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PROGRAMME

BURMA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Annual Meeting 1930

General Theme: RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

Tuesday, July 8th

P.M.  5:00– 6:30 Reception Tea, Community Hall; Music, and Chairman’s Opening Remarks.
6:30– 7:30 Divine Service, Immanuel Church, Address by the Rev. J. Mervyn Young, Mandalay.

Wednesday, July 9th

A.M.  8:00–10:10 (1) Preliminary Business.
      (2) Reports of Standing Committees.
      (3) Address: The Rural Situation in Burma, Rev. B. M. Jones.

2:25–3:10 Discussion.
3:30–3:45 Rural Bias in our Existing Educational Work; (1) Vernacular Schools, Miss Phoebe England.
3:45–4:10 Discussion.
4:10–4:30 Intercession Period, Saya U Hla Bu.
Thursday, July 10th
A.M. 8:00-8:30 Rural Bias in our Existing Educational Work (Continued):—
(2) A. V. Schools, Saya U On Kin.
(3) Theological Schools, Dr. H. I. Marshall.
8:30-9:00 Discussion.
9:00-9:15 The Rural Reconstruction Unit, Rev. G. D. Josif.
9:40-10:10 Discussion.
10:10-10:30 Intercession Period, Rev. Peter Kin Maung.

P.M. 2:00-4:10 Business (See Agenda for details):—
Report of Findings Committee on above papers and discussion.
Report of Nominations Committee.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.

"The one inclusive purpose of the missionary enterprise is to present Jesus Christ to men and women the world over as their redeemer and to win them for entrance into the joy of his discipleship. ...If the Gospel is to become the very throb of the heart of a nation, then the feelings and thoughts and needs of the rural population must be known and met alike by preachers, teachers and missionaries." (from the Jerusalem Report).

"Our message is Jesus Christ. He is the revelation of what God is and of what man through Him may become. In Him we come face to face with the ultimate reality of the universe; He makes known to us God as our Father, perfect and infinite in love." (From the Jerusalem Report).
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BURMA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

July 8th to 10th, 1930

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Burma Christian Council was held at the Community Hall of the Immanuel Baptist Church, beginning on Tuesday evening July 8th and ending Thursday afternoon July 10th, 1930.

A Reception and Tea was held from 5:00 to 6:30 on Tuesday the 8th, when about one hundred people attended. Music for the occasion was furnished by Mr. Edward Wiatt and Miss Lucy Wiatt, whose musical contributions were greatly appreciated by those in attendance. The Rev. B. M. Jones, Chairman of the Council, made a few introductory remarks about the nature of the programme before the Council for this annual meeting and invited all to attend and participate in the discussion of the subjects bearing on the rural welfare of Burma.

At 6:30 the audience moved into the Immanuel Baptist Church, where the Divine Service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Young, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission, Mandalay, who brought to the audience present an inspiring message on the need and the efficacy of faith in this modern age of scientific knowledge.

Attendance:

The following members of the Council were present at some or all of the sessions:—Rev. B. M. Jones, Saya U Hla Bu, Thra San Ba, Rev. Peter Kin Maung, Saya Kenneth Po San, Dr. J. E. Cummings, Miss May T. Mack, U Shwe Hla, U On Kin, Mr. J. Brough, Mr. W B. Hilton, Dr. W E. Wiatt, Dr. H. I. Marshall, Saya U Tun Pe, Rev. G. Appleton, Rev. J. M. Young, Miss Hazel Winslow, Rev. W. W. Bell, Miss Emma Amburn, Dr. A. H. Henderson, Dr. Ma Saw Sa, S'ra U Toe Kut, Rev. V N. Kemp, Miss Phoebe England, Mr. W F. Grahame, Rev. V Samuel, Mr. Ling Sing, Miss M. D. Thomas, Rev. C. H. Riggs, Miss Estelle Amaron, Rev. G. D. Josif, Secretary.

The following members of committees were present at some or all of the sessions:—Rev. H. J. Harwood, Mrs. V N. Kemp, Miss Elsie Power, Rev. E. H. Cox, Mr. C. R. Chartrand, Miss Stella Ebersole.

