

AUTUMN LEAVES FROM ASSAM.

*A continuation of my Journal "Twenty Years in Assam,"
and "Further Leaves from Assam."*

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LOVINGLY DEDICATED

TO

the Memory of my Mother,

MRS. CLARA M. TRAVER.

PREFACE.



THIS little book is simply a continuation of my Journal "Twenty Years in Assam," and "Further Leaves from Assam."

It completes our 30 years and more of work in Assam.

One of our Missionaries suggested my calling it "Autumn Leaves from Assam," but we have no intention of leaving the good work so long as God gives us strength to work for Him in needy Assam.

Assam for Christ is our prayer.

JESSIE T. MOORE.

NOWGONG, ASSAM, INDIA.

July 8th, 1910.

ASSAM: THE PROVINCE.

Assamese :	{	People of Aryan descent, who have for centuries inhabited the Brahmaputra Valley.
Abors	}	Hill Tribes, non-Aryan people.
Dufas		
Garos		
Kacharis		
Lalungs		
Mikirs		
Miris		
Mishmis		
Nagas		
Rabbhas		
Singphos		
Sadiya	}	Plains Stations.
Dibrugarh		
North Lakhimpur		
Sibsagar		
Golaghat		
Jorhat		
Tezpur		
Nowgong		
Gauhati		
Goalpara		
Dhubri		
Tura	}	Hill Stations.
Kohima		
Impur—	Headquarters of	Ao Naga Mission.
Ukrul	„	„ Tangkhul Naga Mission.
Tika	„	„ Mikir Mission.

PRONUNCIATION OF ASSAMESE VOWELS.

a,	as in father.
e,	as in prey.
i,	as in machine.
o,	as in Chromo.
u,	as oo in poor.
ai,	as in aisle.
au,	as ow in now.

VERNACULAR WORDS DEFINED.

Salaam : Salutation.

Compound : Yard ; enclosure around a dwelling.

Bungalow : House of better class, as distinguished from common native huts.

Ghor : A native dwelling-house, usually small thatched huts.

Sahib : Sir.

Padri Sahib : Missionary.

Mem Sahib : Married lady.

Ayah : Native nurse.

Babu : Native gentleman.

Soyce : Native groom.

Zillah : Station ; headquarters of a district.

Mofussil : Camp. The country in opposition to the city.

Nam Ghor : A public meeting-house for Hindus. It answers for a Town Hall, used for both religious and secular gatherings.

Puja : Worship ; in which sacrifice and offerings generally preponderate.

Dak : Mail.

Dak Walla : Mail carrier.

Backshees : Alms.

Rupee : Indian coin, value about '33 cents.

Anna : One-sixteenth of a Rupee.

Pice : One-fourth of an Anna.

Fakir : A religious mendicant.

Pandit : Teacher.

Jesu Kristo : Jesus Christ.

Eswar : God.

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I.

AFTER THE REVIVAL.

January 1, 1908.—Our New Year really began this morning when the weekly home mail arrived. There were good letters with New Year's wishes and presents from our Clara, and from Bro. Orson Moore.

This afternoon we witnessed some sports near the Police lines, and then took "Tea" with Major and Mrs. A. A. Howell.

First let us turn for a look at the List of Assam Missionaries at our last Conference.

LIST OF MISSIONARIES.

Missionaries Present.

REV. and MRS. S. A. D. BOGGS, <i>Jorhat.</i>	REV. C. E. PETRICK, <i>Sib-sagar.</i>
MISS ELLA C. BOND, <i>Tura.</i>	REV. JOSEPH PAUL, <i>N. Lakhimpur.</i>
REV. E. W. CLARK, D.D., <i>Impur.</i>	DR. and MRS. E. G. PHILLIPS, <i>Tura.</i>
DR. G. G. CROZIER, <i>Tura.</i>	REV. and MRS. A. E. STEPHEN, <i>Goalpara.</i>
MISS LINNIE HOLBROOK, <i>Tura.</i>	REV. and MRS. O. L. SWANSON, <i>Golaghat.</i>
REV. and MRS. L. W. B. JACKMAN, <i>Sadiya.</i>	REV. and MRS. A. J. TUTTLE, <i>Gauhati.</i>
DR. and MRS. H. W. KIRBY, <i>Sadiya.</i>	MISS ISABELLA WILSON, <i>Gauhati.</i>
REV. and MRS. P. H. MOORE, <i>Nowgong.</i>	
REV. and MRS. W. C. MASON,	

Guest.

REV. A. C. BOWERS.

Missionaries Absent—(not on furlough).

REV. and MRS. J. M. CARVELL, <i>in Nowgong.</i>	|	MISS ANNA E. LONG, <i>in Nowgong.</i>
REV. and MRS. H. B. DICKSON, <i>in Calcutta.</i>		REV. and MRS. R. B. LONGWELL, <i>in Impur.</i>
REV. and MRS. F. W. DOWD, <i>in Impur.</i>		DR. and MRS. W. A. LOOPS, <i>in</i> <i>Impur.</i>
REV. and MRS. WM. DRING, <i>in Tura.</i>		REV. and MRS. P. E. MOORE, <i>in</i> <i>Tika.</i>
REV. A. K. GURNEY, <i>in Dibrugarh.</i>		MRS. JOSEPH PAUL, <i>in North</i> <i>Lakhimpur.</i>

Missionaries Absent—(on furlough).

REV. and MRS. C. E. BURDETTE, <i>in the U.S.</i>	|	DR. and MRS. M. C. MASON, <i>in</i> <i>the U.S.</i>
MRS. E. W. CLARK, <i>in the U.S.</i>		MISS STELLA MASON, <i>in the U.S.</i>
MRS. G. G. CROZIER, <i>in the U.S.</i>		MISS ELLA G. MILLER, <i>en route</i> <i>to the U.S.</i>
REV. and MRS. JOHN FIRTH, <i>in</i> <i>the U.S.</i>		MRS. C. E. PETRICK, <i>in Germany.</i>
MRS. A. K. GURNEY, <i>in the</i> <i>U.S.</i>		DR. and MRS. S. W. RIVENBURG, <i>in the U.S.</i>

During the year 1907, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Carvell and Mrs. J. Paul went home on furlough. Also Dr. G. G. Crozier, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Tuttle, and Miss Ella G. Miller; and later Rev. A. K. Gurney and Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Phillips. Mr. Gurney retired on account of age and poor health. He has spent 30 years in Assam. Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Bowers are now members of our Mission.

In 1905 the old province of Assam was united with a portion of Bengal, and the whole province is now named Eastern Bengal and Assam. Our missionaries are all in the part formerly called Assam, and the term "Assam" is used as meaning the smaller territory formerly called by that name.

To the children of God Assam is a country full of interest. In this little book let us try to learn something

of the history, present condition and outlook of the kingdom in that land. The work is growing among the Assamese (people of the Plains), the Immigrant Peoples, the Garos, Nagas, Mikirs, Abors, Miris and other Hill tribes.

On November 11th, my fiftieth birthday, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Strouse and little Georgie Strouse (3½ years old) arrived in Nowgong. All welcomed them joyfully, but we soon found that Mrs. Strouse was not robust. After one month here they decided that on account of Mrs. Strouse's poor health they must return to America. The Assam Reference Committee, then in session in Gauhati, advised them to go to Calcutta for medical treatment. The Calcutta doctors advised Mrs. Strouse to go home at once and never to return to the Tropics. They sailed from Calcutta, December 19th, on the P. and O. steamer "Simla." We liked the Strouses and are very sorry to lose them from this needy field. Their heavy luggage came as far as Chapar Mukh. We bought some things from them, and the remainder are being shipped back to U. S. A. They are disappointed, and so are we all.

Miss Helen B. Protzman reached Nowgong on the 16th November, and she is making good progress in learning Assamese. Rahel Thomas is her Pandit. Miss Long is so happy to have Miss Protzman here.

The new workers, Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Harding, are getting settled and to work in Tura. Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Mason have returned to the Garo work. Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Rivenburg are in Kohima, and Rev. and Mrs. John Firth are in North Lakhimpur. We rejoice in these reinforcements.

On the 18th November Nowgong had the honour of

a visit from Sir Lancelot Hare, the Lieutenant-Governor of Eastern Bengal and Assam. He spent two days here inspecting the place and listening to requests from natives and tea-planters. He came to our school one morning, and also inspected the girls' dormitory. We now have 50 girls, and two small boys, with the matron in our dormitory.

We could get more girls if our dormitory were larger, and we had more money to feed them. Some of the girls have parents, and get enough money from home to buy their clothes and books. We want to raise the tuition to Rs. 2 per month for all who can pay that amount.

The area of Eastern Bengal and Assam is 106,540 square miles, and the population 31,000,000.

The Assam Annual Baptist Statistics are—

Churches	..	..	..	93
Church membership	..	..	..	9,006
Added by baptism	..	..	..	925

Our Nowgong District has eight small churches, with a membership of 415, and added by baptism last year 62.

We have just received a present from Dr. E. W. Clark of his wife's new book—"A Corner of India." It has pictures, and is fine.

December 4th was Pitt's 54th birthday. I was so glad to have him at home on that day. He is well, and so busy.

Bro. Penn Moore's wife, Charlotte, is now absolutely helpless, but on her comfortable days she can still write a good letter, and she keeps cheerful. She teaches a beautiful lesson in patience and endurance. Her sister, Mrs. M. C. Mason, has just spent one month with her.

We had a merry Christmas time with a service at

noon, and in the evening some songs and drills with organ accompaniment by the Boarding School girls. Then magic lantern views, and a tree with dolls and tin toys for the little children.

On the 30th December the first 12 copies of my book—"Further Leaves from Assam"—were received. The books are bound neatly in brown cloth with gilt lettering on the back of covers. I am glad to get the books in time for New Year's presents.

January 3.—A good covenant meeting this afternoon.

January 5.—Alice Stafford was baptized this morning. At the Communion Service the hand of fellowship was given to Alice, and Sekon's wife and Bhedu were restored to Church fellowship.

Pitt preached well on "Love." God's love to us is shown in Romans 5 : 8. Our love to God is shown in John 14 : 23. If we love God we must show it by keeping His commandments, and by loving each other. 1st John 4 : 7—8.

