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*Note.*—It is not necessary for a School wishing to maintain a child to pledge itself to raise the full amount in the first year or in any year—only to do as much as it can.

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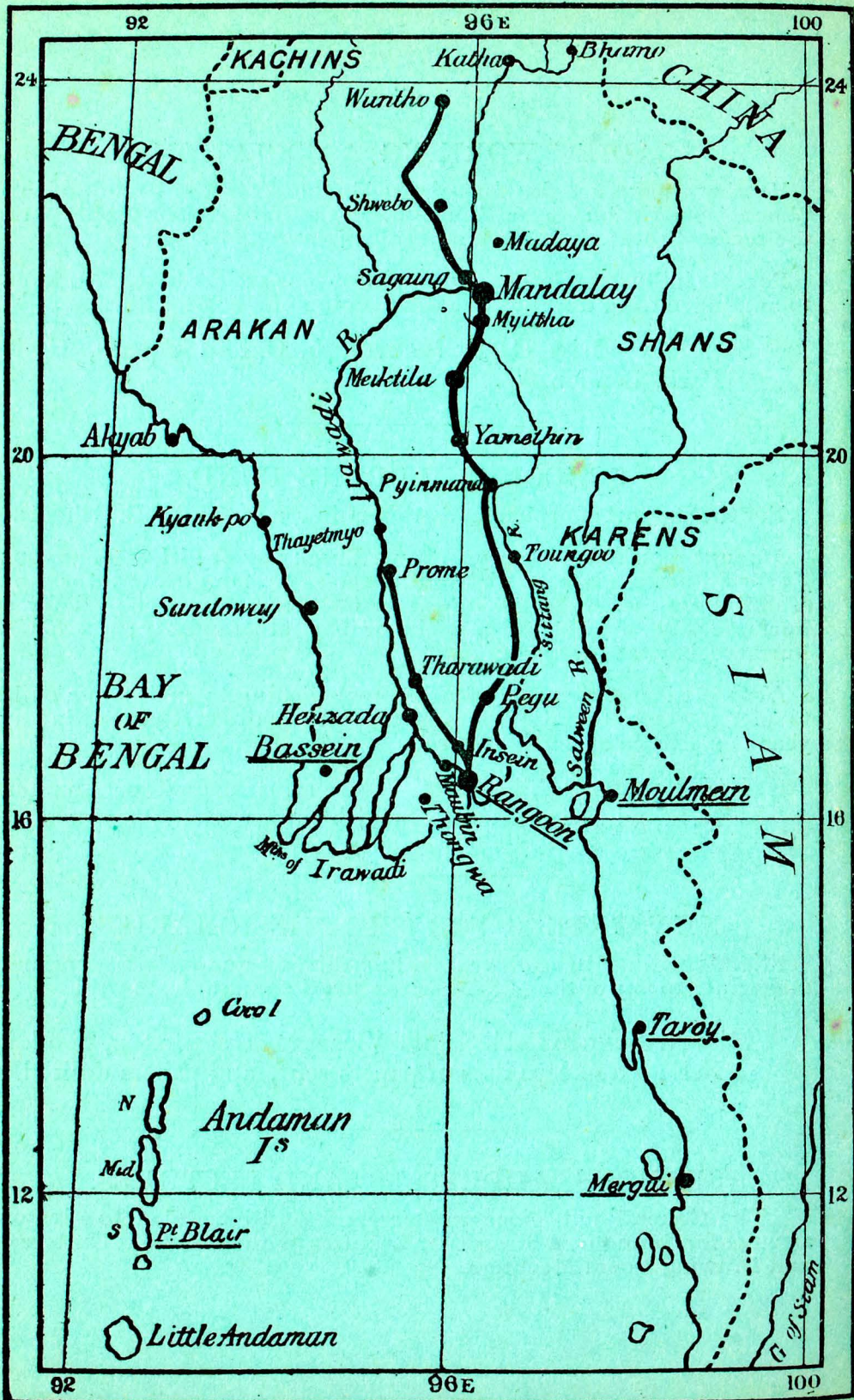
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## SERMONS, ADDRESSES, AND LECTURES.

The General and Diocesan Secretaries will be glad to give or arrange for Sermons, Addresses or Lectures (with or without Lantern), and Drawing Room Meetings.

