this year has been in the growth of the evangelist himself. With his greater freedom in the use of the language, better understanding of the people and learning more effective ways of approaching them, the work gives every promise of large results in the future. He spent six months in China working with the missionary there and studying his methods. This work is to be repaid in kind by the missionary. While working alone over there 48 families turned Christian, and he cast out their spirit alters. These 48 families are in five groups and he stayed with each group until he had taught them to read the catechism, sing, and pray. It was difficult for him to find time to sleep, for in their eagerness to learn they were willing to study all night. The language has been reduced to writing in such a simple form that the brighter ones can learn to read, spell, write and sing in 15 days. He feels that he has left these converts in a strong growing condition. He visited some families who had fallen away, and was able to reclaim them. All of them had gone back to spirit-worship in the time of sickness, and knowing this to be the weak point where Satan attacks them he has tried to protect his new converts by teaching them the meaning of sickness and to pray in times of sickness. The Lisu live on the upper slopes of high mountains but the Christians have come down into the plains and it has not been a success. The climate and food do not agree with them. It is alarming the heathen that so many of them die soon after becoming Christians. The missionary is looking for a suitable site and they will probably return to the montains in March.

CHINS

Tidim. As last year the work progressed steadily. The workers made three extended preaching tours, and found much to encourage them. Many asked for baptism, but were requested to wait for further instruction. Ten converts were baptised, and six families are awaiting further instruction. The opposition by native heathen officials intimidiates the people, keeping then from accepting Christ. While some who really have embraced Chris-

tianity are so harrassed that they were forced to flee from their homes in the hills and are now living in the low country. But a few Christians still live in the hill villages. Pray for them. The report of the work at the Association held in one of these villages encouraged and strengthened the Christians greatly. The work progresses, pray that the persecution in the hills may cease.

Haka. During the dry season Rev. Mr. Cope and his evangelists preached in the villages. The people showed great interest in the Gospel message. In one district ten converts were baptised, others are waiting. In another district the people so desired to hear the truth that they would pay no attention to the commands of their native chief. In fact all the chiefs were very angry and attempted to hinder the work by trying to expell all native Christians from their villages ; but in spite of persecution the desciples are remaining faithful, and great progress has been made during the year.

Sandoway. Rev. Mr. Spring reports that it has been a year of great growth and blessing both in and out of the station. The schools in all the district have increased in enrollment and he has had to increase the staff in several of the schools. The evangelistic efforts of the year have been productive of good results. During the year 126 persons were baptized into the fellowship of the church. On the south of Sandoway especially, the quickening power of the Spirit was felt. Many really remarkable instances of conversion were met with, and at the present writing there are preparations for another ingathering. Owing to the lack of funds he was unable to get to the northern part of the field for any extended tour. But it is the purpose of the missionary to spend the months of October and January in this portion of the field this touring season. The annual meeting of the Arrakan Association at Palakyet was a great event for the people of the immediate locality, for they had never seen so many people together in the interests of the Christian faith. The Association pledged itself to the support of the five year program and the missionary expects to go beyond the goal ! Nearly Rs. 1,000 was contributed for all objects this last year. They feel grateful for the assistance which the B. B. M. Convention is giving to them and the entire amount is used in defraying the expenses of the travelling season. The contributions of the Chins to the work of the Convention has nearly equalled that of the amount given to them by the Convention. They trust that the meetings this year may be greatly blessed as the Mission comes together at Bassein. They would like to have representatives there but it will be impossible. " May the Lord greatly bless you all and give great success to the work of the Kingdom this new year upon which we are about the enter. With most cordial Christian greetings to the brethren."

SHAN

Namkham. Rev. Mg. Tun Byu has done very good work all along the valley between Namkham and Mong Bwa. He received a request from the Head-man at Pamghkam for a school and superintended the erection of the building from the very beginning. There is not a man in the mission who commands greater respect than Mg. Tun Byu. The mission in Namkham has much reason to be proud of him. Sixteen have been baptized since last April and three restored and the outlook is hopeful.

Mong Nai. During the past year one of the evangelists partly supported in the past by a grant from the Convention, has decided to leave mission service and to start in business for himself, but using his time as much as possible for the work of the Lord among the people of his own race. The missionary helped him erect his house about sixteen miles from Mong Nai, and gave him rupees five per month, and he preaches in the bazaar every fifth day, and also meets the people on his own veranda across from the main bazaar and does personal work with the aid of an occasional cup of tea to start the conversation flowing. No results are apparent from this work as yet, but it is hoped it will show results as the man gets a chance to get around among the homes of his own race in the mountain villages not for from his home. During the past year despite faithful work by evangelists and Bible women, in the homes and in the bazaars of Mong Nai and surrounding places, Rev. Mr. Gibbens can only report two baptisms. In January last the Church started out with a brave purpose to win fifty souls for Christ during the year but up to date there have been but two baptisms on that effort, and the people are not responsive to appeals for them to work for God. This condition of affairs coupled with reduced appropriations from America have not tended to make optimists of our missionaries at Mong Nai and they need our prayers for themselves and their work.

GURKHAS

Mr. Lal Singh worked for six months for the Convention while on leave from Government Service, returning to the Convention his salary from Government during that period. The places that were visited during his evangelistic efforts were, Meiktla, Myitkyina, and Loilem, Taunggyi being his Head Quarters. Myitkyina seems to be the most promising field. He found a little opposition at Meiktila where he visited twice, once in January spending twenty days and the other time in April spending one week. The short duration of these trips was due to his wife's serious illness. He preached to about 400 Gurkhas. Public meetings were held about twenty times in Myitkyina. In other places he had private talks. He is of the opinion that if the Gurkha Mission is going to be taken up permanently through his personal labour he should be settled in a place whence he can reach the other places easier.

TAUNGTHUS

On account of preachers being few in numbers (only 3) some disciples have religious service only when a preacher can come to them There are seven Christian villages with only three preachers to look after them Thirteen in all, were baptized during the year. Three Christian villages have built good chapels during the year, and six have schools for their children.

INTHAS

After the necessary preparations Saya Myat Min arrived at Imya a Taungthu village, on 19th April, at the southern extremity of the Lake District, and began his bazaar preaching. Most of the people met at the bazaar in the south are Taungthus. The only possible means of conveyance is by boat. He used picture rolls, but refrained from using the baby organ as much as possible. The chief subject was the power of God over death, and the lesson was Jarius daughter. This lesson was repeatedly told in nearly all the bazaars. The chief tribes are the Taungthus and Inthas. The Inthas are of Burmese extraction and speak a dialect of the Burmese language. A knowledge of the Taungthu language is indispensible, for his audiences consist largely of Taungthus. The Inthas live in the northern part of the Lake district, and the Taungthus in the southern part and in the surrounding hills.

NOTICES

From lack of funds the Committee was unable to pay more than two-thirds of the second instalment of appropriations to missionaries, and two or three of them kindly did not ask for the second half.

With reference to the request for a part of the principle of the Judson Centennial Fund which was referred to the Committee for advice, the Committee would recommend that the principle of this Fund be not used, but that on the contrary effort be made to increase this fund.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

I. RESOLVED, That we suggest that July 13th or some date thereabouts be annually observed among us in memory of the landing of Dr. Judson in Burma on that day. (Adopted Oct 22, 1894).

II. RESOLVED, That the Committee of Management be instructed to haue its report printed and ready for distribution at the opening of the session, as heretofore, but that the prelude, calling attention to the salient features of the report and giving a general outlook on the work, alone be read in public, the reports themselves being read privately by the people at their leisure. (Adopted Oct. 23, 1899).

III. RESOLVED, That the Committee of Management be requested to make arrangement if possible so that, year by year, some of the workers from the field shall be present to report on the work in person. (Adopted Oct. 23, 1899).

IV RESOLVED, That speakers be appointed from year to year to present some phase or phases of the Convention's work, and that a programme be prepared and printed in English, Burmese and Karen, with time limit fixed for all speakers. (Adopted Oct. 22, 1899).

V. RESOLVED, That the Committee of Management be permitted to place the moneys of the Convention, not only in Government securities, but in bank deposits, where interest is generally of a larger per cent. (Adopted Oct. 23, 1899).

VI. RESOLVED, That we earnestly urge upon all managers and teachers in charge of our schools of every grade, within the scope of the Convention, the duty of constant vigilance and endeavour to make and keep them distinctly instruments for the upbuilding of God'e Kingdom. (Adopted Oct. 24, 1904).

VII. WHEREAS, At the annual meeting of the Convention in 1897 it was resolved, " That all additions to, or diminutions from the ordained ministerial force of Burma during fhe year shall be printed in the annual minutes, and a full revised list of ordained ministers, with members of the Convention elected under Rule III, shall be published quinquennially thereafter, the first list to the printed with the minutes of the year 1897 and the first revised list to be printed in the year 1900 and quinquennially thereafter," and

WHEREAS, this resolution has not been carried into effect since 1898, therefore be it.

RESOLVED, That we hereby re-affirm this resolution of 1897 and instruct the Recording Secretary to carry it into effect, and to ensure the effectiveness of this and similar resolutions in the future, be it further.

RESOLVED, That the Recording Secretary shall preserve in a book provided for the purpose "a faithful record of the proceedings at the General Meeting of the Society" including the reports of special commiltees. (Adopted October 23, 1905).