January 6.—The Reference Committee recommended that Mr. Dickson be allowed to begin work for the Sema Nagas at Ghukia's village. Dr. E. W. Clark has offered Rs. 2,000 for temporary buildings at Ghukia's village.

Mr. Paul will go home on furlough in the Spring. Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Dowd and three children and Miss Ella C. Bond will be leaving for home by the end of this month. Our Miss Anna E. Long may go later on. She needs a rest and change as her head gets very tired.

January 14.—This is our day in the "Prayer Calendar." Under our names are the words "He shall come down like rain on the mown grass." I have realized with joy that friends and relatives are thinking

of and praying for us today. Pitt is busy getting his Annual Statistics ready to send to our Society—"The American Baptist Missionary Union."

January 15.—Today Peter, a Mikir Christian, and Grace were married at 2 P.M. in our Chapel. After the ceremony all the Nowgong station Christians partook of the good feast of rice and curry at Puai's house.

January 16.—It is just 28 years today since we reached Nowgong. Busy and happy years they have been. We can trust our Jesus for the future. "What a right, royal Master is Jesus! How considerate of our infirmities! How true to our best interests! It is worth ten thousand times over all the wealth, glory, fame, and joys possible to be secured in this world, to know Him, to live in His fellowship, to be loved by Him, to belong to Him forever, and to be employed by Him in any sphere of labour. In the light of all we know Jesus Christ to be, to have done, to be now doing, to have promised and to have purposed, we all can undertake the manifold duties of another year with confidence and gladness. 'Goodness and mercy shall follow us.' 'No good thing will He withhold.' 'He will never leave us.' 'If we ask anything according to His will He heareth us; whether we live therefore or die we are the Lord's.'"

We cannot adequately express our appreciation of Him who redeemed us and honoured us with junior partnership in the work of building up his kingdom.

January 20.—When reading today in J. R. Miller's book "Secrets of a Beautiful Life," I was struck with this expression—"When night comes He will show us the stars,"—meaning that God has a promise and

comfort for our every need. I am trying to put a few of the thoughts in that good book into Assamese, to be printed in our little monthly paper দীপ্তি (Light). What I write in Assamese Henry Goldsmith corrects before it is printed.

January 23.—Last evening we went to a Moslem wedding from 6 to 8 p.m. Mrs. Howell, Miss Olive McNaught, Miss Long and Miss Protzman went with us. It was a big Musulman affair for Nowgong. We were met by the Extra Assistant Commissioner Babu, and the father and uncle of the bride. They conducted us to seats near a small table under a large canopy. Otto of roses was presented and we soon had highly scented handkerchiefs. Then the Gramophone gave us some Bengali songs for our entertainment. After a while we ladies were invited to go to see the bride (16 years of age). We found her seated in the midst of a large company of women and girl friends and relatives. They were sitting on mats under a large canopy. The bride was dressed in white silk (native fashion) spangled with gold. She wore six gold necklaces set with rubies, and gold earrings, bracelets and finger rings. We conversed with some of the older women, with whom I was acquainted. A little cousin brought in a dish of flowers, and gave us each a rose-bud to wear. The company was sprinkled with rose water.

Then we went back to where the gentlemen were. Mrs. Howell soon said she would like to return home early as her husband had fever. Then we were invited into a small room where a table was spread with cakes, biscuits and oranges. We were served with cake and tea. The father of the bride is in Government service near Dacca.

The bridegroom was to appear at midnight, but we did not wait to see him. The Padri (Moulvi) would read from the Koran, and the happy couple would receive good advice, and the amount of the bridal dowry (Rs. 2,000) would be announced. The bride, who has been living with her uncle's family in Nowgong, will now go with her husband to Jorhat. Hundreds of Musulmans were feasted yesterday by the father and uncle of the bride. It was a lovely evening, and we enjoyed the little outing and excitement.

January 24.—Today Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Dowd and their three children and Miss Ella C. Bond are starting for America. They go *viâ* Colombo and Naples to New York, and should reach there about March 23rd.

Miss Anna E. Long will probably go *viâ* the same route to Naples. From Naples she will go overland with a party of Missionaries from Madras. They plan to see Naples, Rome, Florence, and Paris on their way to London. Of course this sight-seeing means some extra expense which must come out of their own pockets.

Rev. J. Paul will go *viâ* Bombay, as he is in a hurry to join his family in America.

January 25.—Now I want to copy a good letter Pitt has written for Clara's birthday.

“ I am glad your mother is a regular correspondent : so you hear from us often. I find there are disadvantages in the disuse of correspondence. When I do try to write a letter that is out of the business routine I am at a loss where to begin. Why can't one sit down and offhand transcribe one's thoughts and feelings, and in general give one's friends an insight into one's life ? To do this probably requires practice, as does the doing of most things, if one is to do them well. Is it not in

this as everywhere,—the Universal law,—the penalty of disuse is atrophy of the parts?

“ So you see the disability under which I labour when I try to write you at long intervals. I would like to keep up an interchange of ideas that would foster genuine, mutual acquaintance. I realize that we are in different worlds, as well as on opposite sides of the same globe.

“ Occasionally I feel keenly the limitations and narrowing tendencies of my life here,—not that I am discontented in it. But I just know I am in a treadmill circle; and great oceans of the world’s life hardly come to my cognizance at all. I am a specialist in my small way, with the limitations that attach to specialization. When I look beyond my own small dooryard, and catch a glimpse of other phases of the world’s great life, the strangeness of unfamiliarity is a barrier that makes it difficult to quite appreciate other people’s dooryards. Only I realize that all these other people, each in his own way, is working out a part of God’s great plan. I magnify my office; and, of course, to me the Missionary outlook on life is the highest of all. Yet other outlooks are necessary to the completeness of God’s world; and other people who occupy other spheres, do but act naturally when each one regards his own particular sphere as uppermost.

“ The tokens are abundant, and multiplying all the time, that God is using all these various spheres of our human life in working out a magnificent plan worthy of the allwise and loving Father in Heaven. So you in your small corner, and I in mine, may be workers together with God in setting up the kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

“ Probably the real test of quality lies more in adequately filling one’s sphere, whatever its size, than on the largeness of the sphere one tries to fill. This, however, is not a source of unmixed satisfaction. Yet we press on in the work; and God graciously uses even our imperfect attempts, and grants much of His presence and fellowship to cheer and lead us on.

“ May you and Roland ever know the sustaining power and inspiration of the consciousness of God’s comradeship with you.

“ I enjoy all your letters, and am thankful for them. Much love for you both, from your affectionate Papa,

“ P. H. MOORE.”

“ *P.S.*—Many happy returns of 8th March.

“ Dated January 22nd, 1908, Nowgong, Assam, India.”

January 28.—Pitt spent Sunday at Balijuri, and held two services with the Christians there.

January 30.—Mrs. Firth and little Gertrude arrived at about 4 A.M. this morning. They came in by covered bullock cart from Silghat. Gertrude is a sweet little girl, three years old.

January 31.—We have another visitor, as Mr. Pettigrew came last eve. Next week he expects to attend the Annual Association at Golaghat. Miss Long will take Humitra and a dozen of her girls to Golaghat Association.

Such lovely letters came in the mail this week, which tell how mother and Clara spent their Christmas, and what nice presents they had. Each of mother’s six children remembered her with a present, and most of her ten grandchildren.

February 10.—Mrs. Firth left today. She took with her Budhuni and Etta, two North Lakhimpur girls, who have been here in our Boarding School for the last five years.

February 14.—Miss Long, with matron Humitra and girls, returned today from Golaghat. They enjoyed the meetings, and have much to tell about them in our weekly prayer meeting. The attendance was 500, and

there were 11 Missionaries present. Miss Long brought back Jane's girl to put in our Boarding School.

Miss Protzman will take a little run up to Jorhat to visit the Exposition. The Lieutenant-Governor of Eastern Bengal and Assam opened the Exposition on the 12th instant.

The exhibits are agricultural, weaving, and results of school work, etc.

The Annual Report from Nowgong for 1907, to our American Baptist Missionary Union, reads as follows:—

“ 1907 has passed into history as the Revival year at Nowgong, as 1897 is remembered as Earthquake year.

“ New Year's Day found the Church here in a state of spiritual exultation such as I had not witnessed in 27 years, and none of the people here remember, or ever imagined.

“ For nearly three months we dwelt on the mount of transfiguration, and, like Peter, wished always to remain there. But as the Master led His privileged apostles down again to the toil and turmoil of the conflict, after they had seen His glory, so the end of the year finds us again in the stern strife with sin and superstition.

“ The revival spirit spread in somewhat abated power to the most of the village churches in the district, and has left an impress not less indelible than that left on the physical surface of the earth by that mighty shaking of the great earthquake. A new concept of the power of God has come into the hearts of many.

“ The Christian community will not go back to where it was previous to the 2nd December, 1906, when the revival first broke out in the Station Church. Yet the record of the year does not indicate that any remarkable manifestation of God's power has been in evidence.

“ Sixty-two baptisms in the whole district in 1907, as compared with 46 in 1906, and 64 in 1905, would not lead one to think that a revival, of so marked power, had spread through most of our few little churches. Nor

do the 16 exclusions, 6 restorations, and 8 deaths for the year seem abnormal.

“ Throughout the year I have been conscious of the presence of a persistent and powerful opposition on the part of the devil to all that God was doing.

“ Yet to my mind that is not a satisfactory or sufficient explanation of the phenomenon that I have witnessed. I am sure that God has been present with us in wonderful goodness and power. But I do not yet know what the verdict of history will be regarding this most remarkable year of my life, and of the progress of God’s work in the Nowgong field.

“ P. H. MOORE.”

February 20.—Pitt is starting for Udmari. He will leave his tents, etc., there and go on to Messa and perhaps Lengteng. Then return to Udmari and be there for our Annual Association, February 28th to March 1st, inclusive. Mr. Petrick will come and teach some of his Hindi hymns to the Munda Christians. Miss Long and Miss Protzman plan to take their girls to the Association at Udmari.