# MAP OF BURMA.



English Miles.



## THE BISHOP'S PORTRAIT.

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By permission of Messrs. Elliot and Fry, we give this month the latest photograph of the Bishop.

The Right Reverend John Miller Strachan has devoted his whole life to the work of the Church in the Foreign Field.

He was trained at S. Augustine's College, Canterbury, in the years 1858—9, and went out to Tinnively as S.P.G. Missionary in 1860. The following year he was ordained Deacon, and in 1862, Priest by the Bishop of Madras. In 1870 he took the Medical Degree at Edinburgh, winning the Gold Medal.

From 1874 to 1880, he was Secretary for the S.P.G. in the Diocese of Madras, and had charge of S. Thomé's Church, Madras. From 1875—9 he was also Principal of the S.P.G. College in Sullivan's Gardens for training native clergy, and was for many years a Fellow of Madras University.

In 1880, Dr. Strachan paid a visit to Burma, with which he was to be closely connected not long after, and described his impressions in a book entitled "East to West."

In 1882 he was selected to succeed Bishop Titcomb as second Bishop of Rangoon, and was consecrated in the chapel of Lambeth Palace by Archbishop Tait, the Bishops of London, Winchester, Ely, and Antigua, and Bishop Mitchinson.

S. Augustine's College at once elected him Honorary Fellow, and in 1887 the University of Durham conferred the Degree of D.D.

Dr. Strachan has had the pleasure and privilege of seeing the work steadily develop under his fostering care.

The annexation of Upper-Burma in 1886, led to the re-opening and establishment of the work at Mandalay, and to work at the new centre Shwelo.

In 1878, when the first Bishop was consecrated, the clergy numbered nine, double that number at the consecration of Bishop Strachan, and now thirty-eight.

A new Cathedral, Churches at Moulmein, Pegu, Tavoy etc., have been built, several Schools have been opened, including the Girls' School at Toungoo, Diocesan Societies started and established, work has been largely extended amongst the Karens

and begun among the Andamanese and Nicobarese, and the Chinese in Rangoon. The Training Institution for Burmese and Karen Catechists and Clergy was founded in the first year of Bishop Strachan's Episcopate. Three Burmans and several Karens have been ordained.

These are some of the marks of progress during the sixteen years of the Bishop's work in the Diocese.

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## LETTER FROM THE BISHOP.

BISHOP'S COURT,  
RANGOON,

MY DEAR EDITOR,

SEPT. 10TH, 1898.

I have lately returned from my visitation of Upper Burma, which occupied two months. I held Confirmation Services at eight different stations. The numbers confirmed were for the most part few, because the stations are small. But at Toungoo there were 79 candidates, all of whom were Karens, except one woman, who was a Burman. We crossed the river on a raft, this being considered safer than a boat, and walked to the Church, which during the rains is situated in a swamp. We had a nice bright service, the people being more reverent and orderly than I have ever seen them before. We returned home tired and happy. There are many difficult and perplexing questions engaging the attention of the missionaries in charge of the Toungoo Mission. One native clergyman, who is really a good and earnest man, has been foolishly led away by some of his people, and refuses to follow the directions of the missionary in charge and of the Bishop, so that I have felt obliged to withdraw his license. I hope he will come to a better frame of mind, though there is some fear that he and several village congregations may join the Baptists or Roman Catholics. You may think that shows a very loose attachment to Church principles. And so it does. But we must not expect too much from these ignorant people. They are children in understanding, and easily led away by specious promises. But few as yet can appreciate the solid claims that the Church has upon them; whilst the many can fully appreciate the temporal charms and

