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Chairman—Rev. J. E. Cummings, D. D.
Vice Chairman—Rev. B. M. Jones.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers of the Council and Conveners of Standing Committees, ex-officio, and W B. Hilton, Esq., W. L Barretto, Esq., Thra San Ba, Sydney Loo Nee, Esq., Saya Shwe Hla and Miss May May Mack.

REPRESENTATIVES.

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Methodist Episcopal Mission.—Rev. B. M. Jones, 25 Creek Street, Rangoon; Rev. C. H. Riggs, D. D., 34 Creek Street, Rangoon; Saya Shwe Hla, Thongwa.

Young Women’s Christian Association.—Miss M. B. Ferguson, Gen’l Sec., Y. W. C. A., Brooking Street, Rangoon.

Young Men’s Christian Association.—W. B. Hilton, Esq., Act’g Gen’l Sec., Y. M. C. A., 295 Dalhousie St., Rangoon.

British & Foreign Bible Society.—Rev. W. Sherratt, Agent, 19 Sule Pagoda Road; Rangoon.

Christian Literature Society.—Saya U Tun Pe, Judson College, Rangoon.

Women’s Christian Temperance Union.—Mrs. B. M. Jones, 25 Creek Street, Rangoon.

The Burma Christian Council

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The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Burma Christian Council was held at the Central Y. M. C. A., Rangoon, on Friday and Saturday, July 17th and 18th, 1925. The opening meeting Friday evening was a reception and tea given in honour of Mr. Paton, by the Chairman, the Rt. Revd. the Lord Bishop of Rangoon, at which there were about eighty present. Our appreciation of the Bishop's kindness in providing the tea, was expressed by Dr. Cummings on behalf of all present. Mr. Paton, Secretary of the N. C. C., gave us a key-note address, followed by a devotional service.

The business sessions began at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, with the Lord Bishop presiding. The first twenty minutes was occupied by a devotional service led by the Bishop.

The following members of the Council were present:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary's letter to Dr. Gilkey was read and Mr. Sheldon's letter of regret concerning his inability to be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, was read.

The roll call of members was read followed by a welcome to visitors extended by the Chairman.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Purser suggested that we take up together, the reports of Standing Committees and reports of the group conferences with Mr. Paton on the same subjects.


RESOLVED:—That the report be approved and accepted.
RESOLVED:—That we appoint a committee of six, one at least of whom is present this morning and is a member of the Executive Committee of the B. C. C., which sub-committee is instructed to make a study of, and work out so far as possible, the problems of rural education for Burma along the lines of the project method.

Mr. Purser objected to the appointment of another committee on educational matters, as out of harmony with the provisions of the constitution, but the motion was carried.

RESOLVED:—That the following be appointed as a sub-committee on Rural Education:—Mr. Purser, Mr. Clare, Dr. Cummings, Miss Merrick, Mg. Gyi and Miss Ebersole.

RESOLVED:—That Mr. Purser be appointed Convener of this sub-committee.

Mr. Jones asked if the Education Committee has the power to speak for this body with regard to important matters. It was pointed out that the members of the Education Committee are representatives appointed by the different Mission bodies and that if any Mission body objects to any action taken by the Council, it has the right to withdraw its approval of the action and is, of course, not bound by it.

Mr. Walters called attention to the lack of time given by Government for Missions to reply to questions of large importance, such as the Conscience Clause, and advised that this body should insist that in such matters the various Mission bodies should have ample time to consult their constituencies before making reply. This expressed the will of the Council on the matter, although no formal action was taken.

RESOLVED:—That the matter of a Village Teachers’ Journal along the lines of the Moga Village Teachers’ Journal, be referred to the sub-committee on Rural Education.

RESOLVED:—That the Education Committee take up the matter of the Normal Schools situation as a matter which is urgent and needs immediate attention.

2. Christian Literature.—For report see p. 10.

RESOLVED:—That the report on Christian Literature be approved and accepted. Mr. Jones presented a most interesting and challenging report on this subject.

3. Training of Missionaries.—For report see p. 15.
RESOLVED:—That we approve and accept the report presented by Mr. Purser on the Training of Missionaries.