VIII. RESOLVED, That recognizing the need of spiritual quickening and refreshment, we recommended that the two days preceeding the annual meeting of the Convention be utilized by each race represented in the membership of the Convention in meetings for prayer and conference.

To make this effective we would recommended that the vice-president for each race take such measures as may seem best. (Adopted October 23, 1905).

IX. RESOLVED, That we call the attention of our people to the Blind School established in Moulmein, with its facilities for alleviating the afflictions of those deprived of sight, by teaching them not only to read and write, but a useful trade also, by which they may provide for themselves and be blessing to others ; a place, too where they are brought under Christian influence. We recomend, therefore.

That effort be made to make this school more useful by increased attendance, by our prayers and by contributions. (Adopted October 22, 1906).

X. RESOLVED, That we recommend to our churches the formation of Young Peoples' Societies of Christian Endeavour among our young people, which is an effort to develop in Christian life and train in Christian service the young people in their own church, and thus qualify the coming generation for enlarged Christian activity. (Adopted October 29, 1906).

XI. RESOLVED, That in the future the Committee on obituaries be appointed one year in advance. (Adopted November (4, 1907).

XII. RESOLVED, That hereafter the Convention meetings occur at the time of the Thadinyut holidays, if practicable. Adopted November 2, 1908).

XIII. RESOLVED, That the Committe on Digest of Letters shall be appointed one year in advanee in order to make an adequate digest of Associational letters, this digest to be read to the Convention and printed in the minutes; and to make this resolution effective, be it further

RESOLVED, That, as soon as possible after the annual meetings of Associations, the annual letter of each Association shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention to be, by him, put into the hands of the Committee on Digest of Letters. (Adopted October 25, 1908).

XIV. RESOLVED, That hereafter, such resolutions passed at the General Meeting, as are of permanent application, or affect the general policy of the work, be printed in the annual report as "Standing Resolution" until they are rescinded by vote of the members at the ordinary General Meeting. (Adopted October 24, 1910).

XV. RESOLVED, That we request, in the future, that the annual reports from the fields sent in by the missionaries should give specifically the names of evangelists aided by Convention funds and the amount paid to each. (Adopted October 24, 1910).

XVI. RESOLVED, That we call on all the Christians of Burma to appeal at the throne of Grace that God may speedily end the infamous opium traffic. (Adopted October 24, 1910).

XVII. RESOLVED, That in view of the appalling increase of the drink traffic in Burma and the consequent increased danger to our Christian community, and specially to our young people, we in this annual meeting re-affirm the truth that self-protection, the welfare of the Province and fealty to Christ, make total abstinence from intoxieating liquor as a beverage the solemn duty of all members of our churches. (Adopted October 24, 1810).

XVIII. WHEREAS, It is the settled conviction of Baptist churches that no form of gambling should be indulged in by their members, and

WHEREAS, There is a reason to believe that a considerable number of our Christian people are being led astray through participation in games of hazard by purchasing tickets in lotteries and horse-races, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we, the Burma Baptist Missionary Convention, do place on record our conviction that the lottery is merely one form of gambling, that the sale, purchase or ownership of lottery tickets therefore constitutes participation in gambling, and

that such participation by a member of a Baptist church is contrary to our principles and renders such an one subject to church discipline ; that it will bring misery upon himself and family, contempt on the church and dishonour to the name of Christ Jesus, our Saviour.

Therefore we urge pastors, Sunday school superintendents and Christian workers throughout the country to bring this to notice of their congregations and carefully instruct all Christians, young and old, concerning the dangers of the lottery as a species of gambling.

And we urge churches and associations to make some such declaration as this regarding the lottery, as a part of their articles of belief and practice. And be it further

RESOLVED, That this be one of the Standing Resolutions of the Convention. (Adopted October 9, 1911).

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.

The fifty-second annual meeting of the Burma Baptist Missionary Convention was held at Bassein, beginning Saturday, October 27th and closing Monday, October 29th. Each day of the Convention began with prayer meetings in the various languages. These meetings were held from seven to eight o'clock in the mornings. The spiritual helpfulness of these daily sectional prayer meetings cannot be overestimated.

FIRST SESSION.

(Saturday forenoon, October 27, 1917.)

At ten o'clock the Convention convened in the auditorium of Ko Thah Byu Memorial Hall, on the Sgaw Karen Mission Compound, Bassein, for its first session. The president of the Convention, Rev. W. F Thomas, D. D., presided and conducted the opening exercises. The Convention opened with singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Chairman then read the scripture lesson for the morning, John 17:20, 21. Thra Shwe Mit of Rangoon then offered prayer in Karen Rev. J. C. Robbins, our foreign secretary for the British India Possessions, offered prayer in English. Then followed an Address of Welcome in Burmese by U Po Sat, the E. A. C of the Bassein District. Dr. Nichols then requested permission to announce the Red Cross Concert for the evening. The audience then rose and sang, "God save the King." This closed the introductory portion of the first session.

The Convention then entered upon the formal business of the first session.

The Chairman first announced the appointment of the following Committees:—

1. *Committee of Arrangements.*

Rev. C. A. Nichols, D D.
Rev. W. Bushell,
Miss F. E. Crooks,
Saya Aung Ba,
Thra Myat San Po Kwe,
Saya Ba Hlaing.

2. *Committee on Time, Place, and Preachers.*

Rev. H. E. Saford,	Ssya Nui Di,
Rev. E. B. Roach,	Saya Ah Syoo,
Rev. A. C. Darrow,	Thra Ya Ba.

3. *Committee on Enrolment.*

Rev. B. C. Case.	Saya Tha Din (Insein),
Rev. H. I. Marshall,	Thara Po Myat.

4. *Committee on Obituaries.* (To report next year).

Rev Wallace St. John Ph. D,	Rev. W. F. Armstrong, D.D.
Rev. B. P. Cross,	Saya Tha Din (Mandalay.)

Thra Po Nge,

5. *Committee on Resolutions.* (To report next year).

Rev. H. H. Tilbe, Ph. D.,	Saya Po Nin,
Rev. C. E. Chaney,	Thra Ba Sa,
Rev. J. H. Cope,	S'ra San Te.

6. *Committee on Correspondence and Credentials.*

Rev. J. E. Cummings, D. D.,	Saya Yin Da,
Rev. E. C. Condict,	Thra Gan.

7. *Committee on Nominations.*

Rev. L. W Hattersley,	Rev. A. C. Phelps,
Rev. J. F. Ingram,	Saya Tha Din (Mandalay),

Thra Po Myaing.

8. *Committee on Digest of Letters.* (To report next year.)

Rev. M. C. Parish,	Rev. H. P. Cochrane,
Rev. J. T. Latta,	Saya Tha Din (Insein),

Thra Saw Ku.

9. *Committee on Comparison and Correction of Minutes.*

Rev. R. N. Crawford,	Rev. L. B. Rogers,
Rev. C. H. Heptenstall,	Saya Po Ka,

Thra Aung Tha Byu.

The following were elected to membership.

Rev. J. C. Robbins,
Mrs. J. C. Robbins,
Mr. Cecil G. Fielder,
Rev. H. I. Frost,
Mrs. H. H. Tilbe,
Miss L. Ryden,
Mrs. J. E. Cummings,
Mrs. C. E. Chaney,
Miss Selma M. Maxville,
Mr. H. W. Smith,
Mr. J. R. Case,
Mr. C. H. Whitnah,
Saya Dwe,
Ko Ba Shin,
Maung Nyan,
Saya Po Myat,
Thra Saw Bu,
Maung Ba Myit,
Thra Ah Saw,
Thra Dur Mer,
Mg. Te San Tu,
Saya Po Ein Da,
Saya Po Tu,
Saya Po Kwe,
U Tha Din E. A. C. (retired),
Saya Po Min,
Saya Tun Win,
Saya Ye Aung,
Mg. We Tin,
Saya Sein,
Maung Pu,
Saya Pi Son,
Saya Po Hlaing,
Saya San O,
Thra Po We,
Maung Gyi,
Maung Myat,
Saya Ton Kyaw,
U Tha Zaw,
Saya Tun Myat,
Saya Mg. Ne Bu,
Ko Tun Gyi,
U Kya Din,
Mg. Sha Tin,
Mg. San Thu.

The choir then favoured us with an anthem.

The Report of the Committee of Management was then called for. This report was presented by Thra Thanbyah; after which the Convention assembly joined in singing "We Praise Thee, O God." The motion to adopt the report was made by Rev. B. C. Case who addressed the Convention in Burmese. This motion was seconded by Thra Po Ngè who spoke in Karen. Speeches on the report were also made by Saya Po Min and U Tha Zan. The report was then adopted. The assembly then joined in singing, "The Morning Light is Breaking."

Dr. McGuire addressed the Convention with reference to the request of the Burma Evangelistic Society for the use of the principle of the Judson Memorial Fund. He advocated that the principle be kept in tact. His address was followed by a motion made by Rev. E. B. Roach and seconded by Dr. Cummings that the Convention affirm the decision of the Committee of Management (see *Notes* to Report p 15). This motion was lost. Saya Tha Din of Insein then moved that a resolution on the matter be presented by members of the B. E. S. at the next session. This motion was seconded by Saya Tha Din of Mandalay. After some discussion this motion was carried.