Among the many visitors who attended some or all of the sessions of the Council were the following:—Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. St. John, Miss Grace Stockwell, Mrs. Jones, Rev. Mr. Woolcott, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Appleton, Mr. H. W. Green,
Rev. Geo. Blackwell, Rev. B. C. Case, Mr. H. Emerson, Miss Gladys Moore, Rev. E. C. Condict, Mrs. Condict, Mrs. Josif, Miss Sadie Smith, Rev. P. J. Braisted, Mr. P. R. Hackett, Mr. W. L. Keyser, Mr. W. B. Campbell, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Wiatt, Mrs. Chartrand, Miss Lucy Wiatt, Mr. Edward Wiatt, Rev. C. L. Klein, U Shwe Hman, Mr. Barretto, Miss Ikey, Miss Roscoe, Mr. H. W. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Miss Julia Christenson, Miss Elsie Root, Sayama Ma Doke, Saya Ba Thwin, Miss Inez Crain, Rev. H. M. Wilson, Rev. R. F. Spear, Miss Zeckey, Rev. V. W Dyer, Rev. J. Boyles, Saya U Ba, Saya U Po Chit, Mr. J. P Bulkeley, Mrs. Bulkeley, Mr. Sydney Loo-nee, Rev. H. E. Hinton, U Khin Maung, Thra Molo, Thra Morris, Thra Chit Maung, John Thet Gyi, Saw Hla Maung, Thra San Tu, Saw Mooler, Saw Peter. (There were other visitors who escaped the secretary’s attention or whose names he did not know.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Rev. B. M. Jones, Chairman of the Council, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and read a portion of Scripture, after which Mr. H. W. Green led in prayer.

Preliminary Business transacted at this time was as follows:—

1. The following persons were appointed as a FINDINGS COMMITTEE to report and make recommendations on the papers and discussions in the programme:—

   Mr. Blackwell, Convener
   Dr. Henderson
   Saya On Kin
   Mr. Hilton
   Miss England

2. Mr. Appleton, with such help as he may choose, was appointed to report the meetings of the Council to the Press

3. The Secretary presented the regrets of the following members who were unable to attend the meetings of the Council:—U Ba Hlaing, Dr. E. F. Eden, Saya Chit Po, Miss L. H. M. Laughlin.

4. The Minutes as printed and circulated, of the last annual meeting and of the two Executive Committee meetings, were approved.

5. The Programme for the present annual meeting was approved as presented, with a few slight changes. (See printed programme.)
REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Riggs read a brief report of the Education Committee. There were no questions arising out of this report that required special action. The report was adopted. (See report on page 16.)

Report on Training of Missionaries

Dr. Wiatt read the report of the Committee on Training of Missionaries, which was adopted. (See report on page 17.)

Dr. Wiatt raised two questions regarding the present rules governing the examining work of the committee, as follows:

1. Membership of the Committee. As there has been some uncertainty and confusion regarding the constitution of the committee, especially with reference to the convenership for the Upper Burma section, upon motion by Dr. Wiatt, it was

Resolved: That the following be substituted for section II of the Rules for the Examination of Missionaries in the Burmese Language:

"The Board shall consist of two sections, one for Lower Burma and one for Upper Burma. The Lower Burma section shall consist of two representatives of the Baptist Mission, and one each of the Wesleyan, Methodist Episcopal, and Anglican Missions. The Upper Burma section shall consist of one representative each of the Baptist, Wesleyan, Methodist Episcopal, and Anglican Missions. Each Mission shall appoint its own representatives. The chairman of each section shall be chosen by the Burma Christian Council."

2. Requirements for the Elementary Burmese Examination. Dr. Wiatt stated that as a rule the translation of a passage from a Burmese newspaper as required under section XI (3) is too difficult and he moved that this requirement be eliminated from the elementary examination. Dr. Cummings in seconding agreed and thought that emphasis should be placed on a knowledge of the Scripture in the first examination, as this is the material with which the missionary must work. There was, however, a difference of opinion in the Council, some pointing out the advisability of the new missionary getting into the atmosphere of the people of Burma, their life and literature, as thoroughly as possible at an early date, and to this end it would be
advisable to increase the amount of non-Biblical material required for the elementary examination. After considerable discussion the question as to the retention or omission of this particular detail in the requirements was put to an informal vote of the whole house and was lost. On the larger question as to the amount and proportion of Biblical and non-Biblical material in the course, on the motion of Mr. Young, it was

Resolved: That the Committee on the Training of Missionaries be asked to reconsider the course as now laid down with the view of increasing the amount of indigenous Burmese therein used, together with a corresponding reduction in the passages of translated works. (course above refers to whole course.)