March 6.—Pitt carried out the above plans, and while at Messa baptized two boys. One of the boys is the brother of our Dodram. As their mother is not a Christian, she felt very badly to have her son become a Christian and be baptized. She plead with Mr. Moore not to baptize her boy. She said—“ I would rather be cut in pieces, and have the pieces strewn on the river.”

On Saturday Mr. Petrick arrived as expected, and Pitt took him to Lengteng tea garden, where they held services with the Christians on Sunday, and Pitt baptized two persons there. Then, on Monday, he took Mr. Petrick to Udmari, and they spent the whole week there, and baptized three more persons. Every evening Mr. Petrick

met with the Christians to teach them Hindi hymns. Mr. Petrick brought with him from Sibsagar three Christian men who were a help during the Associational meetings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The attendance was 330. Of this number 80 persons, including Miss Long's 25 boarding school girls, went from Nowgong station. The others were village Christians. Pitt seems well pleased and satisfied with the meetings. As they did not have much this year of a stated programme, they had more time for Devotional meetings. Luke 1: 46-47 voices the mind of all as they look back upon the Association. God gave a great blessing and answered prayer.

Pitt returned from Udmari on the 4th instant, and yesterday we were very busy getting tents, etc., put away for the summer. There were three cartloads of our luggage from Udmari.

March 8.—I would love to wish Ciara a happy birthday today. We hope she has received our birthday letters.

At 8 A.M. this morning we went to the Kullung river, and Pitt baptized Ellen Goldsmith, the second daughter of Rev. Henry Goldsmith. Henry and family and Amie and Suborna are here for a few days.

March 12.—Yesterday at 3 P.M. Suborna Goldsmith and Moina Christian were married by Pitt in our Chapel. Moina is 15 years old, and Suborna is 30 years old. Henry's sister, Amie, has been a nurse for many years in the Eden Hospital, Calcutta. Amie brought the wedding clothes from Calcutta, and made Moina look very pretty in a white silk "sari" and pale pink silk jacket. The wedding veil was very thin, and for once an Assamese bride showed her face. Miss Protzman took a little photo

of the bridal party. Amie paid the expense of the wedding feast. Suborna is an engineer, and has work at Dibrugarh. Amie will take Henry's daughters back to Calcutta to school, where she has supported them for several years. Henry and family return to Jorhat. Henry is a great help in the Bible school in Jorhat.

We understand by a cablegram from Boston that the A.B.M.U. does not wish Mr. Dickson to take up work for the Sema Nagas.

We have received word of the death of Shri Moti Aitie Smith. When we first came to Assam in January, 1880, Aitie was the first Assamese Christian woman to welcome us to Assam. At that time the late Kandura R. Smith was in charge of the Mission work in Gauhati, and we landed there and visited the Mission compound on our way to Nowgong. Later, when I had learned a little Assamese, Aitie wrote to me for advice and help regarding her little school for Assamese girls, which she had charge of for many years. Aitie died at Sibsagar on the 28th February, 1908, and was 68 years of age. Aitie is happy now with her Saviour in the home above, and with her loved ones who have gone on before.

March 14.—Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Crozier have returned from America, and will resume work in Tura for the Garos. All welcome them most heartily.

March 16.—Miss Anna E. Long is leaving to-day for her well-earned furlough.

March 17.—At 9 P.M. last evening Miss Long started in a covered bullock cart for Chapar Mukh, where she will take the train for Gauhati. From Calcutta she will go to Colombo, Ceylon, and take steamer from there for Naples, and then on to London and New York.

Miss Protzman is well and brave, but will sometimes

be lonely while Miss Long is gone. Miss Long asked the girls to sing hymns as she started off, as she did not want them to cry. We all hope Miss Long can return strong and well to continue her work for the women and girls.

March 18.—Another new worker for Assam. We have just learned that Miss N. Agnes Robb is transferred from the Telugu field to Tura, Assam. Miss Robb came out last autumn, and as she and Miss Holbrook were acquainted in America, they are most anxious to work together. We are so glad their wish is granted, and they will now be associated in the work for the Garos. Miss Robb is a trained nurse, and will be most useful when Dr. Crozier gets his new Hospital in running order.

March 25.—Such sad news has come from Kohima. Mrs. Dickson wrote—"We are very, very sad here today, as Mrs. Rivenburg died this morning." The letter was dated March 22nd.

Mrs. Rivenburg was born May 14th, 1862, and was in her 46th year. They reached Assam in January, 1884.

Mrs. Rivenburg's sudden death must be a terrible blow for her husband, and for their daughter Narola, who is a student in Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., U.S.A.

March 28.—This is my mother's 75th birthday. My only present to her is a copy of my new book "Further Leaves from Assam." Her children at home are celebrating the day for mother. We are so thankful she keeps well and happy.

April 5.—This has been such a good Sunday here. After Sunday School at 8 A.M. we went to the river, and Pitt baptized eight little girls and one married couple.

Seven of the girls were from our boarding school, and the other one was Bapuram's daughter. The married couple are Bengali, and give great joy to Humitra, as she has spent many hours in teaching them of the only way of salvation through Jesus. There were about 60 present at our Communion Service this P.M.

Pitt's text at the 11 A.M. service was—"For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12: 15. To "Fear God and keep his Commandments" is what is pleasing to God.

April 13.—The mother of Sahai's wife was baptized yesterday. She is a cripple and cannot stand up, but she can read and showed clearly that the Holy Spirit has helped her to grasp the way of salvation through Christ. Although she had to be carried into the water, she was most happy to confess her Saviour before the world.

We are expecting Mrs. Lindeman and Miss Wilson to spend a few days with us. Mrs. Lindeman has been Miss Wilson's associate in Mission work in Gauhati for the past year. They became acquainted in Darjeeling. Mrs. Lindeman used to be in the Australian Mission, but since her husband's death, she kept a boarding-house in Darjeeling, which was a favorite stopping place for Missionaries. Last spring she gave up her home in Darjeeling and joined our Mission staff for a time. She can speak Bengali. She wants especially to see Nowgong, as her husband lived here in his younger days.

April 17.—We are disappointed, as our visitors cannot come now.

We hear Dr. Kirby is very ill with cholera in Gauhati. He was taken ill on the steamer when coming up from Calcutta.

April 18.—We have also heard that Mrs. Boggs is ill with enteric fever, and had to go into the hospital in Mussoorie. She went up there to put their children, Louise and Horace, in school.

Bro. Penn Moore writes as if Charlotte is very low. Since April 1st she has been failing fast. We have much to pray for this week. Our love and sympathy go out to the sick and anxious ones, and we are asking our Father to comfort and bless as the need of each one may be.

April 19.—Easter Sunday. Guluk preached today from 1st Cor. 15:20. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept."

Mr. Moore is spending the day at Kothiatoli, and having two services with the Christians there.

April 20.—A letter came from Pitt this morning which says they had good meetings at Kothiatoli yesterday, and that he baptized three persons. As Pitt found he could hire an elephant, he decided to go to Tika at once, and he and the cook started off by moonlight last eve. He wants to be of help and comfort to Penn and Charlotte.

April 25.—Pitt came home from Tika last night. He says Charlotte seems a little better, but very weak. She can talk a little. Pitt felt that all he could do was to commend them to our loving Father's care. Penn is going right on in the work as best he can. Bro. Penn's 52nd birthday was April 22nd, and the brothers enjoyed being together.

April 30.—We now hear Dr. Kirby is much better. Mrs. Boggs too is making favourable progress towards recovery.

May 1.—The interesting events of this week were the closing exercises of the Government English and Middle Vernacular schools. Yesterday was the wedding of Mosola and Bhedu.

May 2.—A letter from Bro. Penn Moore says when Charlotte was restless and couldn't sleep she said—"If Jesus will carry me in His arms for a little while, I can rest."

Charlotte is so weak and weary, but she continues to teach beautiful lessons in love and patient endurance.

May 4.—Pitt spent Sunday at Balijuri, and reports four baptisms and one wedding.

Good news has come from Tura top. Miss Doris Hurd Harding arrived on the 29th April. We congratulate the happy parents.

May 5.—This afternoon we received two letters and a card from Bro. Penn Moore. The card is dated May 3rd, Sunday, and says—"Charlotte was very tired last night and prayed, 'Father, dear Father, help me. Please help me.' She was helped, and suffered less, and died quietly at 10-15 A.M. this morning. Will probably bury her beside Mrs. Laura Amy Carvell at 9 A.M. to-morrow, May 4th."

I can hardly realize Charlotte is at rest. Penn will be lonely. We sympathize with him, and are writing him to visit us as soon as he can. Oh! what must be the rest, and peace, and joy of Heaven for Charlotte after twelve years of suffering from tuberculosis. Charlotte was born on June 15th, 1858, and died May 3rd, 1908, and so was nearly 50 years old. She was married on 9th October, 1891, at Tura, Assam.

Bro. Penn writes that Charlotte's last message to their

Carey boy was,—“ To always make known the Lord Jesus.” Carey is now in his 16th year, and is reading in the High School in Newton Centre, Mass. We hear he is a good boy, and very truthful.

Dr. Rivenburg has invited Penn to visit him in Kohima, and we are hoping Penn will take a little change and rest soon.

I copy what Pitt has written for the Boston “ Watchman.”

“ For seven years our Baptist Mission Nechoologist has not recorded the death of an adult missionary on the Assam field. God has spared the workers. This year two earnest, efficient missionary wives have already answered the summons to come up higher.

“ To Mrs. S. W. Rivenburg of Kohima, Assam, the call came on Sunday, 22nd March, 1908, in the full strength of health, and with very short warning. Six weeks later, on Sunday, 3rd May, 1908, at Tika, Assam, the messenger took Mrs. Penn E. Moore, after years of suffering and weariness. Each of these noble women knew from personal experience something of the heroism of frontier Missionary life. Each filled a unique place in carrying forward the work of the kingdom in Assam. Each left behind a fragrant memory of personal worth, heightened and sanctified by the consecration of all to the Saviour, in whose service they were here.

“ In each was seen the transforming power of Divine love. Each exemplified the sustaining and enabling grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Each spent most of her Missionary life in a lowly hut, in contrast with which the mansion above must be doubly glorious; and each illumined her humble abode with something of the radiance of Heaven.