The choir then sang an anthem after which Rev. J. C. Robbins was formally introduced to the Convention by Dr. Thomas. In his address Rev Robbins said, "You welcome me, not for myself alone, but as a representative of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society." The subject of his address was the projected Evangelistic Campaign, his special theme being, "What is essential to a successful Evangelistic Campaign?" The purpose of the address was to impress upon the Convention assembly the *need* for a consciousness of the personal presence of God.

At the close of Secretary Robbins' address, the report of the Committee of Arrangements was given by Dr. Nichols. Dr. Thomas then introduced Rev. Frost as the Fraternal Delegate from Bengal-Orissa. A motion was made by Dr. Cummings and seconded by Rev. Bushell that Rev. Mr. Frost be made an honorary member of the Burma Baptist Missionary Convention.

After singing the Doxology, Dr. Armstrong pronounced the benediction and the first session of the 52nd meeting of the Convention came to a close.

SECOND SESSION.

(Saturday Afternoon, October 27, 1917)

Saya Ah Syoo of Moulmein, and one of the vice-Presidents of the Convention lead the afternoon's devotional exercises. The first hymn was, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Saya Ah Syoo took for his scripture lesson the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel. This he read in Burmese, commenting thereon as he read. The devotional exercises came to a close with prayer by Saya Swe of Mingaladon.

Dr. Thomas took the chair. The formal business of the Session began after the singing of "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." This second session of the Convention was devoted to reports of various Convention workers.

First Miss Ragon of Myitkyina introduced four Lisus that she had brought alongwith her. Then Thra Ba Thaw, the Karen evangelist among the Lisus, gave in Karen an account of his work among these people. Thra Ba Thaw is a splendid example of a missionary's assistant, and it may not be out of place in this connection to call attention to Miss Ragon's reports of his work

given under the *Lisus* both in this year's and in last year's report of the Committee of Management. After Thra Ba Thaw's speech the four Lisus sang in their native language, "I am Coming Home."

Second, Saya Ba Te spoke of his work first in Kengtung and also in China. He spoke both in English and in Burmese. He had with him a converted Chinaman from Yunan. After his speech we were favoured by a selection by the Burman Theological Seminary Choir entitled, "We are Ambassadors for Chirst." Dr. Thomas called Dr. McGuire to the platform to introduce the members of the choir to the audience—one was an Anglo-Indian, one a Chin, two were Burmans, and three Pwo Karens.

Third, Saya Ah Pan, the Chinese evangelist, reported in Burmese on his work among the Chinese here in Burma. Saya Ah Pan, formerly under the direction of Rev. W. H. M. Hascall, is now under Miss Fredrickson's direction. At the close of his report the audience joined in singing, "We Praise Thee, O God."

Fourth, Thra Enni, the Convention's Karen worker among the Karens of Siam reported on his work. The work has been one of promise during the year. It would be well at this point to turn to the Committee of management's report and read again what is recorded there on the year's work in Siam among the Karens.

Fifth, two workers of the Burma Evangelistic Society, Saya U Lu Din and Saya Po Twin, were invited to report on the work of that organization for the year. Their work has been carried on amid much discouragement.

Sixth, Saya Shwe Zan, a worker who was in the Chin Hills under Rev. Mr. Carson, spoke of the work he is now doing. He is in very poor health as was mentioned by Rev. Mr. Cope who introduced him to the Convention.

Seventh, the work among the Taungthus at Taunggyi was reported on by three speakers, the first was Mg. So Yu a Karen student at the Karen Theological Seminary from Taunggyi. There was with him a Taungthu Christian. The second speaker was Ko Ba Shin, treasury clerk, a Christian residing at Taunggyi. At the close of the latter address, the trio sang a song in Taungthu.

This closed the business for the day. In the spirit of the words, "What hath God wrought," Dr. Thomas asked Rev. A. C. Darrow to offer prayer. On the motion of Saya Ah Syoo the second session was adjourned after the singing of the Doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr. Fielder.

THIRD SESSION.

(Monday forenoon, October 29, 1917.)

The opening devotional service was led by Thra Myat San Po Kwe. The service was opened by the singing of the Doxology. The leader read for his scripture lesson John 14:27. Upon this verse he spoke for a few minutes in Karen and then closed the devotional service with prayer.

Dr. Thomas then took the chair. He opened the session by reading the following message from Mrs. Rose, the aged Pwo Karen Missionary of the Rangoon District.

Rangoon, October 27, 1917.

DR. THOMAS,

Care of Rev. Bushell,

Bassein, Burma.

Greetings to the Convention. Eighty years ago tomorrow Braytons, Stevens, Stilsons sailed from Boston. What hath God wrought.

[Signed] MRS. ROSE.

In reply Dr. Thomas sent back a fitting message. With reference to the first part the reply cited III John 2 and with reference to the sentiment "What hath God wrought?" Ps. 126:3.

The Report of the Committee on Obituaries was given by Rev. J. McGuire, D.D. The Convention assembly then sang "Asleep in Jesus," and prayer was offered by Mr. Hackett of the Mission Press.

The Committee on Enrollment then reported on the attendance at the Convention.

Miss. Yaba of Bassein favoured us with a solo singing it first in Karen, and then in Burmese.

The Treasurer, Rev. A. E. Seagrave presented a summary of the treasurer's report which had been printed and circulated. Attention was called to the fact that the receipts for the year were Rs. 6826 as against Rs. 5165 last year. Last year's debt had been wiped out and the treasury showed a balance of

Rs. 107, as against the debt of Rs. 815 last year. However this appears better than affairs really are for there is an outstanding bill for Rs. 250 still unpaid. When this is paid there will be a deficit of Rs. 143 to be provided for from new funds. He called special attention to the notice at the end of the Committee of Management's Report. Last of all he referred to Saya Myat Min's splendid work. "Do not forget Saya Myat Min. He needs our prayers."

Dr. Thomas then called upon Saya U Lu Din to lead in prayer.

The motion to adopt the treasurer's report was made by Thra San Baw of Tharrawaddy who addressed the Convention in Karen.

This motion was seconded by U San Thu of Bassein who spoke in Burmese. The report was then adopted.

The choir then sang a selection entitled "Be faithful."

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was then submitted by Rev. W. Busheil. All the proposed resolutions were read first in English, then in Burmese, and last of all in Karen. The motion was then made by Thra San Baw and seconded by Dr. Cummings to take up these proposed resolutions one by one.

The first resolution, namely, "That the principal of the Judson Memorial Fund, now amounting to Rs. 34,186, as well as the interest on that fund, be now available for Evangelistic work," was considered until time for adjournment. On a motion to make it the first item of order of bussiness for the next session, the session closed after the benediction had been pronounced by Dr. Thomas.

LAST SESSION

(Monday afternoon, October 29, 1917.)

The last devotional service of the Convention was conducted by Rev. J. C. Robbins. The service opened with a selection by the Karen Choir entitled "Brighten the corner where you are." Prayer was offered by Thra Shwe Mit followed by U Lu Din. We were then favoured with a solo by Mr. Hackett. Secretary Robbins read for his scripture lesson Matt 6:33. After commenting upon it he led in prayer. The devotional services came to a close with a selection by the male quartet consisting of Messers. Hackett, Hattersley, Fielder and Armstrong.

Dr. Thomas took the chair, and the Convention according to the motion of the preceding session resumed discussion on the first proposed resolution. After thorough discussion Dr. McGuire's motion was carried and the resolution passed by the Committee of Management was declared substituted for the first proposed resolution and passed.

A motion was then made by Dr. Nichols that one year's interest be turned over to the workers of the Burma Evangelistic Society ; but this not meeting with their approval was withdrawn.

Dr. Thomas then called on Rev. Mr. Cope of Haka to offer prayer.

As Dr. Thomas had to leave to catch his boat for Rangoon, the Vice-President, Saya Ah Syoo, took the chair for the remainder of the session.

On the second resolution Thra Thanbyah moved to ammend it by striking out the words "by Britain and her allies." The amendment was seconded by U Lu Din and carried. The resolution as amended was then passed.

The 3rd and 4th resolutions were carried as proposed after slight debate.

Rev. W. Bushell then moved that resolutions 2, 3, 4 be forwarded to Government and printed in the daily papers. This motion was carried.

Resolutions 5 and 6 were carried as proposed.

Saya Ah Syoo then called upon Rev. A. C. Darrow to offer prayer.

The chairman then mentioned in connection with remarks about Judson's work at Moulmein that he was not allowed to go to Chittagong. Now after 100 years a cry comes from Chittagong. He mentioned that in the Sunday morning service Dr. McGuire had read a letter asking for a worker for Chittagong. Saya Ah Syoo said that in response to that request a Burman worker had come forward in that morning's sectional prayer meeting to offer himself for the work. (Applause).

The seventh proposed resolution was lost.

The eigth passed after being ammended changing the number of languages from three to four.

An extra resolution was then proposed by Rev. W. Bushell on the matter of an Evangelistic Campaign. This resolution was passed.

The chairman then called for extension of time which was granted. We were then favoured by a selection by the choir.