Report of the Committee on Public Questions

As the Convener of this committee, the Bishop of Rangoon, was in England on leave no formal report was presented to the Council. The Secretary gave a verbal report of some of the work that had been done during the year, in particular the correspondence and negotiations undertaken by the Convener on the question of the use of the mails for lotteries and gambling advertisements.

Report of the Rural Education Committee

Mr. Appleton, who was appointed Convener of the committee during the year when Miss England resigned, read the report, which was adopted. (See report on page 17.)

One item in the above report was worthy of special note, namely the publication of the first number of the Burma Teachers' Magazine, just off the Press. For the present it is a quarterly publication at annas. 2 per copy or annas 8 per year. An urgent appeal was made on behalf of this new venture, that through its wide distribution and use it may become a means of spreading knowledge for the improvement of village life in Burma.

Items for General Information

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Council a number of items of general interest for information.

1. Rangoon Riots. During the week of the riots the Secretary wrote a general letter to all the co-operating churches in Rangoon calling upon the Christian people to consider prayerfully the causes and problems involved in the riots, and to use their Christian influence to bring about happier relations between the races. A copy of this letter, with a special letter of assurance of our co-operation was sent
to His Excellency, the Governor. An appreciative reply was received from the Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor.

2. N. C. C. Plans and Projects. The Secretary called attention to (a) the visit of the Commission on Higher Education during the coming cool season; Burma will be visited November 20-28; (b) A very comprehensive study of the mass movement in India, Burma and Ceylon has been planned and will be undertaken shortly by Dr. Pickett and an expert adviser. This work is generously supported by the Bureau of Religious and Social Research of New York and will be done under its guidance.

(c) A "Mission of Help" headed by the Bishop of Dornakol and composed of a number of leading Christian nationals of India will be sent to England during the coming year.

(d) Mr. William Paton is planning to come out to India during the coming cool season.

In connection with this last item, on motion of Dr. Cummings, it was

Resolved: That if it is possible we ask Mr. Paton to include Burma in his contemplated visit to the East.

The Barrows Lectureship

The Secretary read the correspondence with the Chairman of the Central Committee in charge of the arrangements for the Barrows Lectures in India to be given by Bishop McConnell during the present year. The latest news from the Committee was that they had not been able to include Burma in Bishop McConnell’s programme. This omission was strongly regretted by the Council, and Dr. Marshall and Dr. Riggs were appointed a committee to draft a reply to the Central Committee in India and report at a later session of the Council. (See report of committee on page 12.)

Closer Relations with Siam

Dr. Marshall mentioned the recent successful evangelistic trip conducted by a group of students, Mr. Dyer and himself, in Siam, and he expressed the desire that there might be cultivated closer acquaintance and friendship between the Burma Christian Council and the Christian Council of Siam and the constituting churches of the two lands. A small committee with Dr. Marshall as convener was appointed to bring in a suitable resolution on this subject at a later session of the Council. (See report of the committee on page 13.)
Rural Situation in Burma

At this time the Chairman, Mr. Jones, introduced the chief subject before the Council this year, and in a very effective address gave us a vivid picture of the rural situation in Burma, showing that beneath the apparent pleasantness and contentment on the surface of rural life in Burma there are many serious problems which should concern us as preachers of the Gospel, come here to bring "more abundant life" to the people of Burma.

The Intercession Period conducted by Rev. Peter Kin Maung brought this morning's session of the Council to a close.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Chairman opened the afternoon session with the reading of a short Scripture passage after which Dr. Cummings led in prayer.

Mr. Case of the Agricultural School, Pyinmana, was called upon to read his paper on the question: Is Economic Uplift Work a Legitimate Method of Evangelism? He made out an excellent case for the concern which Missions should feel for the problems of rural life in Burma, and he showed very effectively that Christian rural welfare work even in the field of economics may lead the people of Burma to a wholesome respect for, and interest in, the Gospel which motivates such welfare work. (Mr. Case's paper has been printed in whole in the Rangoon Gazette of July 16, 1930.)