promises which are offered and made, and which attract their attention. Another difficulty with which the missionaries have to contend is the question of finances. As the Karens are advancing in education and in material prosperity, the mission agents are becoming dissatisfied with what was certainly a very meagre salary. The respective congregations supplied them with rice, and also contributed liberally to the funds for their support. These poor people still keep up their subscriptions pretty much as before, but the salaries have to be increased, whilst the mission grant has not been increased. The Karens have from the very first been taught their duty as to supporting their spiritual teachers, and it would be a thousand pities for them to come to rely upon the S.P.G. instead of upon themselves. The missionaries are fully alive to the danger, and are endeavouring to develop more and more the spirit of self-help in the native Church. I visited every station except one in which European troops are placed, and so arranged that I might spend a Sunday at such stations. In these there are fairly large communities of Europeans. But in the vast majority of cases the Europeans are very few, and it is difficult to provide spiritual ministrations for so many scattered communities. In very many stations there are not more than ten to thirty Europeans, and many even of these do not belong to the Church of England. Every clergyman has one or more out stations to visit periodically ; but up to the present it has been impossible to arrange for regular visits to many. This is a cause of deep anxiety. I notice frequently a decided deterioration in the Christian character and in habits. For example, cards and billiards are more frequently indulged in on Sundays than was the custom a few years ago. And human nature being what it is, we can scarcely wonder. These are the children of the Church, and they are left to wander in the wilderness without the care and guidance of a shepherd. Our Additional Clergy Society is rendering valuable help. We have six chaplains of this Society ; but the support of even these few is obtained with difficulty. To add to our perplexities just now, the services of five out of the six are not available. One is dead, two are on the sick list, one has resigned, and one has been nominated to a Government Chaplaincy. What we really require is the services of, say, three itinerating chaplains, each to have charge of four or five stations, all of which shall be visited regularly once a month.

I have read with thankfulness of the bazaar at Broadlands, of the use the missionary exhibitions have been to the Association and of the very helpful sale of work in the Vicarage Gardens in connection with S. Mary's, Battersea, S.P.G. Missionary Society. I feel sure that as our Association becomes better known, and its branches are extended, we shall receive much-needed increased help. It is a comfort and support to us out here to know so many are praying and working for us.

J. M. RANGOON.

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### NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

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We deeply regret to have to announce the sudden death of the Rev. A. S. Pendleton and the enforced resignation, by reason of continued ill-health, of the Rev. C. H. Richards and Mr. W. E. Careless.

We had hoped to receive a detailed memorial notice of Mr. Pendleton and his work. It has not arrived, but we prefer to wait for it rather than publish the meagre information we possess at present.

The Rev. L. L. Sullivan left Burma on furlough on August 27th, in the s.s. Prome.

The Rev. B. Mahon was to leave Rangoon on furlough on Sept. 16th.

The Rev. Dr. Marks, Hon. S.P.G. Missionary and A.C.S. Chaplain at Moulmein, has arrived in England, invalided home with a severe attack of *anguina pectoris*. Though somewhat benefitted by the voyage, he is not at present equal to work of any kind. We hope that he will soon recover his usual health.

The Rev. H. M. Stockings left Liverpool, on July 30th, by the "Bhamo," and arrived in Burma at the end of August. He will return to his old post at Shwebo.

On the morning of July 30th, before he left Stoney Stratford, there was a Celebration of Holy Communion at S. Giles' Church, where many of his friends took this best of farewells with him. Among them was the Rev. G. Whitehead, who afterwards accompanied him as far as Crewe.

We rejoice to be able to announce that the Rev. G. Whitehead has determined to return to work in the Diocese. He will remain at Pendleton for the Confirmation on November 9th, will be married about the end of that month, and will leave with Mrs. Whitehead by the s.s. Bhamo on Dec. 3rd.

The Rev. J. Hackney and Mrs. Hackney left Liverpool on September 10th to take up work again amongst the Karens. They were accompanied by Mr. T. Fisher, a new worker.

The Rev. E. H. Day was married to Miss Hatcher by the Bishop, at Rangoon Cathedral on April 12th.

On the day of the interment of Mr. Gladstone in Westminster Abbey, a Memorial Service was held in the Cathedral at Rangoon, and the Bishop preached.

The High Altar of White Carrara Marble presented to the Cathedral by F. S. Copleston, Esq., was dedicated by the Bishop at a Special Service on June 16th.

The old wooden Altar has been placed in the south transept, which is now used as a side Chapel.

The S.P.G. has given £1,000 from the Marriott Bequest towards the cost of building and opening a Normal School at S. John's College.

An interesting and palpable illustration of the variety of the Missionary Work in the Diocese was given by the Baptism by Archdeacon Chard in the Cathedral on Sunday, June 26th, of a Parsee adult, Mr. Sorab Hirji Baxter.