The Orphanage Committee presented their final report. Dr. Tilbe moved that their request that two members be appointed each by Conference and Convention to serve on Committee for the coming year be changed to a request that all four be appointed by the Convention. The committee accepted the change. The new members appointed to serve on the committee for the coming year were U Tha Din, Rev. W Bushell, Dr. Nichols, Rev. Noble.

The Report of the Committee on Time, Place, and Preachers was read by Prof. Safford. It is printed in full under reports by committees.

The Report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Rev. L. W. Hattersley. The report was adopted and the officers were declared duly elected.

The following were elected trustees of the Baptist College for a term of three years ; Saya Ah Syoo (Moulmein), Ko Pe Ha (Toungoo), Saya Ba Hlaing (Moulmein), U Mwe La (Prome).

A list of the officers elected by the Convention will be found printed on the back of the title page of these minutes.

A resolution expressing our appreciation of the hospitality of the bretheren and sisters of Bassein was moved by Prof. Safford and passed.

The last session of the 52nd meeting of the Convention came to a close after the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. C. Robbins.

THE SUNDAY SERVICES.

It now remains to report briefly on the Sunday Services. At 10:30 a.m. preaching services were held in four languages. The Burmese services were held in the Burmese chapel; the preacher was Saya Maung Gyi ; the collection amounted to Rs. 80. The preacher at the Sgaw Karen services was Thra Tun Hla Ye ; the collection amounted to Rs. 58. The Pwo Karen preacher was S'ra Myaing ; the collection amounted to Rs.——.

The preacher at the Tamil-Telugu service was Mr. Narayanan, and the collection was Rs.——. Will all those who are concerned please note the above blanks.

The English preaching service was conducted in the evening in the auditorium of Ko Thah Byu Memorial Hall. Rev. J. C. Robbins was the preacher on this occasion. The collection at this services amounted to Rs. 81-4-0. The total collections for all five services was Rs. 219-4-0.

Sunday afternoon the annual meetings of the Burma Sunday School Convention, and of the Burma Christian Endeavour Union were held.

The following Y. P S. C. E. officers were elected.

Officers for 1917-18.

President	Rev. L. W Hattersley.
1st Vice President	Thara Pan,
2nd ,, ,,	,, Po Mya, (Henzada).
Secretary	Saya Po Nee.
Treasurer	Miss H. Price.

Standing Committee.

Aungbinle	Saya Chit Pe,
Henzada (Karen)	Thara Po Mine,
,, (Burman)	Saya Po Saw,
Pegu	,, Twin,
Prome	,, Po Nyaw,
Tennasserim	,, Ba Hlaing,
Moulmein	Thara Pine Shwe,
Tavoy and Mergui	,, Shwe Aung,
Bassein (Pwo)	Sara Sein Bu,
,, (Sgaw)	Thara Po Myat,
,, (Burman)	Saya Chiet Twe,
Rangoon (Karen)	Thara Saw Koo,
,, (Indian)	Mr. D. Solomon,
,, (English)	,, C. Scherling,
Tharrawaddy (Karen)	Thara Benjamin,
,, (Burman)	Saya Po Kwe, (Thonze).
Toungoo (Bwe)	Thara Ka Gyi,
,, (Paku)	,, Po Ba,
Maubin	Sara Tokoo,
Insein	Miss A. Smith.

India Council of C. E. Union.

(1)	Mr. L. W. Hattersley	(Rangoon).
(2)	Saya Ba Hlaing	(Moulmein).
(3)	Thara San Baw	(Tharrawaddy).
(4)	Mr. Daniel Solomon	(Rangoon).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Resolutions.

No. 1, RESOLVED, (Substituted Resolution) That the principal of the Judson Memorial Fund now amounting to Rs. 34,186, be not used, but that on the contrary effort be made to increase their fund.

No. 2, WHEREAS in the Providence of God, Burma now enjoys peace and comparative plenty at a time when most of the nations of the earth are sufferring the terrors and calamities of war :

BE IT RESOLVED, First that we the Baptists of Burma, now in convention assembled, do declare our thankfulness to God for the protection thus afforded us and that we pledge our continued loyalty to the King-Emperor, through whose Government this protection comes ;

Second, That we rejoice that America, from which country our Mission has been maintained in Burma for more than a hundred years, has now entered the war, not for any selfish motive but in order that she may do her share in the tremendious task of putting an end to that armed tyranny which sought to oppress all nations of the world ;

Third, That we now pledge ourselves to continue to pray; to use all our influence, and to give of our resources, in order that the war may be won and a just and permanent peace may be established in the earth; Furthermore we express our hope that this war, terrible as it is, may not cease, until such a peace has been assured.

No. 3, WHEREAS the Government under the strain of this world-wide-war is now calling for Volunteers from Burma, to enter the Labour Corps, The Pioneers, and the Sappers and Miners :

RESOLVED, That we do our utmost to encourage volunteering, in order that the war may be speedily brought to a close.

No. 4, RESOLVED that as loyal subjects of the British Government we are willing to do all we can to assist the Government in raising funds to carry on the war, but we respectfully and urgently protest against the Government encouraging the spirit of gambling among the people by permitting war sweeps to procure money for the exegincies of the war.

No. 5, WHEREAS the Seventh Day Adventists are strenuosly proselyting among our Baptist Christians in Burma, and whereas we believe that their doctrine is erroneous and destructive, therefore :

BE IT RESOLVED, that we make every effort to clearly understand the matter and to guard our Church members against such errors.

No. 6, WHEREAS the year 1919 will be the centennary of the baptism by Dr. Judson of U Naw, our first convert in Burma :

RESOLVED, the Executive Committee of the Convention be asked to take steps for the suitable celebration of the event.

No. 7, In order that resolutions presented to the Convention may be more clearly understood while under discussion, and may be more widely known after action has been taken, resolved that resolutions to be presented to the Convention should, when practicable, be printed in four languages and distributed in the Convention before action is taken.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas God has greatly blessed the special evangelistic efforts recently made in India and other countries, RESOLVED that we organize for a similar effort in Burma at the earliest possible date.

Moved;

That the Convention greatefully acknowledges the gracious and abounding hospitality of our brethren and sisters in Bassein and of all others who in any wise have contributed to our entertainment during these days of blessing.

Committee on Obituaries.

THRA PO AUNG : He was the native of Bassein. After studying some years in Ko Tha Byu High School, he joined the Seminary. After graduating from the Seminary he became a pastor in Paukon village. He was an ordained pastor. He was a strong man in doing the work of God. He had done good work in his life. He was born in 1865 and died in 1917. He was fifty-two years old.

KO THA U : First he was a pastor in Payathonzu Village of Pegu Circle. But afterwards was called by the church of Sabudaung after the death of the pastor. He was not a graduate member of the Seminary, but it seemed that he was a man who read and studied the Bible carefully. He was not less than seventy years old.

THRA MYAT THAI was an ordained pastor in Taungbotan Village of Henzada district. He had done good work so his friends and the members of the church loved him very dearly. He died on the 24th of May, 1917.

REV. M. E. FLETCHER, Mr. Fletcher was from the Maritime Provinces of Canada. After studying in Accadia College and Newton Theological Seminary he was appointed by the American Baptist Missionary Union to the Pwo Karen Mission at Maubin, arriving there in the Fall 1893 ; but after nearly five years he was compelled by ill health to leave for America early in the rainy season of 1898. After serving some years as a pastor in the Maritime Provinces of Canada he was called to become a district Secretary for the Canadian Baptist Missionary Society and for many years rendered good and efficient service in that capacity until about a year ago the summons to him from the master calling him to rest from his labors.

THRA PO DI was a native of Shwegyin. After his baptism he joined the Seminary. After graduating from the Seminary began his work He followed Thra Harris and helped him in spreading the message of God. He was full of love, patience, and sympathy in his work.

Baptist Missions Library

Committee on the Orphanage.

Believing that it is the duty and privilege of the Baptists of Burma to provide for the orphans of our constituency according to the measure of our ability, we propose that the following action be taken :

1. That instead of the present plan of a separate institution to care for orphan children, we provide for them in our Christian homes and schools.

2. That if agreeable to Miss Haswell, we assume the assets and liabilities of the present institution at Mingaladon.

3. That the new plan of administration be as follows :

(*a*) That a minimum fund of Rs. 10,000 to be called the Mah Ohn fund be established to provide for orphan children, the present pledges being used to form a nucleus.

(*b*) That a temporary committee of seven be constituted as follows : That in addition to the three present members of the committee two be elected by the Conference and two by the Convention, this committee to serve for one year, and report at the next Conference and Convention a permanent plan of organization.

(*c*) The further duties of the committee shall be

To raise the Mah Ohn Fund.

To provide for the current expenses.

To adjust the relations of this new plan to the existing orphanage. Miss Haswell to sit with the committee.

[*Signed.*] R. P. CURRIER,
H. W. SMITH,
A. C. DARROW, (co-opted).

I accept the above plan,

[*Signed.*] S. E. HASWELL.

Committee on Digest of Letters.

BURMESE CHURCHES,

OCTOBER 1917.

1. *Prome—Tharrawaddy Association.*

The special causes for rejoicing have been the baptism of 80 new members, the continuous faithful activity of preachers and other workers, and the raising of Rs. 266/10 for local mission work,—a sum not great compared with all the Lord's work, but indicating real effort.