Very lively discussion followed Mr. Case's paper, during which the interest Missions should have in the rural development of Burma was still further emphasised and was not seriously challenged by anyone present.

Industrial Training in Rural Development

This is the subject treated by Mr. Appleton in his paper. The need for such industrial training was stressed, both from the standpoint of making such industrial work the main source of income for many people who now have no opportunity to earn a living from the land, and also from the standpoint of making such work a subsidiary source of income to the small farmer who has much leisure time on his hands during the course of the year. To this end cottage industries need to receive greater emphasis than at present. There is urgent need for an effective and forward-looking step to be taken in the direction of industrial training work, and the possibility of establishing a union industrial training
school should receive the serious attention of the Council and the communions represented on it.

**Rural Bias in our Existing Education Work**

It is generally recognized and much deplored that our present system of education tends to take people away from rural occupations rather than prepare them for it; certain it is that it does little in a positive and constructive way to prepare them for rural life. This fact must be deplored in a country where 80% of the people live on the land. Is there any way of improving the situation by introducing "rural bias" into our present educational work? Three papers faced this question and suggested ways in which attempts should be made to overcome the present deficiency. Miss England treated the question as affecting our vernacular village schools. Saya U On Kin dealt with the matter as it concerns our station Anglo-Vernacular schools. Dr. Marshall considered the present theological courses and how they may be brought into closer and more vital contact with rural problems.

**The Intercession Period** conducted by Saya U Hla Bu, who spoke briefly on Luke 4:16, etc., closed the Wednesday afternoon session of the Council.

**THURSDAY MORNING**

The Chairman opened the session with the reading of a short Scripture passage and called on Saya U Ba to lead in prayer.

Saya U On Kin’s and Dr. Marshall’s papers dealing with Anglo-Vernacular and Theological education were mentioned in connection with Wednesday afternoon’s session for the sake of continuity and convenience, but these two papers were actually read in this morning's session. Discussion followed on all three papers at this time, and showed quite conclusively that the present educational work along all the lines indicated does not attempt to serve as effectively as it should the real needs of rural Burma, while in very many respects it is positively deficient as a training force for the existing life in Burma. Various practical suggestions were made to make our institutions contribute more efficiently to the work of rural development.

**The Rural Reconstruction Unit**

Mr. Josif read a paper on the Rural Reconstruction Unit. Missions in Burma are now doing educational, medical, and agricultural work, in addition to evangelism; but this work is being done in bits here and
there scattered over a wide area. The plan of the rural reconstruction unit would organize these activities into a unified programme in a given limited area of about 15 to 20 villages, within which as a unit this programme could be carried out effectively. These units could serve as models and demonstration centers for further rural work in other places. The establishment of at least one such unit by every Mission in Burma would give a great impetus to all missionary efforts along this line.

Rural Development in Burma

U Khin Maung, Director of Publicity in the Government of Burma, and Editor of the Headman's Gazette, read a paper on the Rural Development in Burma. He gave a vivid picture of what constitutes the real life of Burma; not the few towns with their urban life, but the vast stretches of green paddy fields, interspersed with forests and groves, cut by innumerable rivers and creeks, and dotted all over with villages where live more than 80% of the people of this land. He pointed out the needs of these people and told in particular the things that Government has been doing the past few years to improve the life of the villagers, and the projects planned for the future. While U Khin Maung did not directly point out in what ways Missions can co-operate with Government in rural welfare work his paper by inference suggested many ways in which such co-operation is possible and helpful.

After U Khin Maung finished his paper the Council gave him a special vote of thanks for his very interesting and constructive paper.

Discussion followed on the two papers. Mr. Barretto told in particular about the big health and sanitation programme being carried out in the Hlegu township at present by Government, with the aid of the Rockefeller Foundation. Mr. Case pointed out the possibility of using the five-day bazaar area as a reconstruction unit for propaganda work along all lines of rural improvement.

The Intercession Period was conducted at this time by Mr. Hilton who centered our attention on the Peace of God that keeps guard over us.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Chairman opened the session with the reading of a short Scripture passage after which Dr. Ma Saw Sa offered prayer.
The Treasurer's Report

was read at this time and was adopted. (See report on page 19.)