“ To those whose ambition is to fill up that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ for the sake of His body, which is the Church, their careers on the Mission field are an advertisement that here is the opportunity

to achieve conformity to the image of Christ, and their passing away, an announcement that now is the time to enlist in that service which shall, perhaps, make perfect through suffering, but in any case shall tend to imprint the lineaments which the Father desires to see in His children, even conformity to the Beloved Son, in whom He was well pleased.'"

P. H. MOORE.

May 9th, 1908.

May 10.—Pitt is spending Sunday at Udmari, where there are four native weddings to be solemnized.

May 12.—Lolita died at the Nowgong hospital to-day at 5 A.M., and was buried at noon. She has suffered from black fever for more than two years.

May 13.—Neyai Pandit has returned from Jorhat, and will soon resume his teaching in our Girls' School.

My boxes of books, "Further Leaves from Assam," have come at last, and I am now sending copies to my mother, brothers and sisters, and others. Also to the Assam Missionaries. The delay was caused by the little feeder steamer getting fast on the sand between Gauhati and Chapar Mukh, and the steamer had to wait there for nearly two months, until the river began to rise.

May 30.—Recently Miss Long sent us a copy of "Overweights of Joy" by Amy Wilson-Carmichael. It tells of Mission work in Southern India, in which we are interested.

June 5.—Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Dickson, and their little daughter "Betty," are starting on their furlough today. They expect to sail from Calcutta on the steamer "City of York," on the 16th instant.

June 13.—Bro. Penn Moore came on Tuesday eve, and

spent three days with us. We were glad to see him looking so well. He is now on his way back to Tika. He does not want to be away from Tika now, because there is much sickness among the natives there.

June 18.—Miss Helen B. Protzman has just passed very successfully her first examination in Assamese. We have never had a Missionary here who could learn Assamese as quickly as Miss Protzman. She has studied Assamese only a little over six months. She seems able to understand almost everything if the natives speak a bit slowly. Her average in examination was 93 per cent.

These words about Mrs. Hattie R. Rivenburg appeared in the May number of our Assamese monthly, দাপ্তি ।

রাইভেনবৰ্গ মেমচাহাবৰ বিষয় ।

(About MRS. RIVENBURG.)

যি রাইভেনবৰ্গ মেমচাহাব যোৱা ২২ মাৰ্চ তাৰিখে মৃত্যু হল, তেওঁৰ বয়স প্ৰায় ৪৬ বছৰ হৈছিল । রাইভেনবৰ্গ চাহাব আৰু মেম ১৮৮৪ সনৰ জানুৱাৰি মাহত অসমলৈ আহিছিল । দিব্বিলাকৰ জীয়েক নেৱলা আমেৰিকা দেশত স্কুলত এতিয়াও পঢ়ি আছে । মেমচাহাবে দিনে দিনে স্কুলত নগা লৱাবিলাকক পঢ়াইছিল । রাইভেনবৰ্গ চাহাবৰ হৃৎখত আমি সকলোৱে হৃৎখিত হৈছোঁ, আৰু ঈশ্বৰে যেন তেওঁক সাহসনা আৰু সহায় দিব, আমি এনে প্ৰাৰ্থনা কৰি আছোঁ ।

মেমচাহাবৰ উজ্জ্বল আৰু প্ৰফুল্লিত মুখ আৰু তেওঁৰ স্বভাৱ সুৱৰি মোৰ মনত এই এই কথা পড়ি থাকে ;—

(১) ময় কেনেকৈ জানো আৰু কেনেকৈ কব পাৰোঁ, যে, যীশু মোৰ অন্তৰত বাস কৰে ? ইয়াৰ উত্তৰ মোৰ এয়ে, যে, ময় যীশুক প্ৰেম কৰোঁ, এই নিমিত্তে তেওঁ মোক প্ৰেম কৰে ।

(২) ময় কেনেকৈ জানো, যে, মোৰ স্বৰ্গীয় পিতৃয়ে মোক সকলো ঠাইতে ৰক্ষা কৰে ? ইয়াৰ উত্তৰ মোৰ এয়ে, যে, ইয়াৰ নিমিত্তে ময় প্ৰাৰ্থনা কৰোঁ, এই নিমিত্তে ঈশ্বৰে মোক পৱ দিয়ৈ ।

(৩) ময় কেনেকৈ জানো, যে, যেতিয়া বড় ধুমুহা হয়, তেতিয়া যীশুরে মোর দুঃখর মাত শুনে? ইয়ার উত্তর মোর এয়ে, যে, ময় বড় দুঃখত পড়িলেও, তেওঁ মোর অন্তরত সান্ত্বনা আৰু জিৱণি দিয়ে।

(৪) ময় কেনেকৈ জানো, যে, ময় যি ঠাইলৈকে যাওঁ, মোর ওচরতে তেওঁ থাকে? ইয়ার উত্তর মোর এয়ে, ময় আনন্দেৰে কওঁ, যে, যীশুরে মোত বাস করে, আৰু ময় তেওঁত বাস কৰোঁ।

মোর কথা এই, সুখ বা দুঃখ হওক, ময় যীশুত নিৰ্ভর কৰোঁ, আৰু সেয়ে বিফল নহব।

(JESSIE T. MOORE.) জেচি, টি, মোর।

As Mrs. Penn E. Moore (*née* Charlotte E. Pursell) died just six weeks after Mrs. Rivenburg, the following lines about her were printed in the June দীপ্তি:—

শোক-সম্বাদ। (Sad News.)

প্ৰিয় পাঠকপাঠিকাসকল, যোৱা এপ্ৰেল মাহৰ দীপ্তিত আমি দুটা শোক-সম্বাদ পাই সকলোৱে কিমান দুঃখেৰে দুঃখিত হৈছিলোঁ! এতিয়া আকৌ এটা শোক-সম্বাদ পাই আমাৰ মন দুগুণ দুঃখেৰে পূৰ হবলৈ ধৰিলে। বোধ কৰোঁ, আপোনালোকৰ অনেকে জানে, যে, টীকা পৰ্ব্বতত থকা আমাৰ বেভাঃ পি, ই, মোৰ চাহাবৰ মেম আজি ভালেমান বছৰৰ পৰা যক্ষ্মারোগত ভয়ানক যাতনা ভোগ কৰি থাকিছিল। পাছে আজি সেই মেমচাহাব এই জগতত আৰু নাই; আজি তেওঁ আমাৰ পৰা বিদায় হৈ দয়াময় পিতৃৰ ওচৰলৈ গল। প্ৰিয়সকল, যেতিয়া তেওঁ ৰোগ-শয্যাত পড়ি থাকিছিল, তেতিয়াও তেওঁ প্ৰভুৰ কিমান কাৰ্যা কৰি আছিল! কিন্তু হয়, তেওঁ আজি ক'ত! বেভাঃ পি, ই, মোৰ চাহাবে তেওঁৰ মেমৰ বিষয়ে এই দৰে লিখিছে, বোলে, “যোৱা ২ মেই তাৰিখে, শনিবাৰে ৰাতি মেমচাহাব বড় ক্লান্ত আছিল, পাছে তেওঁ ‘হে পিতৃ, হে প্ৰেমময় পিতৃ, মোক সহায় কৰা?’ এই বুলি প্ৰভুৰ আগত প্ৰাৰ্থনা কৰিলে; তাতে প্ৰেমময় পিতৃয়েও আপোনাৰ দাসীক সকলো দুঃখ-কষ্ট সহিবলৈ শক্তি দিলে, আৰু তেওঁৰ প্ৰাৰ্থনাৰ উত্তৰো তেওঁক দিলে। পাছে পাছদিনা ৩ তাৰিখ ৰবিবাৰে, ১০ বাজি ১৫ মিনিট যোৱাত, কোনো কষ্টভোগ নকৰাকৈ মেমচাহাবে এই সংসাৰৰ পৰা

আনন্দমনেৰে বিদায় হৈ গল । সন্তবতঃ কাইলৈ ৯ বজাত তেওঁক স্বৰ্গীয় লৱা, এমী, কাৰ্ভেল মেমচাহাবৰ কবৰৰ ওচৰত কবৰ দিয়া হব । আহা, ১২ বছৰ এই সংসারত ইমান কষ্টভোগ কৰি, এতিয়া মেমচাহাবে স্বৰ্গত কেনে অসীম বিশ্রাম, কেনে অসীম শান্তি, আৰু কেনে অসীম আনন্দ ভোগ কৰিছে !”

প্ৰিয় পাঠকপাঠিকাসকল, এতিয়া যেনেকৈ আমাৰ চায়লট মৌৱ মেমচাহাবে তেওঁৰ সকলোকে এড়ি, ৫০ বছৰ এই পৃথিবীত থাকি বিদায় হল, তেনেকৈ আমি সকলোৱেই আমাৰ সকলোকে এড়ি, এদিন নহয় এদিন এই সংসারৰ পৰা বিদায় হব লাগিব ; এতেকে প্ৰিয়সকল, আহাঁ, আমি সকলোৱেই আমাৰ সেই দিনলৈ যুগুত হৈ থাকোঁহঁক । আমি সকলোৱে প্ৰভুৰ চৰণত প্ৰাৰ্থনা কৰোঁহঁক, যেন প্ৰভুৱে টীকা পৰ্ব্বতত থকা আমাৰ বেভা: পি, ই, মৌৱ চাহাবৰ মনত, আৰু দেশত থকা তেওঁৰ মাউৱা লৱাটীৰ মনত সান্ত্বনা দিয়ে ।

(SHRI PREMANUNDA BORUAH.) শ্ৰীপ্ৰেমানন্দ বড়ুৱা ।

Charlotte's every effort was to make known Jesus to the Mikirs.

June 25.—Last Sunday Pitt's text was John 1: 14, and he told how Christ glorified his Father by his faith, love, joy, etc. We should cultivate His attributes and thus glorify God.

I like this sentence from J. R. Miller. "He who does God's will faithfully each day, makes life a song. The music is peace."

June 26.—The King's birthday was celebrated today. Miss Protzman took tea with us, and brought her small camera and took some photos.