2. *Henzada Association.*

Besides the usual faithful work of preachers and witnessing of individual Christians. There are three reasons for being glad at the year's work: (1) 62 haptisms; (2) the gift in addition to usual gifts, of Rs. 300 for the entire support of a preacher; and (3) the practically entire self-support of the Sagagyi Church. There is also one disappointment and danger—the entrance of Seventh Day Adventists into Myanaung—on account of which the prayers of the other churches are requested.

KAREN CHURCHES.

1. *Rangoon Association.*

Many blessings received; prominent among them, the ordination of two new pastors, the work of 18 home-mission workers in 10 fields, the baptism of 502 members, and the raising of the school standard.

2. *Paku Association.*

a. Many villages asking for teachers.

b. Young Peoples' Society awakening.

3. *Shwegyin Association.*

Letter dealing chiefly with statistics, which appear elsewhere; among these, 177 baptisms and Rs. 11,808 spent for the support of pastors, seminaries and evangelism are of special interest.

4. *Bwe Association.*

a. Mr. Seagrave and other noted men gave the people much encouragement.

b. Many villages asking for teachers.

c. Some members near heathen and Roman Catholics are tempted to drinking.

5. *Loikaw Association.*

Report a harmonious annual meeting, two new pastors, and teachers going about preaching.

6. *Moulmein Association.*

a. Glad to hear of Mr. Bushells coming.

b. Have organized a secret prayer-society ; object that every 5 members shall win one to Christ.

c. Work conducted by 32 churches in 13 places, by 14 Y P. Societies in 14 places, and 25 women's societies in 6 places.

d. Work in Cocrit wishes to take care of itself ; therefore withdraw help and have planned to start one new station.

Committee on Time, Place, and Preachers.

Time. Referred to Committee of Management with full powers in consultation with the entertaining Churches.

Place. Referred to Committee of Management with full powers, but Moulmein is suggested.

Preachers.

English.

Rev. S. E. Baldwin,
Alternate, Rev. L. B. Rogers.

Burmese.

Rev. H. H. Tilbe, Ph. D.
Alternate, Saya Tun Gyaw, Maulmaingyun.

Sgaw Karen.

Thra Ya Aung, Bassein.
Alternate, Thra Ba Oh, Tavoy.

Pwo Karen.

Thra Shwe Kyin, Bassein.
Alternate, Thra Ah Cho, Moulmein.

Talaing.

Saya Nai Di,
Alternate, Saya Po Sin.

Tamil and Telugu.

Rev. M. Noble,
Alternate, Rev. J. Aaron.

Urdu.

Rev. E. N. Armstrong,
Alternate, Mr. A. Quyam.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

AND

STATISTICAL TABLES.

1916-1917

Dr. *The Burma Baptist Missionary Convention in Account with*

		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P
To Loans Outstanding—							
5 per cent. Fixed Deposit in Netherlands Trading Society,	...				83,211	7	6
Amount Invested	...	...	...	...	83,211	7	6
To Debit balance Oct. 1, 1916,	..	815	15	3			
Paid Missionaries for Evangelistic Work,	...	4,700	0	0	5,515	15	3
Paid Saya Ah Pan, Chinese Work	...	727	10	0			
Burman Evangelistic Society	...	300	0	0			
Saya Myat Min	..	655	14	9			
Mr. Lal Singh	...	228	14	0			
Siam Evangelistic Work,		917	0	0	2,829	6	9
Printing Minutes, etc.,	...	357	11	0			
Printing, etc., on Wade Fund Account,		2,449	8	6			
Discount and Commission on sales,		104	10	6	2,911	13	6
Principal of Baptist College, interest on Education Funds.	... ...	414	9	9			
Expenses of Secretaries and Treasurer for postage, stationery, etc ,	...	23	0	0			
Additional Deposits	... ..	683	6	6	1,121	0	3
Balance October, 1st 1917	..	...	...	...	107	0	6
Total	...	...	...	...	12,485	4	3

We have examined the above account and com-
We find all bills paid except one bill

A. E. Seagrave, Treasurer, for the year ending September 30th, 1917. *Cr.*

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Securities in hands of Treasurer as follows :—						
Netherlands Trad. Soc. Deposit Receipt No. 4,140, ...	4,082	0	0			
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4,141, ...	4,165	0	0			
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4,142, ...	7,242	0	0			
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4,143, ...	1,000	0	0			
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4,144, ...	479	14	3			
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4,145, ...	13,054	3	6			
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4,147,	34,186	0	0			
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4,156, ...	1,081	9	0			
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4,157, ..	17,920	12	9			
Value of Securities .				83,211	7	6
By Interest on Fixed Deposits, Netherlands Trading Society, ...	3,713	6	0			
Contributions for Evangelistic Work, ...	6,826	12	6	10,540	2	6
Subscriptions to Memorial Funds, ..	1,150	5	9			
,, ,, Judson Centennial Fund,	5	0	0			
,, ,, Burmese Education Fund,	26	8	0			
,, ,, College Endownent Fund,	40	0	0			
,, ,, Paku Karen Education Fund, .	124	5	3	1,346	3	0
Cash from sale of Literature, ..	343	8	0			
Uninvested Funds, last account, ...	61	4	9			
Refund from Mrs. C. A. Kirkpatrick ...	180	0	0			
Minutes sold 1915-16 ...	14	2	0	598	14	9
Total ...	...		...	12,485	4	3

pared it with the vouchers and found it to be correct.

of Rs. 250 from the A. B. M. Press.

PAUL R. HACKETT, } *Auditors.*
PO GYAW, }

2nd October 1917.

Dr. *Account of Income and Expenditure for Evangelistic*

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A	P
To Paid Rev W. F. Armstrong D. D Indians	300	0	0			
,, ,, J. R. Case, Burmese, Mogok ...	60	0	0			
,, ,, H. P. Cochrane, Burmese, Pyapon	300	0	0			
,, ,, E. C. Condict, Chin, Thayetmyo ..	250	0	0			
,, ,, J. H Cope, Chins, Haka	375	0	0			
,, ,, A V. B. Crumb, Karenni	40	0	0			
,, ,, J. E. Cummings, D.D., Burmese, Kyangin ...	250	0	0			
,, ,, A. C. Darrow, Talains, Moulmein ...	150	0	0			
,, Miss B. E. Davis, Burmese, Pagan	165	0	0			
,, Rev. H. E Dudley, Burmese, Mahline...	85	0	0			
,, ,, H C. Gibbens, M. D., Shan, Mongnai	50	0	0			
,, ,, R. Harper, M. D., Shans, Namkham	300	0	0			
,, ,, C. H. Heptonstall, Brecs, Toungoo	210	0	0			
,, ,, ,, Taungthus, Taunggyi	250	0	0			
,, ,, J. F. Ingram, Kachins, Bhamo	120	0	0			
,, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Padoungs, Loikaw ..	340	0	0			
,, Rev. L. H. Mosier, Burmese, Katha	375	0	0			
,, ,, M. C. Parish, Burmese, Pegu ...	165	0	0			
,, Miss A. H. Peck, Burmese, Tavoy	250	0	0			
,, ,, S. T. Ragon, Yaw Yins, Myitkyina	165	0	0			
,, Rev. E. B. Roach, Burmese, Prome ..	250	0	0			
,, ,, L W Spring, Chins, Sandoway ...	85	0	0			
,, ,, J. H. Telford, Lahus, Kengtung ...	165	0	0	4,700	0	0
,, The Burmese Evangelistic Society	300	0	0			
,, Saya Ah Pan, Chinese Evangelist ...	727	10	0			
,, Saya Myat Min, Burmese Evang. Inle.	655	14	9			
,, Mr. Lal Singh, Goorka Evangelist ...	228	14	0	19,12	6	9
,, Karen Preachers in Siam	917	0	0			
,, Printing, Minutes, etc.	357	11	0			
,, Stamps	23	0	0	1,297	11	0
,, Special Collections forwarded to Siam ...	283	0	0			
,, Debit balance Oct, 1916 ...	815	15	3	1,098	15	3
,, Credit balance Oct., 1st 1917 ..				107	0	6
Total			..	9,116	1	6

Account of Income and Expenditure from Invest-

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs	A.	P.
To Interest on Memorial and Judson Centennial Funds used for Evangelistic work	1,812	3	0			
Education Funds paid to Principal of Baptist College,	414	9	9	2,226	12	9
Mission Press, payments on Wade Fund, Karen Thesaurus, Catechism and Grammer	2,449	8	0			
Commission on sales of literature	104	10	6			
Additional Deposit, ...	683	6	6	3,237	8	0
Total				5,464	5	9

Work for the year ending September 30th, 1917. *Cr.*

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Interest on Memorial and Judson Centennial Funds, ...	1,812	3	0			
Contributions for work, ...	6,826	12	6	8,638	15	6
Special Collection for Famine forwarded to Siam, ...	283	0	0			
Refund from Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Namkham ...	180	0	0			
Sale of Minutes, 1915-16, ...	14	2	0	477	2	0
Total ...	...	...	...	9,116	0	6

ments for the year ending September 30th, 1917.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Interest on Fixed Deposits, ...	3,713	6	0			
Cash from sale of Literature ...	343	8	0	4,056	14	0
Contributions to Memorial Funds, ...	1,150	5	9			
,, ,, Burmese Education Fund,	26	8	0			
,, ,, Paku Karen Education Fund,	124	5	3			
,, ,, College Endowment Fund, ...	40	0	0			
,, ,, Judson Centennial Fund,	5	0	0	1,346	3	0
Uninvested balance, last account, ...	61	4	9	61	4	9
Total ...	...	...	...	5,464	5	9

The Wade Printing Fund.