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission approached a member of this committee with the suggestion that our Committee should give the language examination to their candidates. It was the expressed opinion of this Council that we should only examine the candidates for language examinations belonging to mission bodies affiliated with the Council.

4. Report of Group Conference on Evangelism.—The following is an extract from the report of the Committee which met with Mr. Paton to discuss Evangelism:—"It was the considered opinion of all present, that it is the Evangelistic work that invariably suffers most from any retrenchment or reduction of staff. The momentum of institutions with government connections and expensive staffs must be maintained; the evangelistic work in the villages can wait, it is argued, with the result that when vacancies occur in the institutions, missionaries are called in from evangelistic work to man them. As a matter of fact there is a considerable amount of institutional work in almost every station, requiring a good deal of the missionary's time for administrative and routine work. New missionaries are handicapped in the acquisition of the language by having a good deal of Anglo-Vernacular work to do.

The group discussed somewhat the attitude of the Burman toward Christianity. It seemed to be the opinion that while popular Buddhism not as atheistic as is theoretical Buddhism, nevertheless the long centuries of adherence to that faith have affected the receptivity of the Burman mind for theistic teaching. This is especially noticeable in his thought on the subject of Sin, where he regards disobedience to law as affecting solely the individual sinner and of no concern to any one else.

An overweening confidence in things Burmese is also a hindrance to the acceptance of what is regarded as a foreign religion.

It was pointed out that a vast majority of missionary effort in this country is expended on a small minority of the population, but it was regarded as a sound policy in view of the more ready response among animistic people.

A united Evangelistic campaign in which all bodies should work together was regarded as impracticable at the present stage of denominational relations. The subject of
endeavoring to secure visits from Dr. Stanley Jones or Pastor Mallis was discussed somewhat and it was decided to refer it to the Council."

The discussion which followed dealt almost entirely with the matter of the best approach to the Buddhist mind.

5. Survey Committee.—Mr. Olminstead reported that the survey is still incomplete. He desired to know whether Roman Catholics should be included in the survey. The Chairman suggested that it would be a good thing to do so.

RESOLVED:—That the Committee on Survey complete their work and submit it to the Executive Committee as soon as finished.

6. Gambling and Betting. Mr. Barretto gave an oral report summing up the subject under three points.

1st. We cannot stop races and gambling altogether.

2nd. There is already a sufficient body of law to deal with these matters if it were enforced.

3rd. It may be well to deal with this matter as with some other evils such as the liquor traffic, and make further restrictions as to the legal amount allowed in a bet.

Mr. Paton spoke on the importance of this matter. He feels that the European community does not realize the evils of the system and there is need of education and agitation along these lines.

RESOLVED:—That Mr. Barretto continue his work on Gambling and Betting, in collaboration with Mr. Paton.


RESOLVED:—That the Treasurer's report be approved and accepted.

RESOLVED:—That the Treasurer pay our dues of Rs. 400/- to the N. C. C. in August.

RESOLVED:—That the Rs. 87/- set apart for the printing of the McKee Conference Findings, which was never carried out, be now set apart for the printing of any literature growing out of the McKee Conference.

RESOLVED:—That the Executive Committee arrange each year for an audit of the Treasurer's accounts.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Lord Bishop, Chairman of the Council, expressed his appreciation of the confidence placed in him and the honour conferred upon him in his having been elected to serve in this capacity for several years, but requested that he be relieved from this office for the coming year, and proposed the name of Dr. Cummings for Chairman. The officers as given below were elected:—

Chairman, Dr. Cummings.
Vice-Chairman, Rev. B. M. Jones.
Secretary, Rev. C. E. Chaney.
Treasurer, T. J. Cornelius, Esq.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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CONVENERS OF COMMITTEES.

Christian Education, Dr. C. H. Riggs.
Christian Literature, Rev. B. M. Jones.
Training of Missionaries, Rev. W. C. B. Purser.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS.


The Executive Committee was instructed to co-opt others if such is found to be required by the Constitution.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Resolved:—That Mr. Jones and Mr. Purser co-operate with the Secretary in bringing up to date the actions concerning the Constitution, presenting the same to the Executive Committee.