July 5.—A busy and good Sunday. On Friday was our Quarterly Covenant Meeting, and on Saturday the Business Meeting. On Sunday after the 7 A.M. Sunday School Pitt baptized six persons. Four of those baptized are converts from heathenism. At 11 A.M. Pitt's text

was 1st Peter 1: 18—19. When we think of what it cost to save us, we get some idea of the hideousness of sin in the sight of God.

We are interested in a young man from Orissa. Netiya Anunda is an Uriya, and he calls himself a Bamun, and says he went about teaching Hinduism. Many years ago he read in a Mission school, and since then has studied the Christian scriptures. Lucas and Neyai have helped him to understand better, and we hope he has found the true light. As he is somewhat eloquent in the Bengali language, we are hoping and praying he may be used of God.

July 8.—This is the 29th anniversary of our wedding. Pitt placed on the bureau for me a bottle of white-rose scent, and this little love-letter,—“ With 29 years of love from your own unworthy Pitt.”

July 15.—Yesterday occurred the “ Closing Exercises ” of our Nowgong Station Girls’ School. Miss Protzman had taught the girls some pretty motion songs (or drills) with organ accompaniment, which they did very well. There were songs, recitations and one essay. The exercises opened with a hymn and prayer, and closed with speeches from native gentlemen.

As Major Gurdon, Commissioner, was here on Government inspection duty, he very kindly consented to preside at the meeting. The exercises began out-of-doors, and were nearly finished when it began to rain, and we had to go into the school-house for the closing speeches.

The “ All India Sunday School Examination ” took place last Saturday. A good number of our boys and girls tried the printed questions, and twenty little folks tried the *vivâ voce* questions.

July 25.—We are having such good letters from home. Most of our friends and relatives have heard of Charlotte's death, and have written such kind and helpful letters to Penn and us. Carey wrote—"I am glad mother is with Jesus now." Carey has just finished his first year in the High School in Newton Centre, Mass.

Mrs. Howell, our Deputy Commissioner's wife, has sent us some fruit and vegetables she brought down from Shillong, and this week she had a sheep killed and sent us a leg of real mutton. We intend to count our mercies these hot, steamy days. Good weather now to make tea grow. It rains a good deal at night. The Kullung river is not so high as usual this summer.

August 3.—As a pastime I occasionally work at my scrap-book. I find pleasure and profit in the work.

August 10.—We hope Roland is having a happy birthday. His 30th birthday. I expect he and Clara will celebrate it in some way.

August 20.—I am alone this week, as Pitt has gone to Sadiya for a few days. He has never before visited Sadiya, and he wants to see the place and talk over the work with Messrs. Jackman and Kirby.

On account of stopping off at Jorhat, Pitt was gone a little longer than I expected.

August 30.—Pitt returned home today at noon. He seems well, but tired from the heat and discomforts of travel in Assam. He was so fortunate as to get the little steamer from Chapar Mukh into Nowgong.

September 3.—Miss Protzman has decided to take a little change and rest of about three weeks. She will visit Mrs. Kirby at Sadiya.

The Jackmans are away in Darjeeling for September and October.

September 10.—I left Nowgong at about 2 P.M. by the little feeder steamer for Chapar Mukh, where I took the train for Gauhati. I took the steamer from Gauhati at 8 P.M. on Friday. Saturday, Sunday and Monday were pleasant days on the Brahmaputra river. If only Pitt were going home with me now.

“ I never spoke the word farewell
But with an utterance faint and broken,
A heart-sick yearning for the time
When it should never more be spoken.”

Pitt and Bro. Penn will start for home early next Spring. By going now I will have a little longer time at home, and thus be ready to return with Pitt. I hope to sail from Calcutta on the B. I. Steamer “Dunera” on the 17th instant and take a Cook’s ticket to Genoa, Italy, and on *viâ* Paris to London, after a little sight-seeing in Italy. I want to visit Rome.

September 15.—I reached Calcutta at 7 A.M. After breakfast at No. 5, Humayun Place, I went to Cook’s Office, and expect to sail on the “Dunera” on Thursday morning. I have my steamer ticket to Genoa. After spending a few days in Italy, I expect to take the direct route *viâ* Turin, Paris, Calais and Dover to London, and then on to New York.

My husband wrote me there has been a birth and a death in our Assam Mission. Little Doris Hurd Harding died in Tura, Assam, on the 23rd August. Miss Grace Theodora Jackman was born September 7th.

September 17.—I went on the steam-launch at 10 A.M., which took passengers to the steamer “Dunera.” We had lunch on the “Dunera” at 1 P.M.

September 18.—At present there are only one dozen passengers in the 1st Class. The five ladies all seem very pleasant. There will be more passengers from Madras and Colombo. I have a good large cabin all to myself. Captain Wilson is kind, and wants his passengers to be happy. The old stewardess, Mrs. Bennett, was on the steamer "Golconda" two years ago.

September 20.—We had a quiet Sunday today, with no service.

September 21.—We were at Madras at daylight, and spent all day there taking on cargo. Twenty more passengers came on board, but some will leave at Colombo.

September 24.—We reached Colombo at 8 A.M., and after the 9 A.M. breakfast Mrs. Jones and I went on shore together. We took rickshaws and were drawn to the Galle Face Hotel, where we took a light lunch, and on the way back we stopped at a shop and bought some Ceylon lace. This linen lace is hand made by the Singalese women, and wears well. Colombo is very tropical and interesting. There is a fine statue of Queen Victoria near the landing place. The sea breeze makes Colombo pleasant. Among the passengers is Miss Greenwood of the Wesleyan Mission of Madras, whom I find very pleasant.

September 27.—There was a service at 11 A.M. conducted by the 1st Officer; most lovely weather this week.

October 2.—Aden. This is the second anniversary of Clara's wedding. I was so pleased this noon to receive a letter from my husband, and in it were enclosed letters from Roland, Clara and mother.

October 3.—We had to stay over night at Aden to wait for some steamer to come from Zanzibar. There is nothing much here to interest one to make one go on shore, and it is hot and very dry.

October 4.—Sunday. We are now under way again, and will soon enter the Red Sea. While waiting at Aden our Captain took us out in a steam-launch. We had a good view of the Bay, and enjoyed a nice cold dinner, picnic fashion, on the launch. Among the good things was lobster, ham and chicken, jelly and ice-cream.

October 5.—The first day in the Red Sea we find a bit hot.

October 6.—Today there is more breeze and we have nothing to complain of. We have very much for which to thank our Father on this voyage.

October 8.—A very pleasant cool breeze is blowing now, and tomorrow we expect to reach Suez. Then a day in the Suez Canal to Port Said, where we have to coal.

October 10.—We are still in the Suez Canal. A steamer in front of us has run aground, and now there are seven steamers waiting for this unfortunate steamer to move. We have been standing still here in the Canal since 6 P.M. last eve. A dozen steamers will have to pass us before we can start.

October 11.—We reached Port Said at 11 P.M. last night, and coaling began at once, and by 5 A.M. we were again under way.

October 12.—The Mediterranean Sea is lovely, and we are sailing along smoothly.

October 14.—We have had a good deal to look at today. We entered the Straits of Messina before noon.

The scene was exquisitely beautiful. The width of the Straits is only one mile at the entrance. The rock of Scylla, crowned with a ruined fortress, and the whole of the coast of Southern Italy, are spread out like a panorama before you, while the Sicilian Coast is equally lovely. Messina too looked very pretty. Reggio and Messina are nearly opposite to each other. There seem to be vineyards on the lower hills and near the water. All were interested in looking at Strombola as we passed within two miles or so of the smoking volcano.

October 15.—This morning a thunder shower was a new experience. We can now see only a faint outline of the coast of Italy. Tonight we expect to pass the island of Elba, where Napoleon was imprisoned for a time.

October 16.—Genoa was reached at 7 A.M. After the 9 A.M. breakfast I landed, and a Guide took me to Cook's office. At noon the Guide took me to the Camposanto Cemetery to see the beautiful monuments. Marble is cheap in Italy, and the sculptors have done wonderfully beautiful work. The statues stand out so lifelike, and are such good likenesses. Sometimes the whole family are represented in marble. The few black marble monuments are more expensive. The monuments are in corridors, and not exposed to the weather. The slabs below the monuments bear inscriptions. The poor people get free burial in the yard outside, and each grave is marked by a small marble cross. The hills about the cemetery are pretty.

Later the Guide took me to the railway station, and I started for Rome.

October 17.—A night on the train and Rome was reached at 7-20 A.M. I have found a comfortable place at

the Y.W.C.A. No. 4, *viâ* Balbo, is the address. I have met Miss Morgan, President of the Y.W.C.A., and R. Laurie, Deaconess. In the P.M. I went to St. Peters, and found the building very large and magnificent. The mosaics, paintings and marble statues are beautiful. Rome has good buildings and looks like any other city. There are pretty fountains. I did not see old Rome. Many Catholic priests were seen standing and walking about the streets, and there were nuns on the train. The nuns seem so much more refined and educated than the priests, but I do not understand how parents can give their children to be taught in Catholic schools. I was much interested in some Italian girls who live in the Y.W.C.A. building. One of the girls was from Sicily, and one from Sardinia.

October 18.—Sunday in Rome I attended service at the American Church, and was surprised to find so many Americans in Rome. The prayer-book was used, and then a good sermon from the text—“I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.” The chime of bells played several tunes beautifully before the service began.

October 19.—I left Rome at 8 A.M. and was so fortunate as to find on the train a pleasant English lady. We passed through Pisa, and had a good view of the leaning tower of Pisa. The railroad runs near the sea, and we had some lovely views. The little Italian villages, and the fields look pretty. We had a most lovely sunset. Near Genoa we went through about 40 little short tunnels, as the hills run out into the water there, and the scenery is fine. At Genoa the train stopped for dinner. The next stop was Turin, and then we were soon in France.