The interest only is available for the printing of books in Sgaw Karen or in Sgaw Karen and English.

1st, Those written by Dr. Wade himself.

2nd, Those which shall be approved for the purpose by the European members of the faculties of the Karen Theological Seminary and Rangoon Baptist College.

The original principal was Rs. 11,174/15/3.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of Fund October 1st, 1916,				19,264	9	3
Interest on Investments, ...				866	14	0
Mission Press, cash from sale of Literature, ...				343	8	0
,, ,, Discount and Commission on sales,	104	6	6			
,, ,, Charge for typesetting and stereotyping Karen Thesaurus to date.	1,399	8	0			
,, ,, Printing 5000 Catechisms	400	0	0			
,, ,, ,, 1000 Grammer ...	650	0	0			
Amount of Fund September 30th, 1917, ...	17,920	12	9			
	20,474	15	3	20,474	15	3
This fund is invested as follows:—						
Fixed Deposit Netherlands No. 4,157 ..				17,920	12	9

The Judson Centennial Fund.

Amount of Fund October 1, 1916 ..				34,181	0	0
Interest on investments, used for work Contributed during the year ...	1,538	2	0	1,538	2	0
Amount of Fund September 30th 1917 ...	34,186	0	0			
Totals ...	35,724	2	0	35,724	2	0
The fund is invested as follows :—						
Fixed Deposit, Netherlands No. 4147				34,186	0	0

The College Endowment Fund.

The interest only is available to defray the general expenses of Baptist College Rangoon.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of Fund October 1st, 1916, ...				12,456	1	6
Interest on investment.				558	2	0
Contributed during the year ...				40	0	0
Amount of Fund September 30th, 1917, ...	13,054	3	6			
	13,054	3	6	13,054	3	6
The fund is invested as follows :—						
Fixed Deposit, Netherlands No. 4145 ...				13,054	3	6

of the Convention, September 30th, 1917.

The Karen Education Fund.

The interest only is available for the support of Karen teachers and pupils in Baptist College, Rangoon.

The original principal was Rs. 881-13-2.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of Fund October 1st, 1916. ...				4,165	2	0
Interest on Investment, ...				187	6	0
Interest paid to Principal Baptist College ...	187	8	0			
Amount of Fund September 30th, 1917 ...	4,165	0	0			
	4,352	8	0	4,352	8	0
This Fund is invested as follows:—						
Fixed Deposit, Netherlands No. 4141, ...				4,165	0	0

The Burmese Education Fund.

The interest only is available for the support of Burmese teachers and pupils in Baptist College, Rangoon.

The original principal was Rs. 670-13-9.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of Fund October 1st, 1916. ...				4,055	2	9
Interest on investment, ...				182	7	0
Contributions during year ...				26	8	0
Interest Paid to Principal Baptist College ...	182	1	9			
Amount of Fund September 30th, 1917. ...	4,082	0	0			
	4,264	1	9	4,264	1	9
This Fund is invested as follows : —						
Fixed Deposit, Netherlands No. 4140, ...				4,082	0	0

The Ko Pah-Oo Fund.

The interest only is available as a scholarship in Baptist College, Rangoon.

The original principal was Rs. 240.

	Rs	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of Fund October 1st, 1916, ..				1,000	0	0
Interest on investment, ..				45	0	0
Paid to the Principal of Baptist College, ...	45	0	0			
Amount of Fund September 30th, 1917, ..	1,000	0	0			
	1,045	0	0	1,045	0	0
This Fund is invested as follows :—						
Fixed Deposit, Netherlands No. 4143, ..				1,000	0	0

Statement of the Condition of the several Funds of the Convention, September 30th, 1917,—Continued.

The Memorial Funds.

The interest only is available for the work of the Convention.

			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
	Ko Tum Baw	Henzada	100	0	0			
	Lu Paw	,,	22	0	0			
	Mi Kwe	,,	20	0	0			
	Naw Tha-La	,,	60	0	0			
	Saw Tah Ku	,,	44	10	0			
	Thra Su Bo	,,	92	13	6			
1887	Kyaw Sa	Rangoon	50	0	0			
1888	Ngah Thwait	,,	23	0	0			
1892	Naw Mai Aw	Henzada	100	0	0			
,,	Naw Pai Po	,,	400	0	0			
1895	Henzada Evangelistic	,,	112	0	6			
,,	Naw Si Sa	,,	50	0	0			
1897	Naw Mai Aw	Rangoon	50	0	0			
,,	Naw Mi Sa	Henzada	100	0	0			
,,	Saw Ko Pay	,,	20	0	0			
,,	Saw Kyi T Nyi and Naw Pai Po	,,	400	0	0			
1898	Mah Mo	Rangoon	50	0	0			
,,	Saw Ki Rai a Po	,,	20	0	0			
,,	Saw Po No and Naw Mah Sa	Henzada	100	0	0			
1899	Naw Taw	,,	20	0	0			
,,	Paw Mu	,,	15	0	0			
,,	Saw Ti Lai	Moulmein	80	0	0			
1900	Dawbong Estate	Insein	707	8	0			
,,	Ma San Hla	Thayetgon	10	0	0			
,,	Pa E Ru	,,	150	0	0			
,,	Saw Si	Rangoon	100	0	0			
,,	Thra Shwe Bwint and Ma Mu Twe	,,	1,020	0	0			
1901	Maung Shwe	Toungoo	20	0	0			
1902	Naw Meh Leh	Toungoo	100	0	0			
,,	Shwe Mai Pa	Henzada	50	0	0			
1903	Elder Mya Ne	Moulmein	50	0	0			
,,	Kyaw Zan Hla and Naw Ne E	Henzada	100	0	0			
1905	Naw Dai	Toungoo.	15	0	0			
1906	Saw Kya and Naw Pu Le	Rangoon	50	0	0			
1907	Naw Dulay	Henzada	10	0	0			
,,	Pah Toh Oh	Moulmein	1,000	0	0			
1908	Mah Nyi Tha On Ghine	Henzada	50	0	0			
,,	Naw Mai Oung	,,	50	0	0			
,,	Nyo Paw	Rangoon	5	0	0			
1909	Tu Law Paw	,,	25	0	0			
,,	U Ohn Ghine	,,	50	0	0			
1910	Ma Ne Bwint	Henzada	100	0	0			
1911	Ko Lu Gyi	,,	55	0	0			
,,	Saw Du	,,	30	0	0			
,,	U Pah Gon	,,	50	0	0			
1912	Maung Bu and Ma Me U	,,	100	0	0			
,,	Pah Tu Pah	Moulmein	50	0	0			
1913	Naw Ma Aung	Shweindone	20	0	0			
1914	Thra Super, for wife	Toungoo	5	0	0			
,,	Daw Twe	Bassein	30	0	0			
,,	Naw Hla May	Bassein	10	0	0			
1916	Thra Shwe Bwint & Naw Mu Thwe	Henzada	200	0	0			
1917	Naw Ye Po, Plawnermu	,,	100	0	0			
,,	U Pan Di, by Daw U	Insein	1,000	0	0	7,742	0	0

Statement of the Condition of the several Funds of the Convention, September 30th, 1917.—Continued,

The Memorial Funds,—*Continued.*

	Rs.	A.	P	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of Funds October 1st 1916, ...				6,091	10	3
Contributions during year, ...				1,150	5	9
Interest on investment,				274	1	0
Paid to General Account for Evangelistic Work,	274	1	0			
Amount of Fund September 30th, 1917, ..	7,242	0	0			
	7,516	1	0	7,516	1	0
These Funds are invested as follows:—						
Fixed Deposit, Netherlands No. 4142, ..				7,242	0	0

The Burman Preachers' Children's Education Fund.

	Rs	A.	P	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of Fund October 1st, 1916, ...				1,035	0	0
Interest on investment. ...				46	9	0
Amount of Fund September 30th, 1917,	1,081	9	0			
	1,081	9	0	1,081	9	0
This Fund is invested as follows :—						
Fixed Deposit, Netherlands No. 4156, ...				1,081	9	0

The Paku Karen Education Fund.