The Report of the Christian Literature Committee

Had been read at the Annual Meeting of the Christian Literature Society on Wednesday evening, when an interesting programme was presented to a large audience. Matters growing out of the report of the committee however, were taken up at this session of the Council. The Secretary read the following letters in this connection:

1. A letter from the Secretary of the Christian Literature Society asking the Council to consider ways of finding greater financial support for literature work, and better facilities for the distribution of the literature available.

2. A letter from Mr. Sherratt suggesting that in order to simplify and more clearly define the relation existing between the Council and the C. L. S. Committee the C. L. S. be asked to adopt the Council’s Literature Committee as its own committee.

With regard to the items in the first letter, upon motion by Dr. Henderson it was

Resolved: That one Sunday in the year be appointed in all churches for the consideration of Christian literature and for soliciting support for it. (The arrangements for such a day were left to the officers of the Council.)

It was further

Resolved: That Dr. Henderson be asked to solicit support of Christian literature in the Shan States.

With regard to Mr. Sherratt's letter, Mr. Jones pointed out that at present such an arrangement as Mr. Sherratt suggests already exists, only that the order is reversed, namely, the B. C. C. adopts the C. L. S. Literature Committee as its own Committee on Christian Literature. By common consent it was agreed that in the light of this explanation no confusion exists in the relationship of these two bodies. Two other matters relating to literature were brought up by Mr. Jones. 1. In order that the Literature Committee may have the translation fund easily available for use he suggested that it would be well to ask the Burma Christian Council Treasurer to turn the Translation Fund over to the Committee. On motion of Dr. Cummings it was

Resolved: That the Translation Fund of the Burma Christian Council be placed in the hands of the Committee on Christian Literature.
2. Mr. Jones suggested that we ask the Indian Literature Fund to allow us the use of one of the two literature prize funds. On motion by Dr. Marshall it was

Resolved: That we request the Indian Literature Fund to place at our disposal during next year the use of either the Farquhar or the Findlay Literature Prize Fund.

New and Unfinished Business

1. New Census. A letter from the N. C. C. regarding the coming census was read by the Secretary, but the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for action.

2. The Barrows Lectureship. The committee appointed to bring in a recommendation regarding the omission of Burma from this lectureship brought in the following resolutions, which were adopted. (See page 7 for appointment of committee):

"Whereas in a letter from Mr. Rallia Ram dated the 24th of June 1930 he says that it will not be possible for Bishop McConnell to visit Rangoon to deliver the Barrows Lectures, be it

Resolved: That the Burma Christian Council expresses its surprise and regret at hearing that Bishop McConnell's itinerary does not include the fourth largest city, as well as second or third largest port, in the Indian Empire. It feels that the omission is a grave one and that the committee has not been given due consideration to the claims of the city of Rangoon with its University and many other schools, as well as the whole Province of Burma with its teeming population and its large Christian communities, who have a high percentage of literacy. Be it further

Resolved: That this Council at its Annual Meeting send a most emphatic protest to the Committee which has in hand the arranging of Bishop McConnell's tour, against this omission of Rangoon from his program and request that it be revised so as to include Rangoon this time, as was done in the case of former lectures on the Barrows Foundation."

The Secretary was instructed to send copies of these resolutions to Mr. Rallia Ram, The University of Chicago, and Bishop McConnell.

3. Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society. A letter was read from Mr. Houghton, Superintendent of the B. C. M. S., presenting two matters before the Council for consideration: (a) Separate representation of the B. C. M. S.
on the Burma Christian Council, and (2) Boundary demarca-
tion proposals for enlarging the field of activities of the
B. C. M. S. On motion by Dr. Henderson these matters were
referred to the Executive Committee for action.

4. **Representation on the N. C. C.** The Secretary read
a letter from Mr. Philip calling attention to the fact that the
term of two of our representatives on the N. C. C. had
expired, namely Dr. Cummings, and Saya U On Kin. It
was voted that Dr. Cummings and Saya U On Kin be
re-appointed as our representatives on the N. C. C.