The elders of the South Mebyu circle (Karen Mission), which was the late Rev. Mark Tway's field of work, have met and drawn up a petition to the Bishop, asking for the ordination of a successor to their late pastor. They selected a young man named Pah U, a very estimable man, but without any special training for the work of the ministry. The Bishop granted their request on condition that Pah U went for a course of theological study to Kemmendine. Meanwhile the Rev. John Ter Der will take charge of the circle, in addition to his own duties in the North Mebyn circle.

The Rev. A. Salmon desires to acknowledge with thanks the following sums through S.P.G. :—£5 from S. Mary's, Battersea ; 13s. 9d. from Canterbury ; £3 11s. of a sum of £8 11s. (the remainder being apportioned by the Bishop to S. Peter's, the South Karen Mission under Rev. H. Kenny), and £3 for an orphan from Mrs. Acton and Rev. A. F. Acton, of Bath.

## HOME NOTES.

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The Bishop's Pastoral Staff will be on view at the Army and Navy Stores, Victoria Street, till October 15th.

It will greatly help our Secretaries if all subscribers who have not already sent in their subscriptions, and all box-holders, will send them in at the beginning of Advent. The Secretaries could then send in their accounts during December, and the General Secretary could make out the balance-sheet early in January.

### *Dagshai.*

The name of one place which occurs in the list of stations, viz, Dagshai, does not appear on the map. The reason is that it is not in Burma, being situated in India in the Punjab, a little south of Simla.

It is used as the sanatorium for the troops in Burma, and is always reckoned as belonging to Burma, and the Chaplain is one of the Burma staff of clergy.

### *Our Illustration.*

By the generosity of a keen friend of our Association, we are enabled to enliven the pages of our Quarterly Paper with an occasional illustration. We commence in this number with a good photograph of the Bishop, by Elliott and Fry. We trust that this addition will add to the interest of our little periodical.

### *Photographs Wanted.*

Will any of our readers who have them, lend us photos illustrating Burmese or Karen life, groups or single photos of Missionaries, photos of Churches and Mission buildings, etc., to make slides from.

### *A Box for Burma.*

The Rev. G. Whitehead has signified his willingness to take out a box for Burma. Articles for the Missionaries, for the school children, must be sent to the London Secretary, Rev. P. H. Cooke, not later than Nov. 18th.

### *Newspapers.*

Miss N. Langton asks if any one will take up the sending of "Church Bells" to Mr. Torkington, at Thayet Myo, as the present sender has to discontinue.

## LONDON DIOCESE.

The London Secretary and Editor of Quarterly Paper—the Rev. P. H. Cooke—calls attention to change of address.

He has now two sets of slides available, one given by Rev. H. M. Stockings, and the other prepared from photos lent by Misses Gascoyen and Lewis, or given by Rev. A. Salmon. The slides have been made for us by Dr. Gerard and the Rev. H. Livesey, S. John's, I. of Dogs. Mr. Cooke is willing to lecture with or without lantern, except on Wednesdays and Fridays. Lectures have been prepared, so the slides can be lent for 2s. 6d. carriage free. The charge is to cover the expense of proper boxes for packing, and the purchase of a few more slides.

The Rev. G. H. Colbeck has another set of slides, and will be pleased to arrange for lectures.

*Sale of Work.*

A Drawing-room Sale of Work will be held on Thursday, November 10th, from 11 to 6 o'clock, by kind permission of Miss G. S. Hurt, at 46, Clifton Gardens, Maida Hill, W., in aid of the Winchester Mission House in Rangoon. There will be one table for the General Fund of the Rangoon Diocesan Association. Friends of the Mission are earnestly requested to make this Sale known amongst their friends.

Articles for the Winchester House Fund should be sent to Miss G. F. Martin, 5, Oxford Square, Hyde Park, W.

Articles for the General Fund should be sent to Mrs. Spearman, 8, Grange Road, Ealing, W., who has undertaken charge of that table, and will be assisted by Mrs. Gower.