The interest only is available for one or more scholarships in the Baptist College, Rangoon, for the benefit of Paku Karen Students in the I. A. or B. A. classes.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of Funds Oct., 1916, ...				340	12	0
Contributed during the year ..				124	15	3
Interest on investments				14	13	0
Amount of Fund, Oct. 1, 1917, ..	479	14	3			
	479	14	3	479	14	3
This Fund is invested as follows :—						
Fixed Deposit, Netherlands No. 4144,				479	14	3

The Chiengmai School Account.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P
Balance in hand October, 1st 1916				1,662	12	6
Received for work				1,140	0	9
Expended for work ...	1,020	0	0			
Balance, October 1st, 1917	1,783	13	3			
TOTALS ...	2,302	13	3	2.802	13	3

For the Work of the Convention.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Arrakan Chin Association	40	0	0			
Baptist College Church for Saya Myat Min ...	230	3	6			
,, ,, ,, General work	17	1	0			
Bassein Burman Church	130	0	0			
Bassein Pwo Karen Association, ...	221	4	6			
Bassein Sgaw ,, ,, ...	827	0	9			
Bhamo Shan—Burman Church	15	12	0			
Burman Theo. Seminary	27	7	6			
Chin Hills Association, ...	180	0	0			
Convention Burman Preaching Service, ...	230	2	3			
,, ,, ,, U Tha Din	10	0	0			
,, English ,, ...	75	6	9			
,, Pwo Karen ,, ...	43	5	6			
,, Sgaw Karen ,, ...	154	13	0			
,, Tamil & Telugu,, ..	4	0	0			
,, Special Collection	136	4	0			
Henzada Burman, Church ...	110	0	0			
Henzada Burman Association,	45	0	0			
,, ,, ,, Ma Mary ...	40	0	0			
Henzada Karen Association, ...	368	11	0			
Hsipaw Church,	20	0	0			
Insein Burman Church, ..	77	8	0			
Insein Burman Sunday School .	10	0	0			
Insein Burman Woman's Meeting ..	10	0	0			
Irrawaddy Chin Association,	35	0	0			
Karen Agoga Class ...	7	10	6			
Kengtung Church	25	0	0			
Kyauktan Meeting	6	0	6			
Kyunlamu ...	10	0	0			
Letpadan Burman Church,	5	0	0			
Loikaw Karen School Church	3	9	9			
Padaung Association ...	15	3	6			
Magwe Burman Church ..	25	0	0			
Rev. H. I. Marshall	35	0	0			
Maubin Burman Church, ...	10	2	0			
,, Pwo Association, ...	112	2	0			
Maymyo Burman Church,	20	0	0			
Rev. J. McGuire. D D., ...	17	0	0			
Meiktila Burman Church, ...	110	0	0			
Mingaladon Burman Church,	20	0	0			
Moulmein Burman Church, ...	200	0	0			
,, Chounggon Church, ...	10	0	0			
,, Baptist C. E., boat for Saya Myat Min	10	0	0			
Moulmein Karen Association, ...	175	15	0			
Myingyan Burman Church, ...	28	0	0			
Myitkyina Kachin Lisus ...	5	0	0			
Okpotuywa Church,	3	0	0			
Paungde Burman Church,	20	0	0			
Pegu Burman Church, ...	94	8	0			
,, Aingale Chin Association ..	17	10	0			
Miss Phinney,	30	0	0			
Tha Po Sein, Taynaw, ...	100	0	0			
Miss Pound, ...	5	0	0			
Carried forward				3,655	12	3

Contributions to Convention 1916-1917,—Continued.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Brought forward				3,655	12	3
Pyapone Burman Church ..	12	0	0			
Pyinmana Burman „	41	12	0			
Rangoon Sgaw Karen Association, ..	928	8	9			
Miss R W. Ranney, .	30	0	0			
Sagaing Burman Church, ...	40	0	0			
Sagagyi Burman Church ...	7	0	0			
Prof. & Mrs. Safford ...	20	0	0			
Shwebo Military Police ...	17	8	0			
Shwegyin Karen Association ...	493	11	0			
Susugon ...	5	14	0			
Syriam Burmese Church	38	0	0			
Taunggyi Church for Saya Myat Min ...	60	0	0			
Tavoy Burman Church,	97	8	0			
Tavoy-Mergui Karen Association, ...	129	8	0			
Telugu and Tamil Church Rangoon, ..	10	0	0			
Tenasserim Talain Association, ..	30	0	6			
Tharrawaddy Karen Association, ...	175	15	3			
Thaton Burmese Church ...	16	10	0			
Rev. W. F. Thomas, D. D. ...	50	0	0			
Thonze Burman Church, ...	100	0	0			
Toungoo Burman Church, ...	23	8	0			
Toungoo Bwe Association, ..	122	0	3			
Toungoo Paku Karen Association, ..	206	14	9			
Zigon Burman Church,	20	0	0			
Total ...				6,826	12	6
For the Memorial Funds.						
Dawbong Estate, Interest, ...	50	5	9			
Naw Ye Po Memorial ...	100	0	0			
U Pan De Memorial by Daw U ...	1,000	0	0	1,150	5	9
For the Burmese Education Fund.						
Henzada Burman Association, ...	26	8	0	26	8	0
For the Paku Karen Education Fund.						
Paku Karen Association ..	124	5	3	124	5	3
For the College Endowment Fund.						
Old Student ...	40	0	0	40	0	0
For the Judson Centennial Fund.						
Kapyaw Karen Church, Mergyi, ...	5	0	0	5	0	0
Carried forward ..				8,172	15	6

Contribution to Convention 1916-1917,—continued.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A	P.
Brought forward ..				8,172	15	6
For the Chiengmai School.						
Henzada Karen Association, ..	185	8	9			
Karen Battalian Monywa, ..	15	0	0			
Moulmein Karen Association, ...	200	0	0			
Rangoon Sgaw Karen ,, ...	300	0	0			
Dr. Smith .	6	0	0			
Shwegyin Karen ,, ...	141	12	6			
Tavoy ,, ,, ...	40	0	0			
Tharrawaddy Karen ,, ..	86	9	9			
Toungoo Paku ,, ,, ..	140	7	3			
Conference Collections ..	24	10	6	1,140	0	9
Chiengmai School Account.						
Dr. Smith ...						
Tharrawaddy Karen Association ...	25	0	0			
Paku Karen, Toungoo	4	4	0			
Mezali Karen, Myaungmya	15	0	0			
Yogyi Village, Henzada ...	7	0	0			
Kamaingain	6	8	0			
Pwo Karen Church, Rangoon	5	0	0			
Mwelon Church, Henzada ...	17	0	0			
Kyaukmya Church	13	1	0			
A friend ..	8	8	0			
Rangoon Karen Association ...	19	15	0			
	161	12	0	283	0	0
Grand Total ...				9,596	0	3

Church Statistics, March, 1917.

Numbers.	Associations.	Number of Churches.	Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Bible Women.	Baptized during the year.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.
	Burmese.											
1	Aungbinle	2	1	6	3	43	5	1	3	1	1	129
2	Henzada	11	3	13	2	57	1	3	5	3	5	521
3	Pegu	18	12	7	7	122	13	8	9	12	19	1183
4	Prome-Tharrawaddy	13	8	16	1	127	5	5	2	11	10	1770
5	Tenasserim	1	1	2	1	15	9					43
	Total	45	25	44	14	364	33	17	19	27	35	3646
	Karen.											
1	Bassein, Pwo	58	17	32		259	43	64	65	113	48	3836
2	Bassein, Sgaw	145	50	92		478	653	129	143	341	217	15935
3	Henzada	87	21	55		246	74	60	113	125	59	5211
4	Loikaw Padaung	16	2	13		50	12		8	8	5	479
5	Moulmein	32	10	20	3	169	43	47	56	50	40	3112
6	Rangoon, Pwo	31	6	17	1	179	42	48	28	20	29	1548
7	Rangoon, Sgaw	166	46	112	6	502	245	118	382	315	145	10649
8	Salween	5	2	4	1	17	2	2		7	2	238
9	Shwegyin	84	9	53		170	95	55	98	109	82	3417
10	Siam	5	3	4		12	17	4	13	6	8	218
11	Tavoy-Mergui	33	6	17		77	5	27	8	31	38	2013
12	Tharrawaddy	31	8	21	6	116	31	6	31	20	20	1762
13	T'goo, Bwe-Mopgha	58	7	57		112	23	12	19	5	66	2215
14	T'goo, Keker-Keba	39	7	28		97	8	17	10	7	24	1123
15	Toungoo, Paku	84	14	43		133	36	37	28	44	84	3472
	Total	874	208	568	17	2617	1299	626	997	1209	867	55228
	Kachin.											
1	Bhamo	6	3	3		137				6	7	771
2	Myitkyina	8	3	3		44	36	2	36	14	23	313
3	Namkham	2	1	2		70	2	1	2	2	4	145
	Total	16	7	8		252	38	3	38	22	34	1229
	Chin.											
1	Arakan	16	7	7	2	126	20	3	18	6	7	601
2	Chin Hills	6	2	11		80		9		29	10	449
3	Irrawaddy	7	3	3		27	2		7		6	294
4	Pegu	5	2	2		18	9		6	12	2	270
	Total	34	14	23	2	251	31	12	31	47	25	1624
1	Shan	3	2	5	6	4	1	3	1	11	4	214
1	Talain	5	3	5		27	4	7	2	4	5	362
	Unassociated Churches											
1	Baptist College	1		15	-	18	10	1	31	8	1	156
2	Chinese, Rangoon	1	1	-	-	12			4			32
3	English	4	2	2	-	23	14		9	-	1	457
4	Kengtung Tribes	82	16	15		224	2					16000
5	Tamil, Tel. Urdu	8	2	7	2	53			2		2	509
6	Taungthus	4	1	4	1	13	-				1	271
	Total	100	22	43	3	543	26	1	46	8	5	17425
	Grand Total	1077	281	696	43	1058	1432	669	1134	1328	975	79728

Statistics of Contributions, March, 1917.