5. **Constitutional Changes.** The following changes in
the Constitution of the B. C. C. were moved and adopted:—
(1) That the Rural Education Committee be renamed
the Rural Reconstruction Committee and be constituted a
standing committee, with its members appointed by the
various communions in the same way as in the case of the
Education Committee. (For the present the members were
chosen by the Council.)

(2) That the Committee on Public Questions be
constituted a Standing Committee. Its members are to be
selected by the Committee of Arrangements.

(3) That the Honorary Secretary be **ex-officio** member
of all committees.

The Secretary was instructed to bring the Constitution
in line with all the changes to date and print the same.

6. **Relations with Siam.** The committee appointed to
bring in a suitable recommendation for closer relationship
with Siam (see page 7) brought in a resolution which was
referred to the Executive Committee for further considera-
tion and action.

**Election for the New Year**

The Committee of Arrangements brought in the nomina-
tions which were adopted by the Council, to serve as
indicated during the new year. (See list of officers, etc.
on the covers.)

**Committee of Arrangements**

In addition to the officers of the Council the follow-
ing were appointed to serve on the Committee:—Mr. Hilton.
Saya U Hla Bu, U Shwe Hla, Miss May T. Mack, Mr.
E. M. Gabriel.

**Next Annual Meeting**

It was decided that the time for the next Annual Meet-
ing of the B. C. C. be again during the Wazo Holidays.
Othe: details were left with the Executive Committee and the Committee of Arrangements. Mr. Case suggested that in the next annual meeting provision be made for a Burmese meeting on one of the evenings. Mr. Hilton also suggested that provision might be made for a common celebration of the Lord's Supper. These suggestions were referred to the committees for consideration.

The Findings Committee

appointed to bring in recommendations on the question of rural reconstruction treated in the various papers brought in their report which was adopted. (See Report on page 21.)

The question of printing the papers read at this Annual Meeting either in part or in toto was left with the Committee of Arrangements, by vote of the Council on motion by Dr. Henderson.

Votes of Thanks were extended to the Chairman and to the Secretary for their work during the past year.

The time of this session had been extended by about twenty minutes in order to finish all the business, but now the time arrived for adjourning. The meetings of the Council were very well attended; attendance this year was the best of any previous years, both in numbers and in the interest sustained to the end. The Council adjourned after the last Intercession Period, conducted by Mr. Gnanaschariyam, Pastor of the Lutheran Church.

Annual Report of the Secretary

The Secretary read the following report, which was adopted:

I took over from Mr. Chaney just in time to prepare for the Executive Committee meeting in November. While my "year" in office has been one of only about nine months, it has been, it seems to me, an unusually busy period. The Executive Committee in November took action to arrange for the visits of Dr. Swartz, President of the Pacific School of Religion, and of Dr. Butterfield, Counselor on Rural Life to the International Missionary Council. The former addressed a well-attended meeting in Rangoon on the subject of Church Unity. The latter spent ten days in Burma, visiting Pyinmana, Mandalay, and Bassein, in addition to places in and around Rangoon. Though this was altogether too short a time for the consideration of the important problems of rural reconstruction in Burma, Dr. Butterfield left behind him a keener interest on the part of the Missions in Burma, in the subject of rural improvement. The nature
of the program at this Annual Meeting is due directly to the interest Dr. Butterfield stimulated among us in this important work.

At the invitation of the National Christian Council two representatives from Burma, Mr. Case and myself, attended the Conference on Rural Reconstruction at Poona in April. Speaking for myself, the Conference has given me a new vision of the problems as well as the opportunities involved in rural work, and a deeper conviction that this subject needs more earnest and devoted attention on the part of the Missions in Burma.

The expected visit of Dr. E. Stanley Jones, September 8th to 30th has involved a great deal of work and attention to plans for the success of his visit. The committee of arrangements of the Burma Christian Council met and co-opted a number of representative people for an enlarged committee to plan a program for Dr. Jones' coming. This enlarged committee has met and has appointed two sub-committees to work out further details. These sub-committees have also met at least once and will doubtless meet many times more until all plans have been perfected. The aim that we have tried to keep in mind has been to get Dr. Stanley Jones into a more intimate touch with the Burmese Buddhist community on his coming visit than was the case at his last visit. Let us all pray earnestly that God may bless all efforts made to prepare the way for Dr. Jones, and that He may bless Dr. Jones with a message that shall make a vital appeal to the people of Burma.