*The Exhibitions.*

The financial result of the Kensington Exhibition was very satisfactory. There was a balance of £278 divided thus—£149 to S.P.G., £74 to W.M.A., £10 each to S.P.C.K. and B. and F.B.S. In addition the W.M.A. received a special gift of £35 for Zenana Work.

The official notice of the financial results of the Paddington Exhibition has not yet appeared. £10 has been paid in to the Rangoon Diocesan Association, half of this going into the Winchester House Fund, and half to the General Fund.

## ROCHESTER DIOCESE.

*Missionary Exhibition at S. Luke's, Battersea.*

The second S.P.G. and W.M.A. Missionary Exhibition at S. Luke's was held on the 7th and 8th July, and was a great success.

There were Courts representing ten different countries—Canada, Newfoundland, India, Burma, South Africa, Madagascar, China, Japan, Melanesia, Holy Land.

The Burma Court was furnished with things lent by Colonel and Mrs. Laughton, Rev. G. H. Colbeck, and Mr. H. F. Clarke.

There was also a Japanese House, in which Mr. Kamawaza, a Christian Japanese student, gave native receptions with the help of Mrs. Venning.

The Refreshment, Dairy, Fruit, and Flower Stalls added a considerable amount to the funds. About £16 was cleared, and was divided between the S.P.G. and W.M.A.

The work done for the past year by the three Working Parties of S. Luke's was exhibited, and a Sale of Work realized £6 for the support of two orphan children in Madagascar.

The Vicar of Battersea presided, and the Exhibition was formally opened on Thursday by Colonel Laughton, C.B., and Mrs. Laughton, of Burma; on Friday by Miss Longley, daughter of the late Archbishop.

Addresses were given in the various Courts at intervals. The Rev. G. H. Colbeck and Mr. H. F. Clarke spoke of work in Burma.

Other speakers were Miss Mackenzie, on the work of the W.M.A.; Mrs. Engelbach, on India; Rev. J. W. Henson, on South Africa; Rev. L. Dawson, on work in Canada; Miss Patteson, on work among women; Mr. Crowther Nichol, grandson of Bishop Crowther, on work in W. Africa.

Mr. H. F. Clarke, the Diocesan Secretary, will gladly book engagements to lecture during the autumn and winter.

## OXFORD DIOCESE.

The Rev. C. Izard, of Stoney Stratford, has a set of slides left with him by the Rev. H. M. Stockings, and will be pleased to arrange to show them at meetings, or to lend them with accompanying lecture notes.



## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN UNION.

*See also above under London Diocese Sale of Work.*

The annual Sale of Work by the L.W.A. was held; by Mr. Evelyn Ashley's permission, in the Orangery at Broadlands on July 27th, and was opened by Lady Emma Crichton. An interesting feature was an exhibition of Burmese curios, kindly lent for the occasion by Lord Northbrook, Mrs. Thurston, Rev. G. W. Minns, Rev. G. H. Colbeck, Col. Spearman, and others. A tracing of the proposed Winchester Mission House, which is on the point of erection, was also shown. The Rev. G. C. White, in the course of an introductory address, said that though the work had only been in action progress a short time, it could not be considered barren of result. He had received a letter about a young Burman who had been converted by the late Winchester Missionary, speaking of him in the highest terms, and adding, "He has been admirably instructed in religious matters, and as far as I can judge, he is earnest and real in his Christian profession." The Rev. G. W. Minns briefly recapitulated the history of the foundation of the diocese of Rangoon; and the Rev. G. H. Colbeck gave two short addresses at the exhibition stall. The attendance was not large, being affected by various other attractions in the neighbourhood, as well as by thunder showers. The Sale resulted in a profit of £12 0s. 1d.

*Basing Parochial Branch.*

On Thursday, June 23rd, by the kindness of Mrs. Willis, a Drawing Room Meeting was held at Basingfield, Old Basing, when Sister Katharine (of the Sisterhood of the Ascension), lately returned from Burma, gave an interesting address on her four years' work in the Schools at Rangoon.

The children are evidently intelligent and thoughtful, deriving full benefit from their excellent training, and taking high places at the examinations. They have also done much in spreading religious knowledge among the older people during the holidays, which they spend with their parents up country.

Mrs. Mitchell also gave an address on the duty of *all* to assist Mission work in every possible way.