It was understood that the Secretary is to send out notices to all members of the Council and members of Standing Committees before each meeting of the Executive Meeting.
For information the Secretary records that that is the practice which has been followed to date.

**RESOLVED:**—That the Secretary try to get in touch with Dr. Grenfell of the Labrador Mission, who is now travelling through the Orient, with a view to securing him for some public addresses in Rangoon.

Mr. Jones expressed the thanks of the Council to the Y. M. C. A. for their co-operation and assistance rendered the Council in connection with this Annual Meeting.

Mr. Drysdale expressed in fitting words our sincerest appreciation of the services of the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rangoon as our Chairman for the past several years.

The Secretary was instructed to express to the N. C. C. our hearty thanks for their kindness in sending one of their secretaries, Mr. Paton, to be with us during our Annual Meeting.

The date of the next Executive Committee meeting was set for Saturday October 24.

The meeting adjourned with Grace by the Bishop.

**SECRETARY’S ANNUAL REPORT.**

*For 1924-25.*

The work of the Council closed last year with the Conference on Rural Education, illustrating the project method, conducted by Mr. McKee, immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council. Therefore some of the follow up work of that Conference fell within this present year and marks the beginning for this brief review of the year.

This is the Second Annual Meeting since the adoption of the new name and constitution, THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL IN BURMA. A clear statement concerning the nature and purpose of the changes made was cyclostyled and sent last March to all missionaries throughout the Province. This was the first step of the Committee on Arrangements in an effort to bring the aims and interests of the Council to the attention of the missionary staff in Burma, with the hope also that it would bring some, at least, from outstations to this Annual Meeting.

During the year there have been two meetings of the Executive Committee, one on the 29th of November and one on the 28th of February. The item of largest interest in the No-
vember meeting was the report concerning the National Christian Council at Waltair given by Mr. Purser, Mr. Jones and Thra San Ba, all of whom attended the meeting. Of special note and importance was the announcement that the Methodist Mission has made a loan of Rev. B. M. Jones for half time service as Literature Secretary for the Burma Christian Council.

The items of greatest interest presented at the February meeting were Mr. Paton’s letter concerning the work of the N. C. C. and our letter to the Director of Public Instruction concerning the Conscience Clause.

Mr. Wiatt, who so long efficiently served you as your Secretary, went on furlough after the November meeting, and the Executive Committee by necessity had to change Secretaries in midstream, with the result that you have one not so conversant with either the detail work or past history of this Council.

We were specially favoured this year in securing Dr. Gilkey for a week of special lectures on the subject “Jesus.” He had been sent out from America to the Orient to deliver the Barrows lectures. He brought to all who heard him here, inspiration and encouragement for our tasks. The lectures were well attended, interest and attendance increasing until the close of the lecture course.

In bringing this brief report to a fitting close, I wish to call your attention to the arrangements for the Annual Meeting. Those in charge of arrangements have sought to gain a larger hearing, and consequently a deeper interest in the co-operative work of this Council. Several mimeographed statements concerning our work have been sent to all missionaries and many other Christian leaders in Burma. The invitation to this meeting has been spread far and near. We have requested that July 19th be observed as B. C. C. Sunday and that sermons and addresses bear on the lines of the Christian activity with which this Council is concerning itself. The printed material and these meetings ought to give all in attendance here an abundance of material for your service tomorrow.

As a happy climax to all our preparations we were able to secure Mr. Paton, one of the National Secretaries of India, to visit Burma from the 6th to the 20th July. He has met with several group conferences on various subjects. We were able to arrange for him to visit Mandalay, Toungoo and Bassein in order to see something of Mission activities in Burma outside of Rangoon. And we are favoured by having him with us throughout the Annual Meeting.
The reports of various Committees and other business under consideration in this Annual Meeting will fill out more in detail the framework of the year's activities which has been sketched in this brief report of your Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Chaney,
Hon'y Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

The work of the Council and that of the Christian Literature Society is so closely interwoven that I will not attempt to keep them separate in this report. The committee is the same for both organisations and it is important that information regarding all phases of the work be disseminated as widely as possible.