October 20.—All this forenoon, and until 2 P.M. we had pretty views of houses and fields, and hills and vales. We reached Paris at 2 P.M., just 30 hours from Rome. I found Cook's good interpreter at the railway station, and he got a carriage and sent me for a lovely, long drive across Paris to Hotel Majenta, which is a quiet, home-like little hotel near the Nord Station. I had a pleasant room for the night for 4 francs. The Proprietor exchanged some Italian liras for French francs and English shillings. The next morning the porter carried my bag to the railway station, and I again found an English-speaking travelling companion in a lady from Austria. Besides English, she could speak French, German, Italian and Spanish. Three hours to Calais, one hour in crossing the English Channel, and then two hours by train to Charing Cross Station, London. England is still very green and pretty, and it seems good to be where English is spoken. A "Hansom" carriage soon took me to the "Foreign Missions Club," 151, Highbury New Park, where Mrs. Angus gave me a warm welcome. After tidying myself I had dinner, and then a good sleep, and it was Thursday morning.

October 22.—I called on Mr. Bride at his office, 39, City Road, this morning. He is arranging for me to sail on the White Star Line, S.S. "Arabic," on October 30th, from Liverpool.

Oh! how pleased I was to receive good letters from my husband, Clara and mother!

October 23.—Miss Cudlip took me to see the great Franco-British Exhibition in London. It is called the "White City," and when lighted up at night by electricity it is a dream of beauty. The Canada and Australia

buildings are particularly fine. The Band played outside. The Court of Honour is a beautiful spot. The Lagoon had boats filled with merry passengers. The high "flipflap" was in motion carrying people up and down. The day was lovely for London. Numerous minarets and towers make the buildings very pretty. Of course the French and English have the greatest display. The English gold and silver plate and jewelry and diamonds were gorgeous. The French wax figures dressed in the latest fashions were interesting. The hats are too big. Some coloured diamonds surprised me. The red diamond is priceless. One building for women's work had very beautiful laces and fancy work. The Canada building had a good collection of fruits and grains. A case of statues made of butter was fine. The principal figures were those of King Edward VII and the French President shaking hands. Some lovely roses and other flowers were made of butter. There was a big collection of paintings by English and French artists. Among them Turner and Millais. I will never forget the big painting of a building on fire, and the firemen trying to put out the flames and rescue the inmates. We could not begin to see all of the exhibition in one day. We did not enter Machinery hall or the Educational building. An old Irish village made me feel as if I had been in Ireland. There were the blacksmith at work, the looms weaving cloth, a laundry, etc. I went into the India building, and spoke to a man from Bombay, who was selling carved ivory, brass dishes and trays, and pretty rugs. The Exhibition will close at the end of this month. There is some talk of a German-American Exhibition next year in the same place.

October 25.—I went to the Quadrant Congregational Church twice today. In the morning the Pastor, Rev. Brierly, preached from the text—"This one was born there." Psalms 87: 6. In the evening the subject was—"Citizens." I have enjoyed this quiet, restful Sunday in London. The boarding house is pleasant and well kept. Rev. and Mrs. Hart of China are here, and about to return to their Mission work in Tientsin, China. They go *viâ* the Siberian railway and will reach Tientsin in less than 20 days. A Mrs. Wright, a Missionary from India, is also here.

October 30.—I left London at 10 A.M. for Liverpool, and at 2 P.M. went aboard the steamer "Arabic" at Liverpool.

November 1.—A good little service today in the dining room.

November 3.—This is Election Day in U.S.A. We may get a Marconi message in a couple of days to tell us who is President. We are now in mid ocean, and are having a lovely voyage. Mild weather for November and smooth sea. I put on my big coat and sit on the deck. There are 150 second-class passengers, and some most pleasant people among them. This is a most steady boat and very good, but not fast.

November 5.—A Marconi message received today says Taft is President of U.S.A.

A fairly good concert was held last eve in the dining room. There are some professional singers on board, and the ship's orchestra played well. Some sports were held on the deck on Election Tuesday.

November 6.—Yesterday and today are a bit squally and cold.

November 8.—Reached New York at 2 P.M. Bro. Orson Moore very kindly met me at the docks, and helped me to go across to the depôt, and saw me off on the train at 4-30 P.M. I reached Albany in three hours and by 8 P.M. I was in my Bro. Alvah's home, 865, Madison Ave. To my delight I found my dear mother was visiting Alvah and Bertha, but had gone to Church with them. So after tidying my hair I sat in mother's room. When she came in she went to her room to remove her hat, and found me sitting there. Our meeting was most happy, and we had a good talk together before going to sleep.

November 9.—I am so pleased to find my mother so well and happy. We came out home in the afternoon on the electric car.

November 10.—The old home looks most natural. Bro. Charlie and Ada gave me a warm welcome. Charlie's hair is almost as white as mother's. Sister Mame McKenna is out here for a little visit. I like to be here, but want to see our Clara and Roland. We are inviting them to come here for Thanksgiving.

November 11.—I am so glad to be here with mother on this my 51st birthday. Clara wrote me a nice birthday letter, and enclosed one dollar as a birthday present. Clara wants me to make her a long visit soon.

I have received good letters from my husband, and he seems to be keeping well. I hope he and Bro. Penn Moore will soon start for home. Mr. Carvell should reach Assam by this week or next.

November 13.—Mother and I have been to visit Mrs. George Wilsey at Sand Lake. She invited six old ladies to take dinner with her, besides Mrs. Lester and myself.

Two of the old ladies were each over 80 years old, and the other four were each over 70 years old. I went to the cemetery to visit my father's grave, and found the place in very good order. I am glad the weather is not yet too cold for me.

November 14.—Letters from Pitt say that Miss Narola Rivenburg is on her way to Assam. I am sure she will be a joy and comfort to her father, and help as she can in his work for the Nagas.

The Reference Committee are requested to recommend that Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Loops be allowed to return to U.S.A. this autumn, and that Mrs. Swanson and child, and Mrs. Stephen and three children be allowed to return home next spring. Pitt also wrote of a cholera scourge in Nowgong, when five of our school girls died in four days. He afterwards wrote there were no more cases for two weeks, and the scourge seemed to be removed from their midst. The Government doctor and nurse were most helpful and kind.

The Assam Conference of Missionaries is likely to be postponed until one year from now, when Dr. Barbour will probably visit Assam.

November 15.—At church today our Pastor, Rev. G. A. Fairbank, preached a good sermon on "Stewardship." I was baptized in Sand Lake, N.Y., when thirteen years old, and my church membership has always been here. The church stands in a part of the village which is now called Averill Park.

Pitt is a member of the Baptist Church in Ontario, Knox co., Illinois.

November 20.—I hear from Assam that the first instalment of Dr. E. W. Clark's Naga Dictionary has gone to

Press. Also that a cablegram has been received, which authorizes Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Loops to return to America. We are sorry to lose them from Assam.

November 27.—Our happy family Thanksgiving party was yesterday. Mother had five of her six children with her for the Thanksgiving dinner. Only Bro. Rufus was absent. There were fifteen of us, including five grandchildren. Bro. Charlie's wife gave one of her perfect dinners of chicken, oysters, potatoes, turnips, celery, doughnuts, mince pie, cherry preserve, nuts, grapes and pears.

December 12.—Mother and I went to Albany to visit Alvah and Bertha.

December 13.—We went with them to their church, the Memorial Baptist, on Madison Avenue.

December 14.—This afternoon we went to visit Dr. Ephraim D. McKenna and my sister Mame. They have a lovely new home, 531, Central Avenue.

December 19.—Mother, Bertha and I have been buying some Christmas presents. I enjoyed going with Clarence and Ralph to the closing exercises of Clarence's school, where the children sang and recited nicely.

At noon I took the Empire State train for Rochester, N.Y., and Clara met me at the depôt at 4 P.M. I am so glad to see Roland and Clara, and to visit them in their lovely home, 417, Monroe Ave.

December 20.—Clara and I have been to church twice today. Clara has a Sunday School Class of fine young ladies.

December 25.—We have had a most happy, peaceful Christmas together in Clara's home. Roland's father

and Mother Harris came for the day, and brought with them an excellent turkey, plum pudding and fruit cake. Roland and Clara received a table full of presents. Roland gave Clara Victor Hugo's works (9 volumes) and Clara gave Roland pretty curtains for his back office. I received a number of useful and pretty presents. We thank our Father for all His mercies to us.

Bro. Penn Moore is in poor health, and we hear he and Pitt are starting for America.

We pray they may have journeying mercies.

II.

OUR RETURN TO ASSAM.

January 1, 1909.—This is the second time I have written 1909. We had a very happy New Year's Day yesterday. Clara invited to dinner Cousin Will Moore and his wife, and Will's mother. I was so glad to meet them all. Will's mother I had not seen for 18 years.

Pitt's recent letters tell of the arrival in Assam of Rev. J. M. Carvell, and Dr. Rivenburg's daughter, Miss Narola Rivenburg. Mr. Carvell will look after the Now-gong work while Pitt takes his furlough. Pitt and his Bro. Penn will come home now, as Penn is in poor health.

January 5.—On Saturday Clara took me to see the College Campus, Library and Museum. I have also walked by the Theo. Seminary. I greatly enjoy my daily walks. Rochester is a beautiful city. On East Avenue there are the most lovely residences and lawns.

January 7.—A letter from Pitt, from Calcutta, said he and Penn were to sail December 11th for San Francisco, and they are probably now on the Pacific, and due in California by February 1st. I am so glad they are nearing America, and trust they are having a good voyage.

January 13.—Clara and I went to Canandaigua to visit Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Phillips, and Miss Ella C. Bond. They are keeping house, and seem well except that Mr. Phillips has some heart trouble. Miss Bond

expects to return to Assam next autumn, and the Phillips' will go if he is able. Mr. Phillips and Miss Bond are just completing the proof-reading on the Romanized Garo New Testament, and the books will soon be bound up and started on their way to the Garos of Assam. We spent a very pleasant day talking over Assam matters.

Canandaigua is only 20 miles from Rochester, and we went very comfortably in the electric car, although mercury stood only a very few degrees above zero. The snow views were most lovely.

January 16.—On the 16th January, 1880, we reached our home and work in Nowgong, and the years have passed so quickly, and been so full of blessing from the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

This afternoon Clara and I went to visit Cousin Will Moore and wife. Will's mother is still there, and this is her 66th birthday. We had a lovely visit in their happy little home.