The Bev. B. Machin, in the absence of the Vicar (Rev. R. F. Hessey, introduced Sister Katherine, and also said a few

words in conclusion in reference to the special call the Rangoon Mission has upon the Winchester Diocese.

The meeting opened and closed with prayer and singing. During the last hymn a collection of £4 was made.

The Bishop of Rangoon, when here last November, stirred up a good deal of enthusiasm, which has not since diminished, and though the Basing Branch has only lately been started, it is hoped during the year it will be able to send something substantial towards furthering Mission work in the vast tracts of Burma.

Two clergymen have been nominated for the A.C.S. vacancies, and will probably sail in October; but as the agreements are not yet signed it would be premature to give their names.

#### THANKSGIVINGS

For fresh workers.

For the completion of the Winchester House Building Fund.

#### PRAYERS

For Priests for the Winchester House, and for the development of that scheme.

For Medical Missionaries for the Winchester House, and for work amongst the Karens.

For friends to give donations so that the offer of £10 for the Winchester House Scheme may be taken up.

For blessing on the winter's work of our Association.

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### AN OLD BURMA MISSIONARY.

The Rev. Francis William Sutton, M.D., Chaplain of S. Cross and the Sisterhood of S. John the Divine, Maritzburg, has been appointed Dean of the Pro-Cathedral, Umtata, Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria.

Mr. Sutton relinquished a lucrative practice at Reading to go out with his wife as Missionaries to Burma, 1887-9. They did two years' splendid work at Shwebo, establishing the Mission there on a firm basis. Unfortunately Mrs. Sutton's health did not permit them to remain in Burma. After a short stay in England, during which Mr. Sutton worked at Standish, Gloucestershire, they went to Kaffraria and worked at S. James', Umtata, Ntlaza, and Cala successively.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PATRONS.

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Miss Langton reports considerable progress in her department.

Lists of children have been received from the Missionaries, and some have been selected as *protégés* by Schools.

The Rev. T. Ellis, of S. Gabriel's, Rangoon, sends the following list :—

Tamil Orphan Girls—Christians—who could be taken into the newly-opened boarding school at a cost of £4 year :—

1. Susan Joseph (7) ; mother died last year of cholera ; father's whereabouts not known. Left with a younger sister on the hands of an aunt.
2. Henrietta Timothy (6) ; father, a railway man, died during her infancy.
3. Ambayee Gabriel (9) ; mother dead, left with her grandmother, a heathen, and very poor.
4. Gnanasivam (5) ; sister of four.
5. Aysutha Mary de Souza (7) ; father died before her birth, mother very poor.
6. Arputham (6) ; both parents dead ; living with grandmother, who is very poor.
7. Christiana (5) ; sister of six.
8. Elizabeth (9) ; do.
9. Ruth Mary (9) ; mother a widow, very poor.

These poor children, all of Christian parentage, and most of them bright little maids of pretty Tamil features, ought to be rescued from their present conditions and placed in school to be taught and trained. They have not yet been to School, and living among heathen neighbours, and being for the most part perforce left to their own devices, are almost certain to be morally ruined. The small sum of £4 a year will enable us to take in one of these "little ones" of Christ.

### *Burmese Girls.*

Rebekah (Fatima), 9 ; Hagar (Zorabi), 7 ; and Sarah (Bee Bee), 5, daughters of one of our Burmese Catechists, who was converted from Mahomedanism not long ago. The girls had all received Mahomedan names, but are pure Burmese. The father is a zealous mission worker, but having only a small

salary and a large family, cannot afford to give them schooling. It would be a great help to our work if these children could be put to school and trained in Christian ways.