I think it was while the annual meeting was in session last year that we had a translator at work for a portion of his time, his remuneration being provided by the Christian Literature Society committee. The arrangement fell through very soon after, the only work completed being a Life of Sadhu Sunder Singh which still remains in MS. From another source the Committee had presented to it a MS. of a Burmese story, "Bo So Min Wutthoo," and from a third source a translation of "The Sign of the Cross," made by a teacher of St. Mary's School. Editions of 2,000 each of these two latter MSS. were ordered printed, and "Bo So Min Wutthoo" has been on sale for the past four months. "The Sign of the Cross" is still in the press but should be finished shortly.

Application had been made early last year to the I. L. F for the support of a translator, and a grant of Rs. 1,800, was made on condition that the time of a missionary be given to supervise the work. It was found impossible to secure a translator till the close of the school year, but Saya Mg Yu has been at work since May 1st under the writer's supervision. The translation of Drummond's "Greatest Thing in the World" has been approved by the Publication Committee and is ready for the press. "King Midas and the Golden Touch" and another Burmese story, "Ma Pan Shwe Wutthoo," are in the hands of the Committee. The translation of "The King of the Golden River" is about half done and a book of "Tales of Heroism" is at about the same stage, while about one-third of the work is done on a booklet on astronomy. It is our purpose
to begin shortly a translation of Fosdick's "Manhood of the Master," and McKee's book on the teaching of reading.

The situation therefore with regard to MSS and publication is:—

One book of 236 pages published and on sale;
One of 280-300 pages, but larger in size and with smaller type, soon to come from the press;
One MS. the Life of Sadhu Sundar Singh, left over from last year;
Three MSS. just completed, and
Three more partly done.

Perhaps before going on to the consideration of finance and circulation, I should diverge here and say a word with regard to the program and policy for MS. production. I am laying on the table a number of copies of "A Report on Burmese Christian Literature with Catalogues" prepared by Mr. Sherratt with great care in 1917. It was circulated at that time and I doubt not that you who were on the field then have copies stowed away in your library at home if you haven't let the white ants get them.

The situation has not greatly changed in the past eight years. I have been trying to bring the catalogue of Burmese publications up to date. I find between thirty and forty new titles but a large proportion are more leaflets or small tracts, or else denominational publications not intended for general circulation. I doubt whether there have been more than ten or a dozen books added to the list in the eight years, that could be classed as Christian Literature in the real sense. And in the meantime, a number on the list have gone out of print.

I think the purpose and program outlined in this Report is still good. You will note that it says, the need par excellence is for stories with a good moral tone. It is on this that we have made a beginning, adding books of a devotional character. Two reasons may be given for postponing work on commentaries and books on apologetics; first, the incapacity of the present staff for dealing with such weighty subjects, and second, the conviction that there is need to develop a propensity for reading on the part of the Burmese Christian community and that literature of that character is hardly milk for babes. There is no urgency at all for books to pile up on our depository shelves and that seems to be the fate of works of that nature. The Baptist Mission Press has done considerable publishing in this line in recent years. I inquired regarding the sales and
found that 10 copies of the Commentary on Romans, and 19 copies of the Commentary on Job had been sold within the past twelve months. At that rate an edition of 1000 copies of Romans would last for one hundred years. Of another sort, "Christ Mystical" was published in 1920 and only 178 copies had been sold up to Oct. 31st 1923.

**Finance:**—We must first acknowledge with gratitude the help of the I. L. F. in undertaking the support of our translator. We have also made application to that fund for grants to help pay for the "Sign of the Cross" and "Sadhu Sundar Singh", and for loans for printing the other three MSS. now in hand, the total cost of which is expected to be recovered from sales. The Committee of that fund meets on the 25th inst. so we shall soon know whether we can push ahead with the work of publication or be tied up for want of money. It is to be hoped also that the prospect of greater effectiveness and increased production may inspire a heartier response on the part of the Christian community and result in a considerable increase in the number of contributors. During the last year ending Oct. 31st 1924, there were but 27 individual subscribers, 17 of whom were in Rangoon or its environs. One subscription was for Rs. 100/- and the rest totalled Rs. 235/-. Only one denomination, the Wesleyan Methodist, sent in Church collections.