During the past two months Burma has experienced a number of unusual events. On the fifth of May came the most severe earthquake Burma has known, bringing destruction and suffering to Rangoon and other places in Lower Burma, but particularly to Pegu, where two-thirds of the town was destroyed, at least a thousand lives were lost, and much suffering and privation was brought to the survivors. It is gratifying to note that this calamity gave rise to the Indigenous Christian Association, organized by Christian nationals in Rangoon to bring succor and comfort to those suffering from the earthquake, as well as from other troubles that were soon to follow.

On May 26th occurred the most serious racial riots ever experienced in Rangoon, caused by an unfortunate labour dispute. Life was almost completely disorganized during the first few days and more than a week past by before things became more or less normal again. Fear and suspicion continued long after and have not completely subsided even yet.
There followed two other events on the 24th of June
and these were perhaps not unconnected with each other.
Rumors were afloat that there would be further racial dis-
turbances on this day when the recommendation of the Simon
Commission for the Separation of Burma was expected to
be announced. These rumors proved groundless. But
perhaps counting on such a disturbance taking place and
occupying the attention of the police authorities in the city,
a well-organized mutiny broke out in the Central Jail at
Rangoon, which was put down only after many lives were
lost.

Of great significance to the future of Burma was the
publication in the press that day, of the Simon Commission's
recommendation that Burma be separated from India as soon
as possible. Whatever the details may be in store for the
future life of Burma it is certain that she will enter upon a
new and ever-expanding national life. The Christian forces
of Burma are facing the opportunity to join in with all other
social forces in the land to build up a higher and worthier
national life.

Geo. D. Josif,
Honorary Secretary.
Burma Christian Council.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

At the beginning of the year it was the plan of the chair-
man of this committee to call a meeting of this committee
to discuss carefully and fully the situation of our schools.
I had in mind several financial matters that I thought might
be presented to the Department of Education with the
object of securing further financial relief. But the depressed
financial position of the government did not seem to indi-
cate that there would be any hope of success and so the
matter was delayed. In fact there is danger of getting less
in place of more in the way of grants from government.
For the present year all equipment grants have been denied
to us. Building grants are much harder to secure. I have
been watching for an opportunity to do something through
the Secondary School Board but here the opportunity did
not come.

Toward the close of the year so many of the members
of this committee had gone on furlough that it did not seem
advisable to call the few who remained together, especially
when there did not seem to be any special matters that needed to be discussed. It may be that some members will have some subjects to discuss here in this Council meeting.

C. H. Riggs,
Chairman,
Committee on Education.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAINING OF MISSIONARIES

Only one examination in Burmese has been held since the last Annual Meeting of the Council. This was held in November 1929, but for special reasons the candidate sitting for the Advanced examination was permitted to take his examination in August. He passed with great credit. Of the five who took their Elementary examination in Rangoon one passed with credit, two passed, and two failed. Of the four who sat in Mandalay for the same examination two passed with credit, one passed, and one failed.

Two sat for the Intermediate Examination in Rangoon and both passed with credit, while of the three who sat in Mandalay one passed with great credit, one with credit, and one failed.

The next examination will be held the 18 and 19th of this month which is about a month later than usual. Since July seems to be a more suitable time for most of the missionaries future examinations will doubtless be held during that month. This may necessitate holding the next examination in December rather than November.

The Sgaw Karen committee examined only one candidate during the year. She passed with credit. The examination was held in October.

W. E. Wiatt, Convener.

REPORT OF THE RURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE 1929-1930

The past year has been a very uneven one for the Rural Education Committee. During the first six months Miss England acted as convener, but found that it was impracticable to carry on the work while living in the jungle, the post being too unreliable. Half-way through the year the Rev. G. Appleton took over the duties of convener. In the early months of the year, the question of the publication of the Rev. C. E. Olmstead’s book on ‘The Teaching of Primary Number’ was considered, and the MSS. is now in the hands
of the translator. Publication is likely to be deferred however, until the return of Mr. Olmstead, as there are several blanks in the MSS.

News has trickled through from high official circles, that the Rural Education Committee is in the near future to be merged into a committee with wider powers, the Rural Reconstruction Committee. This report is therefore in the nature of a 'Swan Song.'