There are other Burmese girls of Christian parentage whose cases are similar, but we are anxious for these to be adopted first. (*Rebekah has been adopted by the Sunday School Teachers of All Saints', Haggerston.*)

Boys who could be taken into the School at a cost of £9 a year :—

1. John Hammond (11), of Eurasian (*i.e.*, half European, half native) descent ; father died of consumption, and the whole family has had much trouble ; very quiet, respectable people. The boy has been kindly taken in by our Burmese Bible-woman, who, however, cannot afford to keep him.
2. John Rowe (10), Eurasian, also for the present housed by our kind Bible-woman ; neglected by the father ; mother a heathen (Burmese). A nice little fellow of quiet and engaging manners.
3. Ba Thid (10), and
4. Bithin Philip (8), sons of a Burmese Catechist of this mission, who cannot afford to put them to school. We desire to give them a good training ; formerly they were staying with an uncle, a pôngyee, in a Buddhist School. They are now members of our newly-formed choir.
5. Luke My Ohn Sein (9), and
6. John My Bah Shein (6), sons of a Burmese Christian, a foreman printer, who died of consumption last year.
- 7—8. Two nephews (of different parents) of Mrs. Emin, the Christian Burmese widow of an Armenian. One boy is an orphan ; the other has parents (Buddhists), but both are dependent on the aunt. Aged 13.
9. David (8), Tamil ; mother widow of a clerk, left with two children.

The Rev. A. Salmon sends a long list of Karen children at S. Luke's S.P.G. School, Toungoo (North Mission only). They are all boarders, and Christians. No children pay fees except those learning English, who pay a normal fee of six rupees a year. (The average tuition fee for other children is Rs. 24.)

Boarding expenses amount to £3. The voluntary offerings of the people towards the amount is less than 3s. per child ; it does not seem that they can afford more. By the list it appears that the girls are content with learning Karen and Burmese ; many of the boys learn English in addition, as a knowledge of that language will be very useful to them in after-life.

Hitherto no girl has had a patron, but now Mai Lah, aged 10 in Standard I. has been adopted by the Girls' Friendly Society Branch at S. Michael and All Angels, Stoke Newington.

Of the boys, Jo-ah (10), Standard I., has a patron who prefers to remain anonymous ; Shwe Lai (12), Standard II., has been adopted by the Sunday School of S. Philip's, Rangoon ; Mau Hee (11), Standard II., by S. Augustine's, Leytonstone Missionary Guild.

We have just received the following from Mr. Salmon :—

1. Mau Hee adopted by S. Augustine's, Leytonstone, per Rev. W. Walker. I found this lad in one of our Christian villages (K'thau-pwah) the year before last. The mother had been left a widow and her friends were Roman Catholics. The R. C. priest had sent word to her that if she would give up the children, they should be well provided for, and she should receive a small pension. I urged the mother to let me have the child, promising to give him all he would need while at School. She did so gladly. She herself has since died here in town. She came down for medical treatment but the effort was too great for her, and she succumbed before she could get proper treatment. The Roman Catholics are again trying hard to get the other children, a boy and a girl, but we have undertaken to bring them both up. Mau Hee is progressing well in his School work, and Mrs. Salmon makes him useful in the garden. He should soon be able to write a letter at least in Karen, but his attainments are scanty at present.

2. Mai Lah, adopted by S. Michael and All Angels, Stoke Newington G.F.S., per Miss Thomas. This girl came down for the first time this year. Both parents are living but they are very old and unable to do anything to help her to buy books, clothes &c., so she is practically an orphan. She is intelligent and should do well if we can persuade her to stay for the full term of three or four years, *i.e.* until she has passed the fourth standard. Her brothers, of whom she has two or three, are also

at School (one is being trained in the Institution for training Catechists at Kemmendine), and are doing well.

4. Shwe Lai, adopted by the congregation at S. Phillip's, Rangoon, is a son of a former evangelist named Sheemone, a very earnest and able man, who did much good work for the Church during his lifetime. The mother is one of the best and most sensible Karen women I know. She has worked hard to get her children educated, but she finds she cannot manage, through age and infirmity, to supply Shwe Lai with what is necessary for his schooling. Shwe Lai is anxious to keep on at school. He is now in Standard II. (English) but he has passed Standard III. in Burmese. He is one of the brightest boys in Religious Knowledge and invariably knows his Bible and Prayer Book lessons. I hope he will follow his father's vacation and become an evangelist to the heathen.

5. Jo-ah is being supported for this year and next by a donation given by a friend at Cambridge, who wishes to be anonymous. He has lost both his parents and he came to School this year--I promising that he should be boarded and educated free. He is a very willing though not very bright boy. He is also in Standard I. learning English, Burmese, and Karen. He has much improved since he has been at School. Out of school hours he helps Mrs. Salmon in various ways.