I come now to what to my mind is perhaps the most important phase of the whole subject, that of distribution, because it gauges the interest taken by Christian workers generally throughout the country in the dissemination of literature. Unfortunately, deductions from the report of circulation of C. L. S. publications are not conclusive, as there are still other publication agencies, the two mission presses, and it may well be that if we had reports from them we could possibly find a little more encouragement.

The C. L. S. Report of last year shows a total circulation of 17,700. Of these 3,500 were leaflets that sell for 8/- per hundred. Over 15,000 more were one and two pice tracts, a good number of which I have reason to believe were paid for by the missionaries and distributed free. Not more than 700 books priced above an anna were disposed of. Would it have been expecting too much to have expected that that number would have been sold at every mission station in the Province.

There are numerous defects in the Society's Literature, I am aware, the principal one perhaps being, the failure to put it up in a style attractive to the Burmese reading public. However, I have demonstrated to my own satisfaction that even this
literature will sell if it is kept before the people; and the cause of the low circulation must be sought in the lack of enthusiasm on the part of missionaries and Christian workers. Whether that lack of enthusiasm is due to lack of confidence in this particular literature or the value of literature in general, it would be difficult to say. It seems incredible that we missionaries who owe so much to books and periodicals for our instruction and our inspiration to high thinking and consecration of ourselves to the service of our fellow-men, should fail to appreciate the need of our young people for reading matter of a similar character.

The current year will show some improvement, for over 800 copies of our latest publication, Bo So Min Wutthoo, have been sold in the four or five months since it came from the press. This is probably more than we have sold of any book in four or five years previously and that in spite of the fact that the price is 50% more than that of any of our former stories. However, of these 800 copies, 660 have been sold to or through the two Methodist missions. One missionary sold 100 copies in the course of his journeys on delta launches; one colporteur sold 80 copies; two school boys took out 100 during the vacation and sold 72 of them. Miss Mack of the W. C. T. U. found ready sale for a considerable number of copies in the course of a tour to Meiktila.

It is our aim in the immediate future to publish such books as we may hope will sell readily that we may cultivate our selling agencies as well as an appetite for reading on the part of the public. It may be noted that the Committee is giving a very liberal discount for wholesale purchases in the hope of adding a financial incentive to missionary zeal.

I have said nothing about publication in other vernaculars of the country. The Baptist Mission Press has a considerable stock of literature in Karen, and I presume that field is adequately supplied. I have had in mind personally to secure a stock of books in the vernaculars of India and China for sale by our colporteurs. I am confident that much could be done in this line, and that the establishment of a shop in this city well stocked with Christian literature in all its vernaculars in which literature is available, is long overdue.

B. M. Jones,
Convenor,
Literature Committee,
Burma Christian Council
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE BURMA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

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Mr. Hattersley the convener went on leave during the year and at the November meeting of the Executive the Rev. W. C. B. Purser was elected as his successor. During the year under review the Committee has had 3 important matters under consideration.

1. *The Government Questionnaire on Secondary and Intermediate Education.*—Under this head the Committee acquiesced in the proposal of the Government to take over the Normal Schools. It pointed however that in the matter of Normal Schools for girls it would be desirable to proceed cautiously. Normal Schools should not be put under University control but should be under the Director of Public Instruction.

If Government decides to take over the Normal Schools, such religious bodies as care to do so should be granted the privilege of maintaining approved hostels for their students.

2. *The Conscience Clause.*—The following resolution was drawn up and submitted to the Director of Public Instruction:

"We are willing to accept the Conscience Clause on condition that application for exemption from Christian instruction be made annually and personally by the parents or guardians concerned.

We cannot however accept the application of the Conscience Clause to those living in our hostels. In the event of undue pressure being brought to bear upon parents by political associations, we reserve the right to reconsider this decision."

3. *Rural Education:*—The Executive were unable to carry out the instructions of the Annual Meeting to appoint a special committee to deal with this matter.

At the Executive Meeting in November it was decided that the ordinary education committee should deal also with Rural Education. No action has since been taken.