Support of Pastors.		Construction and Repair of Buildings.		Bible School.		Home and Foreign Missions.		Other Contributions.		Total Contributions.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.
1,232	3	-		67	6	254	14	63	1	1,617	8	4	12	173
1,424	0	309	0	55	0	1,004	0			2,792	8	13	45	846
1,405	8	980	5	614	8	1,034	9	7,078	13	11,113	3	30	35	1,585
1,453	8	156	0	190	0	322	2	4,851	1	6,972	11	21	23	1,030
480	0	-	-	50	0	180	0	-	-	710	0	4	11	248
5,995	3	1,445	5	976	14	2,795	9	11,992	15	23,205	14	57	126	3,882
2,192	8	6,602	1	506	0	1,268	10	3,396	3	13,965	6	21	38	919
23,877	10	4,729	10	2,161	15	3,385	3	45,609	4	79,763	10	145	229	5,202
7,931	13	1,932	0	772	0	3,259	0	14,985	9	28,879	6	45	78	1,198
724	1	550	0	21	0	21	1	352	0	1,668	2	5	10	149
4,064	0	3,106	5	335	9	1,198	15	7,368	5	16,073	2	32	71	1,744
711	8	1,356	4	332	8	2,442	8	981	0	5,813	12	8	19	283
20,446	0	15,421	0	1,542	0	5,871	0	13,032	0	56,312	0	86	123	2,998
231	7	144	0	60	0	432	5	4,138	8	5,006	4	3	9	97
8,810	10	5,225	4	490	0	2,073	7	19,877	12	36,477	1	18	48	975
80	0	117	0	16	0	52	0	391	8	656	0	3	13	167
1,839	15	1,887	12	273	6	448	5	2,728	5	7,177	11	6	19	401
3,466	8	2,618	6	256	2	1,901	8	701	10	8,944	2	38	80	1,126
2,426	10			142	0	2,442	0	845	2	5,855	12	14	25	792
1,283	12			76	1	994	15	1,694	13	4,049	9	11	13	293
3,627	11	1,628	10		-	2,896	14	6,221	9	14,374	12	18	18	813
81,714	1	45,318	4	6,974	9	28,687	11	1,22,323	0	2,85,017	9	456	793	17,157
96	0				-		0	556	12	652	12	5	16	320
117	0			30	0	394	11	20	0	561	11	3	12	183
		-						462	0	462	0	7	16	210
213	0			30	0	394	11	1,038	12	1,676	7	15	44	713
44	14	102	12	18	14	111	9	715	12	993	13	11	21	369
329	0	400	0	-		200	0			929	0	2	6	65
155	14	14	0	34	0	55	0	420	0	678	14	7	9	190
270	0	331	0	17	0	27	10	470	0	1,115	10	3	4	81
799	12	847	12	69	14	394	3	1,605	12	3,717	5	23	40	705
357	3			-			-	230	4	587	7	5	19	265
481	12	22	8	-		218	4	436	10	1,159	2	3	7	65
				30	4	433	6	306	1	769	11	5	36	632
100	0	50	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	0	1	2	16
2,963	1	2,473	14	1,030	0	2,672	8	4,935	0	14,074	7	7	43	452
		-	-					-	-	-	-	-		-
1,969	3	13	12		-	50	0	136	3	2,169	2	7	18	139
900	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	125	0	1,025	0	4	13	165
5,932	4	2,537	10	1,060	4	3,155	14	5,502	4	18,188	4	24	113	1,504
95,493	3	50,171	7	9,111	9	35,646	4	1,43,129	9	3,33,552	0	583	1142	24,288

School Statistics, March, 1917.

Numbers.	Associations.	BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOLS. No. of Schools.	No. of Male Teachers.	No. of Female Teachers.	No. of Male Pupils.	No. of Female Pupils.	Total No. of Pupils	School Fees. Rs.	A.	P.
	Eurmese.									
1	Aungbinle	3		11	74	132	206	30,30	8	0
2	Henaada	16	31	15	823	255	1,078	19,408	0	0
3	Pegu	14	22	33	802	561	1,363	18,974	12	0
4	Prome-Tharrawaddy	20	19	28	613	583	1,196	9,320	0	0
5	Tenasserim	4	7	6	127	143	268	1,476	0	0
	Total	57	79	93	2,439	1,672	4,111	52,209	4	0
	Karen.									
1	Bassein, Pwo	36	53	39	928	750	1,678	3,094	0	0
2	Bassein, Sgaw	151	136	58	2,002	1,738	3,740	9,705	14	0
3	Henzada	89	90	57	1,142	1,237	2,379	4,407	0	0
4	Loikaw Padaung	13	14	1	160	96	256	383	8	3
5	Moulmein	43	40	45	992	801	1,793	2,198	12	0
6	Rangoon, Pwo	29	22	17	522	391	913			
7	Rangoon, Sgaw	113	113	81	1,790	1,502	3,192	25,912	0	0
8	Salween	5	8	4	118	32	150	2,166	4	0
9	Shwegyin	43	23	11	693	402	1,095	3,545	11	0
10	Siam	2	2		19	13	32	145	0	0
11	Tavoy-Mergui	18	20	5	323	276	599	1,770	10	0
12	Tharrawaddy	36	70	15	806	510	1,387			
13	T'goo, Bwe, Mopgha	30	40	7	369	253	622	2,812	0	0
14	T'goo, Keker-Keba	15	25	2	203	90	293			
15	Toungoo, Paku	28	45	5	400	393	793	3,538	4	0
	Total	651	701	347	10,538	8,484	19,022	59,678	15	3
	Kachine.									
1	Bhamo	8	12	6	262		262	329	0	0
2	Myitkyina	4	8	1	91	24	115			
3	Namkhan	7	12	4	160	50	210			
	Total	19	32	11	513	74	587	329	0	0
	Chin.									
1	Arakan	15	12	13	152	111	263	1,486	0	0
2	Chin Hills	4	9		140	10	150			
3	Irrawaddy	4	6	1	96	71	167	1,120	0	0
4	Pegu	5	5		36	36	72	45	0	0
	Total	28	32	14	424	228	652	2,651	0	0
1	Shan	6	8	7	135	98	233	411	0	0
1	Talain	1	1	1	27	29	56			
	Uuassociated Churches									
1	Baptist College	4	65	26	1,515	127	1,642	1,16,337	5	0
2	Ohinese, Rangoon	1	2		5		5			
3	Eglish	3	2	16	81	86	167	6,941	8	0
4	Kengtung Tribes	23	27	5	360	300	660			
5	Tamil, Tel. Urdu	5	20	7	414	109	523	10,557	8	0
6	Taungthus	4	5	9	186	61	247	4,106	8	0
	Total	40	121	63	2,561	683	3,244	1,37,842	13	0
	Grand Total	802	974	536	16,637	11,268	27,905	2,53,122	0	3

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Report of Committee on Enrolment—Bassein 1917.

Associations.	Missionaries. Men.	Missionaries. Women.	Preachers. Ordained.	Preachers. Un-ordained.	Preachers. Men.	Preachers. Women.	Heathen.	Total.
I. *Burman Associations.*								
Pegu	5	5	15	11	136	94		266
Prome-Tharrawaddy	2	1	3	6	18	7		37
Henzada	1	1	3	1	13	1	-	20
Aungpinle	2		3	3	6			14
Tennasserim		2	1	1	2	1		7
Total	10	9	25	22	175	103		344
II. *Karen Associations.*								
Bassein (Pwo)	1	2	18	25	528	111	250	935
Bassein (Sgaw)	1	2	78	93	952	519		1645
Henzada	1	1	9	10	80	31		132
Loikaw								
Moulmein		1	5	5	3	2	-	15
Rangoon (Sgaw)	2	2	13	13	50	23		103
Salween								
Shwegyin		2	1	4	10	2		19
Tavoy-Megui	1	-		1	4	1		7
Tharrawaddy	1	3	4	5	10	5		28
Maubin (Pwo)	1	2	3	1	12	9		28
Toungoo (Bwè)	1	1	3	2	2	3		12
Toungoo (Paku)								
Total	9	16	134	159	1651	706	250	2925
III. *Other Associations.*								
Arakan (Chin)	1							1
Thayetmyo (Chin)	1	1	1	1	11	1		16
Taungthus				1	1			2
Talaing	1	1						2
Shan			2	1	2	4		9
Kachin	2	2	1		4	1		10
Total	5	4	4	3	18	6		40
IV. *Unassociated Churches.*								
Baptist College, Rangoon	9	5						14
Immanuel Baptist Church, Rangoon	4							4
English Baptist Church, Rangoon	1							1
English Baptish Church, Moulmein		1	-					1
English Baptist Church, Maymyo								
Tamil, Telugu and Urdu	1	1		2	28	5		43
Chinese				1	8		5	9
Visitors from other Countries	3				-			4
Total	18	8		3	36	6	5	76
Grand Total	42	37	163	187	1880	821	255	3385

B. C. CASE,
Chairman.