6. A. Bee, for whose support we have received £3 from Mrs. and the Rev. A. F. Acton, of Bath, through S.P.G., is a new scholar this year, and an orphan. He has received some little education in the village school, but we had to place him in Standard I. for English. He is a sharp boy and will, we think, do well. He, Jo-ah, and Mau Hee are especially under Mrs. Salmon's eye out of school hours, and she calls them her boys. They have a special sleeping place in a corner of our own house. We are especially anxious that those children who are being supported by friends in England should turn out well.

If our kind friends will depute correspondents to write to these children, I will see that a letter is sent in reply if it is only in Karen (with, of course, a translation).

ALEXANDER SALMON,

Missionary S.P.G.

Toungoo,

Aug. 27th, 1898.

## In Memoriam.

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We regret to have to announce the death on June 22nd, of the Rev. Robert Howard Cuthbert, Rector of Presteigne, Radnorshire, and a member of our Association. Mr. Cuthbert was at Mandalay Town, on the staff of the Additional Clergy Society (Burma) in the years 1891—3, being the first Chaplain of the Additional Clergy Society to minister in Upper Burma.

For some time after the annexation of this extensive territory, the S.P.G. Missionaries in Mandalay conducted services in English for the benefit of European and Eurasian residents outside the Cantonment limits; but as the country became settled and this population considerably increased, they appealed to be relieved of this work, as it took them away from their true work among the native population.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert arrived in November 1891, and were cordially welcomed to the station. They at once set to work to promote a higher tone of spiritual life among the population at Mandalay.

The services (with the willing consent of the Missionaries) continued to be held, as they still are, in Christ Church, the interesting Mission Church built for S.P.G. by the old Buddhist king Mindohn.

The people subscribed willingly and liberally to the Chaplaincy Fund, and for other good objects; and it was hoped that Mr. Cuthbert would remain long in the station to carry on the work. His constitution, however, proved unable to stand the somewhat trying climate of Burma. He had several severe attacks of sickness, which frequently rendered him incapable of any work. At the close of his second cold season, the doctors imperatively warned him that he must leave the country before the hot weather came on, nor must he think of returning. He accordingly had to resign, to the great regret of all. At this juncture the living of Presteigne fell vacant, and was offered to him and accepted. Here his health was much better for a time, though for many months before his death he had been gradually sinking. Change of scene and climate, to the seaside and Switzerland, was tried, but without avail.

A thoughtful devout priest, with a high ideal ever before him, scholarly, and a thorough gentleman, the Church can ill spare such, and not least in the far distant provinces of our Empire.—*Communicated.*

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BUILDING FUND, SHWEBO.

The Rev. H. M. Stockings sends the following report :—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged ... ..	39	12	7½
Recently received ... ..	24	5	6
Total received .. ..	63	18	1½
Total sum required ... ..	400	0	0
Balance to be raised ... ..	£336	1	10½

Since the last issue of the *R.D.A. Magazine* the following sums have been received :—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Swinton, Kensington ... ..	10	0	0
Offertory, Thorpe, Norwich, from Rev. R. Phelps ... ..	8	8	0
Offertory, S. Giles, Stony Stratford, per Rev. J. Light ... ..	1	13	0
Rev. W. P. Trevilyan ... ..	1	1	0
Collection at meeting, per Rev. C. Izard... ..	0	10	6
Miss R. Stockings, Blofield ... ..	0	10	0
Miss D. Stockings, Coleraine ... ..	0	10	0
" " per ... ..	0	5	0
Miss H. A. T., Stony Stratford ... ..	0	10	0
S. A. M., Stony Stratford ... ..	0	5	0
Mrs. Read, per Kensington... ..	0	5	0
Miss Edwards, Sutton ... ..	0	2	6
Mr. Furier, Sutton ... ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Reeve, Stony Stratford ... ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Holland ... ..	0	0	6
	£24	5	6

For this further help I am very grateful indeed, and only hope that my return to Burma does not mean the cessation of help on the part of those in England.

Any further sums received for the Church will be acknowledged in due course in the *R.D.A. Magazine*, where will also appear from time to time notes of our work in Shwebo, especially of the building and completing of the Church, for which we solicit your aid.