We are glad to be able to report one piece of work that has been accomplished, namely 'The Village Teachers' Magazine, which is now on sale in the hall. For some years past our predecessors have talked about such a magazine, but up to the present we have never advanced beyond hopes and dreams. Now at last the magazine is an accomplished fact. It is not all that we want it to be. But it is a start, something actually done. Our aim has been to set before the village teacher his vocation as the leader of village life in all its many aspects, and to suggest to him ways and means by which he may fulfil that vocation. The magazine, will therefore contain articles dealing with all sides of village life, the village school, village sanitation, co-operative societies etc. as well as articles which will bear more directly on the school curriculum. For your information I may outline the contents of the first number, as follows:

1. A Letter of Commendation from the D. P. I.
2. An article on Village Uplift.
3. An account of a parents' day in a Karen village school.
4. A story to tell to children.
5. An article on Method of Teaching the Burmese Language.
6. A Mediation for Teachers.

For the time being, the magazine will be published quarterly, at the modest price of two annas per copy. Later, if there is the demand, it may be published monthly. The publication is in Burmese.

We rely very much on station missionaries to bring this new venture before their village teachers and to help us in the distribution. We rely on our Christian pastors and teachers, not only to buy and read the magazine, but to write articles for it, to let us know their ideas and needs. In this Village Teachers' Magazine we have a project in which we can all co-operate for the furthering of God's Kingdom among the village people of Burma.
A word of gratitude must be said to Mr. Jones, the Convener of the Literature Committee of the Council. Without his enthusiasm and willing co-operation, the venture could not have succeeded.

Mr. Chairman, I fear that this report will suggest that we are rather pleased with ourselves. Well! we are. A definite piece of work has been accomplished, and members of the Council will be tolerant, when they realise that this is our ‘Swan-Song’!

George Appleton,
Convener.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The accounts of the treasurer to the 22nd February 1930 have been reported in the previous meetings.

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## REPORT OF THE FINDINGS COMMITTEE

In order that the value of the excellent papers and discussion of these meetings may not be lost your Findings Committee respectfully recommend:—

1. That the secretary be instructed to have the several papers edited and abbreviated and presented for publication in both the Minutes of the B. C. C. and the official organ of the N. C. C.

2. That each missionary in charge of rural work should be asked to endeavor to find at least one teacher or preacher with such an indwelling spirit of sacrificial love as will make him willing to help his neighbors in every way even to handling a hoe, and to place him so as to be a help to the individual villagers in understanding and solving their problems in the spheres regarding which he has had training.

3. That each worker be placed in a single village or group of villages according as the abilities of the man, the type of work, and the nature of the field shall make practicable.

4. That the worker shall often have, for his help and encouragement, the benefit of expert advice and, if possible, oversight. Suggested ways in which this may be secured are:—

   a. Central Institutes on the pattern of the one held in Pyinmana.

   b. Visits of experts in the various lines of work to central points of meeting, such as five-day bazaars, for instruction and consultation.

   c. Promotional and educational tours by students from central institutions, agricultural, theological, etc.
d. Employment of experts, where possible, by individual missionaries.

e. The whole-hearted support and distribution of the new Teachers' Magazine and other literature now being made available.

f. The introduction of such simple machinery as may be fitted to Burmese life and industry.

5. That the possibility of the establishment of a United Industrial Training Centre be explored by the Rural Reconstruction Committee.

6. That, as no one institution now existing, or likely to exist can possibly give all the training necessary to fit preachers and teachers for all phases of their work in the villages, we urge those in charge of our educational institutions to strive to make students envisage their whole task, Evangelistic, Educational, Social, Medical, Agricultural etc., and then, through co-operation between the various institutions to secure as well rounded a training as possible.

7. That, since, for any real and permanent improvement in the spiritual and economic conditions of Burma, it is necessary to correct the underlying evils which cause most of the present distress, such as, the mental attitude of the people toward the contracting of debts, the stigma attaching to manual labor, and the tenacity with which old customs and traditions are clung to, we urge all managers and teachers of schools to strive to create an atmosphere in which avoidable debts, indolence, and slavish imitation shall be held in disrepute and in which freedom and Christian progress shall be clearly recognized as the right and duty of all.

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