January 17.—I listened to a good sermon by Rev. R. M. West of Park Avenue Baptist Church, and in the evening attended the Methodist Church which is very near by Roland and Clara's home. Only two more weeks and Pitt will be in U. S. America. I want the cold weather to come on fast now, and have March get warm enough for Pitt to come on East to me.

A letter has come from Pitt describing his short stay in Rangoon, Burma, and his visit while there to the Baptist Mission Press, and the Shwe Dagon Pagoda. He was pleased to be shown about the fine new Press building, which covers work in so many languages, and for so many people.

Of the Pagoda he says: "The Shwe Dagon Pagoda

here in Rangoon is a sight of a lifetime. From what you saw of the architecture in Japan and Ceylon you have an idea of what the style of architecture here is. But after spending two hours at this Pagoda yesterday with Mr. Griggs, of the Baptist Church here, I found that I had only walked once round the main structure, and had not made a good beginning of comprehending the numberless details in the way of carving, etc., illustrating events in the history of Buddhism. I suppose there are some hundreds of images of Buddha,—large and small, and in a great variety of materials. Also there are a great number of bells, large and small, all having a part in the ritual of the elaborate service. The burning candles, large and small, and in various colours; burning incense; and the floral offerings, remind one of the Roman Catholic Cathedrals.

“ But the carving, and gilding, and inlaid glass and stones, the many separate shrines and pillars, with the great central cone over 300 ft. high, on a natural elevation that makes it the outstanding object as one approaches the city, all combine to make a never-to-be-forgotten impression. The great Pagoda overshadows all other objects of interest in Rangoon, so far as sight-seeing is concerned. But no use trying to describe it. You must see it for yourself to understand.

“ I was sorry not to see more of mission work, but the steamer did not stop long, and Penn is still too weak to do any walking.”

January 23.—An old school friend and classmate, Miss Allie E. Van Doren, wrote me to meet her at her brother's home at Suspension Bridge, N.Y. I left Clara's home at 8 A.M. and reached there by 11 A.M.

January 24.—I am having a good visit with Allie, and her brother and his wife, in their pleasant home. We went to church twice to-day. Allie and I have talked over old days at the Hamilton Female Seminary, and can remember most of the girls. Allie Van Doren, and Mamie Edgerton of Brooklyn, N.Y., are the only two of my classmates I have kept track of. Allie will soon return to her home in Newton, New Jersey.

January 25.—As I am so far on my way to Pontiac, Mich., it seems best for me to go now to visit my brother, Rev. Rufus M. Traver. I left Suspension Bridge at 8-40 A.M. and had a very pleasant journey. I came by the Michigan Central R.R. through Canada. The train stopped 10 minutes for the passengers to get a good view of Niagara Falls. Almost 30 years ago Pitt and I had this same view, and I do so wish Pitt were here with me to-day. He must be nearing California now. At Detroit the train was taken across on a ferry boat, as the new tunnel is not yet finished. It was 1-30 P.M. when I reached the Detroit depot, and the electric car took me to Pontiac, about 25 miles. I am so pleased to be in Rufus' lovely home with Rufus and his wife, and Mrs. Maguire. This is the first time I have seen Rufus' little son, Roland, who is seven years old.

Madwe Yaba, a Karen girl from Bassein, Burma, is visiting here, and we had a good time talking over affairs in India and Burma. Madwe sings and speaks well in public, and is an interesting girl. She expects to return to Burma for Y.W.C.A. work.

January 30.—I attended such a good prayer meeting in Bro. Rufus' church on Thursday evening. The people seemed so ready to take part in the meeting. Miss Ella

C. Bond is visiting in Detroit, and may come out here for a day next week to speak in the Ladies' Missionary Meeting.

January 31.—I was very pleased to hear my Bro. Rufus preach to-day. His text was 1st Cor. 11 : 30. He spoke of weak, sick and sleepy Christians, and then urged all to become wide awake and active Christians. After the sermon was the Communion Service, and then Bible School. The membership of the Pontiac Baptist Church has doubled in the seven years of Rufus' pastorate and now numbers 700. In the evening Rufus preached from Heb. 11 : 13, about making straight paths for our feet, and in the after meeting four persons arose, and thus signified their desire to enter the straight and narrow way that leads to life eternal. Bro. Rufus would make a good Evangelist, as he loves personal work and can win his way to the hearts of the unsaved. Sister Maie too is a great help in the church work. Maie's mother, Mrs. Maguire, is very interested in all missionary work. Rufus has a fine lot of young men in his Baraca class.

February 1.—Bro. Rufus accompanied me to Detroit, and saw me off on the 8-30 A.M. train. The day was fine, but cold. There were lovely snow views, especially the icy view of Niagara Falls. I changed cars at Buffalo, and at 9 P.M. reached Rochester, and was soon in the home of our Roland and Clara. I have very pleasant memories of my visit in Pontiac, and am very glad I could go.

February 2.—Clara and I are longing to get word of the safe arrival of Pitt in California. This is an open winter, and mercury seldom goes down to zero. After

a real cold day it gets warmer again and the snow melts.

February 7.—A wire is received today saying the Moore brothers landed safely in California yesterday. We are so happy and thankful to get this good news. Pitt must have my letters now, which I sent c/o Rev. A. W. Rider, 906, Broadway, Oakland, California. I am so glad to know Pitt is in U.S.A. even if I cannot see him before May. He will come on East as soon as the weather is warm and settled.

February 9.—Today I had my first ride in an automobile, and was surprised to find how fast you can go and not realize it.

February 12.—This is the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, and is being widely celebrated in America.

A long letter has come from Pitt telling of a lovely voyage. They spent a few days in Hongkong, and then came through the Inland Sea, and called at Shanghai, Nagasaki and Kobi. From Yokohama Dr. T. S. Barbour, Secretary of A.B.M.U., came with them, and they had a good visit together. Dr. Dearing of Japan was also on the ship "Mongolia" of the Pacific Mail Line. They called at Honolulu, and spent several hours on shore. Pitt wrote—"Penn is not yet able to walk very fast, or far, but we were on shore together at Honolulu several hours, and visited the Aquarium, which is one of the notable institutions of Honolulu.

"After lunch at 1 P.M. Penn stopped on board the ship, and I went on shore again and saw a little more of the place, including the Bishop Museum, which is a collection representing life in the islands of the

southern part of the Pacific Ocean. The air was balmy, and the streets full of people of many sorts. There were frequent light showers of rain, interrupting the general sunshine. I never saw so many rainbows in any one day as at Honolulu. A fine rainbow greeted us in the morning, and I think they were visible about a third of the time all day long till sunset. Sunstroke is said to be unknown, but I wore my 'sola topi' (Pith hat) all the same. The day on shore made a pleasant break and change after ten days from Yokohama.

“Yesterday Dr. Barbour gave us a good sermon on the resurrection, from 1st Cor. 15: 11: ‘So we preach and so ye believed.’ We have had some pleasant interviews with Drs. Barbour and Dearing. Dr. Barbour is busy all the time, working over the material that he has collected during this trip in China and Japan, to get it in shape for use on his arrival in America.”

Probably the Moore brothers will stop for a couple of months with J. S. Edwards, an old friend of Penn's, in Redlands, Southern California.

February 18.—My stay with Roland and Clara has been delightful, but the country calls me and I want to return to Averill Park, where mother lives in the old home. Roland took me to the depôt at 8 A.M.

February 20.—Thursday was a fine day for travel, the trees in places near the railroad were so heavy with ice that the branches were breaking off, but they made lovely winter views in the bright sunlight. I reached Troy, N.Y., at 4 P.M., and Averill Park at 6 P.M., and found all well and happy in Bro. Charlie's home.

March 8.—This is Clara's 28th birthday. I am sure she will have a happy time, as Roland is always doing something to add to her pleasure. They are very congenial and happy.

The papers state that March 4th was a very stormy day in Washington D.C. Congress may change the date for Inauguration, as a later date would probably give finer weather.

President Taft said—"I knew it would be a cold day when I became President," and sure enough they had a blizzard, much to the disappointment of the many visitors.

I have just learned from the Missionary Magazine that Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul have a new little daughter, Dorothy Grace Paul, born on January 28th, 1909.

Mr. Carvell writes of 21 baptisms already this year in Nowgong District. The Annual Association was held in Nowgong station this year on February 26th to 28th.

Mr. Carvell's letter of February 22nd tells of the death of Probhu Dyal on the 15th February. He was one of the first Munda Christians at Udmari, and his son, Samuel, is somewhat of a leader there now. He also wrote the Girls' Boarding School now has 50 girls, and Miss Protzman is well and getting on finely. The girls are to have a real well of their own, and Mr. Carvell says it is being dug and will soon be ready. Mary James of the boarding school was married at her home on January 15th.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Loops are returning to U.S.A. *viâ* the Pacific. Mrs. Swanson and infant, and Mrs. Jackman and two little ones will soon start for America, as they are not strong enough at present to weather another

hot, rainy season in Assam. Mrs. A. E. Stephen and their three little girls will soon go to Scotland.

March 28.—This is our dear mother's 76th birthday. She went to Albany for ten days, but returned on Friday so as to spend her birthday, Sunday, in the old home. Sister Mame McKenna came out to stay over Sunday, and thus mother had Jessie, Charlie and Mame of her children, and Edna and Traver of her grandchildren. Mother's visit to Albany did her good, and with careful diet she may keep fairly well for some time. We are so thankful to have her with us, and she seems really happy today. She has received several good letters from her absent children and others, and several little birthday presents. Ada gave mother a nice chicken dinner, and some friends called in the afternoon.

March 30.—Pitt wrote from Redlands, S. California—"What is so rare as a day in June? Well this is one of the perfect days. How I wish you were here to enjoy it. The snow covered hill tops, 15 to 30 miles distant, and 8,000 to 15,000 feet high, are glistening in the sunshine, but the air here is very balmy. The orange trees here in Mr. Edward's orchard hang full of golden fruit, and are very attractive. Wish you had a bushel of the oranges there. We are very pleasantly situated here in Mr. Edward's lovely home, and they are very kind to us. This sort of air must do us both good. I will let you know as soon as our plans are settled for going East."

Mr. Carvell wrote from Nowgong—"The good Associational meeting is just over, 392 persons present, and all the churches were represented. Mr. Swanson came down and helped us."

