EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Burma Christian Council was held at 8 o'clock on January 30, 1926, at the British and Foreign Bible Society room.

The following members were present:—Rev. B. M. Jones, Rev. C. E. Olmstead, Dr. Riggs, Miss Ferguson and the Hon'y Secretary.

In the absence of the Chairman, Rev. B. M. Jones the Vice-Chairman, took the chair. Mr. Chaney led in prayer.

The Secretary proposed that due to the small attendance, the meeting adjourn until the time of Convocation. Mr. Jones proposed that we first dispose of the routine business.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The names of several who sent in letters of regret at not being able to attend the meeting were mentioned.

Mr. Marshall's letter of resignation was referred to the Baptist Mission.

Mr. Sydney Loo Nee's letter of resignation was read and accepted. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to him expressing our appreciation of his long and faithful service.

Mr. Beven Jones' letter of request concerning Mahommedan work was read. It was—

Resolved: That Mr. H. F. Myers of the Baptist Mission and Mr. Baldwin of the Methodist Mission be appointed a committee to fill in the questionnaire as requested.

Mr. Paton's letter of request was read.

Resolved: That Miss Gordon be invited to come to Rangoon for the month of July, previous to the Annual Meeting.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1. The Education Committee reported that there was nothing further to be done about the A. V. Normal School situation until the Baptist Mission took some action.

2. Literature Secretary. Mr. Jones made a "report of progress" concerning the securing of a successor for his work as half time Secretary in charge of the Literature Committee work. Action was deferred until the next meeting.

3. Survey. Mr. Olmstead made a brief verbal report concerning the work of the Survey, and he announced that the Roman Catholic Church will be pleased to furnish the required information.

It was moved to adjourn until February 11th at 8 a.m.

ADJOURNED MEETING CONTINUED.

The meeting adjourned from January 30th was continued on the 11th February at 8 a.m. in the British and Foreign Bible Society rooms.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present:—Dr. Cummings (in the Chair); Rev. B. M. Jones; T. J. Cornelius, Esq.; Rev. W. C. B. Purser; Dr. C. H. Riggs; W. B. Hilton, Esq.; Thra San Ba; and the Hon'y. Secretary.

Other members of the Council were present as follows:—Rev. A. C. Hanna, Saya U Ba, Mrs. A. E. Seagrave, Miss Seagrave, Miss C. L. Johnson, Mrs. B. M. Jones, Miss M. B. Ferguson, Miss A. O. Ragon.

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of January 30th as a matter of information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Resolved: That a sub-committee of three be appointed by the Chairman (Mr. Jones, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Purser), with power to act, concerning a successor for Mr. Jones as half time secretary for Literary Work, just as soon as the Baptist Reference Committee declares itself.

Resolved: That the Council make a grant of Rs. 500 toward the publishing of "The Manhood of the Master."
Committee on Social Questions. No report to make on the proposed local option resolution. Report will be made at next meeting.

Nothing definite to report concerning the resolution about the Press and moulding of Public Opinion. A lively discussion followed in which many participated. It was suggested that the matter be left with the Committee and that an interview be had with the Editors of the Times and Gazette. Mr. Chaney handed over the correspondence to Mr. Hilton.

The Treasurer's previous report was approved as printed in the minutes and his report to date was read and approved.

Mr. Jones presented a bill of expense of Rs. 19/15/- for translation work. It was approved for payment.

Mr. Paton's letter printed in the last minutes and calling for action, was referred to the Committee of Arrangements for our next Annual Meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I. Education Committee. No report.

II. Training of Missionaries. No report.

III. Literature Committee. The report was read and approved (cf. p. 5)

Resolved: That we make a gift of Rs. 240/- to the Christian Literature Committee for the support of a colporteur.

REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES (AD HOC).

1. Committee on Gambling. Mr. Hilton said that there was nothing to report except that two members of the Committee have dropped out.

Resolved: That Mr. Cornelius, Saya U Ba and Thra San Ba be appointed a committee with power to co-opt others as needed, and make a study of the Gambling Evil in Burma as to its extent, the present laws governing it, etc., and report to this Committee at its next meeting.

2. Committee on Constitution. Mr. Chaney called attention to the complete Constitution now printed in the minutes. Mr. Purser moved a vote of thanks to the Sec-
retary for his work in bringing this matter of the Constitution to its completion.

3. Committee on Rural Education. The following report was read and approved:—"Extracts from Teachers' Journals are being prepared for insertion into Vernacular Papers by Miss Merrick and Mr. Jones."

NEW BUSINESS.

Attention was called to the letter written by Mr. Chaney to the D. P. I. in reply to the Government's proposals to charge full rent for Government lease or grant land used for school purposes. It was thought further action is unnecessary.

The Secretary presented a request to the D. P. I. concerning the issuance of a clear itemized statement of the items on which the maintenance grant is based each year to each school. This was endorsed by the Education Committee of the Baptist Mission.

Resolved: That the Education Committee of the B. C. C. be instructed to draw up a proposed form and covering letter on this matter to the D. P. I., that they be authorized to forward the letter without further reference to this body, and that this matter be treated as urgent.

The Secretary presented need of a small booklet of information on the work of Missions and other Religious Organizations, such as the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., etc. in the Province of Burma, for distribution among the Hotels and travellers.

Resolved: That the compilation of such a booklet be referred to a Committee of three, Mr. Jones, Mr. Chaney and Mr. Purser.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council will be held on the 5th of June at 8 a.m. in the rooms of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

It was moved to adjourn after prayer.

Thra San Ba offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Chaney,
Hon'ly Secretary.
REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE
OF THE BURMA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL TO
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

January 30th, 1926.

I think it was reported at the last meeting that the MSS. of the King of the Golden River was in the Press. It has since been completed and is on sale. It was also reported at that time that the MS. of Tales of Heroism had been sent to the printer but owing to lack of funds that has had to be withdrawn for the time being. Translation work has gone on on McKee's book on The Teaching of Reading and it will shortly be submitted to the examining committee. The London Committee of the C. L. S. has been asked for a grant for the publication of the MS. of the Life of Saddhu Sundar Singh and if sanctioned that will be put in hand at once. The MS. of a booklet on astronomy is about ready except for the illustrations which will take some time and care. About three fourths of Fosdick's Manhood of the Master has been translated and the work on that is going on now, interspread by way of occasional change with work on the translation of Gulliver's Travels. From other sources we have a translation of Fosdick's Meaning of Prayer but it has not yet been passed on by the Committee.

So far no one has been found to take over the supervision of the MS. production end of the work, though no definite reply has yet been received from the Baptist Mission as to whether they could furnish a man to take it over. I have been carrying on though what I have done amounts for the most part to furnishing the Saya office room and work to go on with. I cannot hope to do much more than that during the touring season.

It is just a year since we brought out the first of our new publications. The following figures may be of interest.

No. of books published, 6. Volumes 21,000
Cost of publication 4,034. Sale Value 3,627
Income from ads. 240. Grants 672
Net profit when the books are disposed of 505

In this connection it should be noted that there will be a loss of Rs. 700 or more on the Sign of the Cross which takes heavy toll from the profit on the other books.
The weakest end is still the sales department. With the exception of 300 copies of the King of the Golden River which I purchased myself the stock room at the Press indicates but a single sale of our books during the present month of January, a sale of twenty-five copies of Ma Pan Shwe Wutthoo. Only 4,856 of the 21,000 volumes have been sold and these include a considerable stock that I have on hand still. This, of course, is far in advance of anything we have done heretofore but it is far short of what we ought to do.
BURMA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

Treasurer’s Report.

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T. J. CORNELIUS,
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