A conference of those interested in Missionary Education was held in the Y. M. C. A. Board Room on Wednesday evening July 8th. Dr. St. John was in the chair, and after a statement made by the convener of the Education Committee of the Burma Christian Council, Mr. Paton spoke at some length on various topics and asked for information as to how we in Burma were dealing with certain problems, in particular, with the problem of Rural Education.
Mr. Paton pointed out that the Conscience Clause in various forms had been enacted in certain Provinces in India and generally speaking it was found that missionary work had not suffered thereby.

With regard to Rural Education, Mr. Paton impressed upon us the importance of the subject and pointed out that, so far as Educational methods were concerned, there had been a greater advance during the past few years in Rural Education than in any other department of the subject. He suggested that Mr. McKee's pamphlet on the teaching of Reading should be translated into Burmese.

With regard to University Education there was a tendency in India to abandon Sir Harcourt Butler's ideal of a rigid unitary residential University.

W. C. B. Purser,
Convener.

TRAINING OF MISSIONARIES.
REPORT 1924-25.

Dr. McGuire resigned the convenership of the committee on leaving for furlough. He has requested the new convener to put on record, extracts of a correspondence which he has carried on with Dr. Saunders the American Director of the Committee on the Preparation of Missionaries.

Dr. Saunders wrote as follows in September 1924:—
“Generally speaking, it has been found of great value to give new Missionaries a little expert instruction at the beginning. This has made a great deal of difference in the rapidity and success of the work which they have had to do later on in getting the mastery of the language. In some communities, both in Asia and Africa, where the number of new missionaries has been relatively few, it has been found worthwhile to develop one or two skill-ed native teachers who did their work under the close supervision of some missionary who gave enough time to the work to know that it was well done and who helped these native teachers to acquire a system of teaching which was fundamentally good. Does it not seem to you that some such scheme might be adopted to forward the work of language mastery in Burma?”

To which Dr. McGuire replied in January 1925:—
“A real difficulty in getting the language is the large num-"
of English on the part both of teachers and pupils and
the vernacular is used as little as possible, so that it is
difficult for the missionary to get opportunity for conver-
sation. Many of our Missionaries come out for work in
these schools, and as they can use English in their work,
and are handicapped in getting the vernacular, it is not
strange if they are often tempted to be satisfied with a
very imperfect knowledge of the language.”

“While we have union courses of study and union
examinations, as above stated, we have no language
school and no united effort to prepare missionaries for
the examination. In all the missions there are teachers,
school teachers, who help missionaries in the language,
some of whom are quite efficient. Experienced mission-
aries also advise and to some extent direct the work of
beginners in the language. One mission has appointed
a Director in Burmese and one in Sgaw Karen and
through these it is hoped to improve methods of language
study. A member of our Committee says that his mis-
sion is considering your suggestions and working out a
scheme for their mission.”

The suggestion to hold a class for the instruction of Mis-
missionaries newly arrived in the Country has not as yet been acted
upon. Informal attempts have been made to get into touch
with the Rangoon Chamber of Commerce and the University
Authorities with a view to organizing a course of lectures on
the phonetics of the Burmese language but as yet nothing
definite has been achieved.

Dr. McGuire’s place on the Board was taken by the Rev.
A. C. Hanna.

The following two books published during the year are
recommended for study:—

“Outline of Burmese History” G. E. Harvey.
Longmans Green & Co. Rs. 2/8.

“A Burmese Phonetic Reader” Armstrong and Po Mg.
Tin.
University of London Press. Rs. 3/4.

(Both these books together with a Gramophone Record
illustrating the latter may be bought at the “Burma Book
Club” 45th Street, Rangoon). During the year two mission-
aries passed the Intermediate examination, five the Elementary
examination, and one the advanced examination in Burmese.
The examination is now held simultaneously in Upper and
Lower Burma and it is proposed that identical examination papers shall be set. It may be worth considering whether—under the new circumstances—there will be enough candidates to make it necessary to hold the examination more than once a year.

W. C. B. Purser,
Convener.

TREASURER’S REPORT.

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T. J. Cornelius,
Treasurer,
Burma Christian Council.
STANDING COMMITTEES.

(The name of the Convener is given first in each case.)

I. Christian Education.—Dr. C. H. Riggs and the following elected representatives of the constituent bodies engaged in educational work:


II. Christian Literature.—Rev. B. M. Jones, and members of the Christian Literature Society General Committee.


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