April 6.—I suppose Pitt and Penn left California yesterday ; Bro. Penn will stop in Iowa, where he used to preach.

Pitt will visit his old home and relatives in Ontario, Knox co., Illinois, and then on to New York state.

April 11.—We all went to church on this Easter Sunday, and listened to a good sermon from our Pastor, Rev. G. A. Fairbank. Probably Pitt spent the day with cousins in Kansas City, Mo. Next Sunday he expects to be with cousins in Oneida and Ontario, Illinois ; the Sunday after in Chicago, and then one week with my Bro Rufus in Pontiac, Mich. Then the second Sunday in May with our Roland and Clara in Rochester, N.Y. Then a short visit to some cousins in Herkimer and Russia N. Y., and then Pitt will come to me here at Averill Park.

April 12.—We are glad to learn Mrs. Carvell has returned to Assam, and may have reached Nowgong this week.

I copy Pitt's letter to my mother.

“ DEAR MOTHER TRAVER,

“ I feel rather conscience-smitten for not writing you a letter to reach you on the 76th anniversary of your birth. Will you forgive me, and accept this, though it may be several days late ?

“ God has been very good to us, in sparing you to us all these years. We thank Him for His goodness, and we thank you also for all your helpfulness to us. ‘ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.’

“ I find the older I grow, the more intimate is my acquaintance with Jesus our Lord, and the more I learn to appreciate His divine redeeming love. May the fulness

of that great love ever be your portion, and that of all your children.

“ In a few weeks more I hope to see you again in the dear old home at Averill Park. I look forward with pleasure to that meeting, and hope to find you in good health, and have a good long visit.

“ Your affectionate son,
“ PITT H. MOORE.”

April 22.—A letter from Clara says their home is now 417, Monroe Ave, as the street has been renumbered.

Roland has bought a small automobile to help him get about Rochester quickly to visit his patients. Clara is spending one week with her mother Harris at Ontario, N.Y.

I have just heard of the death of Mrs. Mary C. Moore, of Herkimer, N.Y. She was 66 years of age, and was the widow of Cousin Milo Moore. She died on the 16th April of bronchial pneumonia, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Fenner, of Herkimer, N.Y.

April 28.—Pitt is visiting Bro. Rufus in Pontiac, Mich., and having a lovely time. They gave him such a warm welcome there, and he finds the meetings inspiring. While in Michigan Pitt met Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Phillips, and Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Dowd.

May 2.—It is so cold here today that we had a slight snow storm.

May 5.—Pitt reached Rochester yesterday at 9 P.M. Both Roland and Clara met him at the depôt.

May 8.—Clara wrote that her father looks well and rested. I am so glad that Pitt can spend two weeks with our children in their home. I too want to be there,

but think I had better stay here with mother, as Pitt will come here by the 20th instant.

The graduating exercises of the Rochester Theological Seminary will be May 9th to 12th, and Pitt will be glad to attend them.

My niece, Mary A. Traver, is also visiting Clara on her return from Pontiac.

May 14.—Mary has come from Rochester, and her sister Edna is home from Albany for a few days.

My good husband will come next week, and mother expects all her children home on the 20th instant. Dear mother's health is failing now.

May 19.—Pitt reached Averill Park at 5 P.M. to-day, and I am delighted to see him. He seems well, and reports a lovely visit with our Clara and Roland in Rochester.

May 20.—Our little family reunion was fine. To-day mother has her six children about her once more. Bro. Rufus came from Pontiac, Mich. Bro. Edward came from Upton, Mass. Bro. Alvah and wife, and sister Mame came from Albany, N.Y. Bro. Charlie and wife gave us a lovely dinner. Mother was not able to leave her bed, but enjoyed it all the same. Edward brought mother a box of lovely roses. This is a day long to be remembered. We talked of our childhood days together here in the old home on the farm. The fruit trees are now a delight to the eyes, and apple blossoms decorated the table. The weather was pleasant, and all were most happy.

June 5.—Pitt and I have just done some visiting in Troy and Albany. Pitt preached in the Albany Baptist Memorial Church, and also gave a Missionary address to

the ladies of that church. I visited old friends in Troy, and then went to Bro. Alvah's home in Albany. We took dinner with Dr. and Mrs. E. D. McKenna. I paid a visit to the Capitol and the Park.

On Thursday afternoon we came out to Averill Park, and took tea with Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Fairbank, and attended the evening Covenant meeting, and after meeting came home.

We are glad to find mother so much better that she can be up about the house, and go for a drive. We are well, and do enjoy the country these lovely spring days.

June 15.—We hear that Rev. J. Paul will represent Assam at the anniversaries in Portland, Oregon. One new man is appointed for Assam, Rev. C. H. Tilden.

Pitt is in Albany for a few days to get some Dentistry done, and to meet his Bro. Penn E. Moore.

June 18.—Bro. Penn came, and has gone on to Newton Centre, Mass., to see his boy Carey. They have not met for almost eight years. Carey is now reading in the High School.

June 19.—Mrs. Julia F. Lester of Sand Lake is giving a picnic today, and she wants all the Carmichael relatives to attend. Roses and sweet syringa are in blossom.

June 21.—Julia's picnic was a great success. About 50 persons met in her yard and partook of the good lunch of cake, ice-cream, etc. Afterwards speeches were made by Pitt, and Cousin Ed. Douglas. Some cousins read original lines, and recited beautifully. I think everyone had a thoroughly good time. Rev. Walter Scott Brown read a poem "Heather," which was from

a book by a cousin, Mr. Charles Crandall. Julia remembers everyone, and it was a very happy occasion.

June 27.—Pitt preached to-day in my old home church at Averill Park. His text was Matt. 22: 42. He made it a missionary sermon. Last week we made three pleasant visits at the homes of neighbours and old friends.

July 4.—We listened to a good sermon to-day by our Pastor, Rev. G. A. Fairbank. The church was decorated with flags.

July 8.—Pitt presented me with a check for \$30 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our wedding. Our love increases with the years. We have very much to be thankful for, and want to do much work in Assam in our few remaining years if it is God's will. Our prayer is for strength to do our Father's work.

For our little Tea-party to-day we expect several friends.

A letter from Mr. Dring of Tura, Assam, says little Robert Wade Bowers arrived on the 14th May. We also hear that Dr. and Mrs. Loops have a little daughter, Faith Elizabeth, born on July 5th, in Monrovia, California.

July 24.—Pitt left on the 21st, to go to Maranacook, Maine, to spend a couple of weeks with his brothers in camp. Both Penn and Orson are there now, and Penn has his boy, Carey, there with him for his summer vacation. On the way to Maine Pitt stopped off a couple of days at Upton, Mass., to visit my Bro. Ed. C. Traver and wife.

August 7.—At 4 P.M. this afternoon the good news came that Roland and Clara have a son, and that both

mother and child are doing well. Baby was born at 10 A.M. yesterday, August 6th. Now I am grand-ma and my mother is great-grand-ma. We are so happy and thankful over it all. As soon as Clara is well enough to leave the hospital we expect to visit them, and then go on to New York city to sail September 25th for Naples, by North German Lloyd steamer, and from Naples October 28th for Colombo, Ceylon, and then on to Nowgong, Assam.

Probably the Assam Missionary Conference will be the 1st week in January as Dr. Barbour will not go to Assam this year. The General Missionary project for S. India, Burma and Assam will be held in abeyance for the present.

August 8.—Pitt returned this eve, and I am so glad to see him.

August 10.—This is Roland's 31st birthday. Roland and his son, Robert Moore Harris, can celebrate together, as their birthdays are only four days apart. We know Roland and Clara are very happy in their little son. May the little boy grow up to be a good and useful man, and be a comfort and joy to his parents is our wish and prayer. We hope soon to see the little one and his happy parents. A card has come in Clara's own handwriting, and she wrote—"We are the happiest family possible."

August 22.—Pitt's text to-day was Isaiah 55: 8.

August 29.—Rev. G. A. Fairbank of Averill Park, N.Y., arranged a Union Service at which Pitt spoke, and it was also a Farewell meeting for us.

September 5.—It will be doubly hard to leave mother

this time because of her poor health. She has suffered a good deal of pain during the past month. When I said to her, "Jesus knows all about it," she replied—"He has taken care of me these many years, and I trust Him." It seems as if the heavenly mansion is almost ready for her.

September 6.—To-day our little grandson Robert Moore Harris is one month old.

Mother had a happy surprise to-day in a visit from her son, Rev. Rufus M. Traver, from Pontiac, Mich. He came on purpose to have a visit of a few hours with his dear mother. As Bro. Ed. C. Traver came last week, our mother has again seen all of her six children.

September 7.—We said our good-bye to mother at 8 A.M. to-day, and left for Rochester, N.Y. By 4 P.M. we were in Clara's happy home, and had a peep at baby Robert. Roland and Clara are so happy over their first born. Robert is a dear, sweet child, and we are so glad to see him in Clara's arms. Clara's face expresses a new sweet joy and content.

September 12.—We went to the 1st Baptist Church and heard Rev. J. T. Dickinson preach an excellent sermon from Phil. 1: 21—"For to me to live is Christ." Later we went into the Hubbel Bible Class, which has an attendance of over 200 men. Both singing and teaching were inspiring.

In the evening at the Park Ave. Baptist Church Dr. R. M. West spoke upon Mrs. Peary's message to her husband—"All well, much love, God bless you. Hurry home." Her message would have meant just as much if Commander Peary had not discovered the North Pole.

September 20.—Clara is so happy in her home that it

is not so hard for us to leave her this time. We have so enjoyed seeing and handling little Robert. We said good-bye at 8 A.M. to-day after a lovely visit with them all, and took the train to Troy, where Bro. Charlie Traver and sister Mame McKenna met us with our baggage. Charlie says my mother seems a little stronger now. I spent a very pleasant three hours at Mrs. Young's home, and met several old friends.

September 21.—We came by night boat from Troy, and reached New York city at 6 A.M.

Bro. Orson Moore met us and took us to his pleasant rooms 604 West 112th Street. On Saturday, Sept. 25th, we expect to sail on S. S. "Berlin" for Naples.

September 25.—We came aboard at 10 A.M. and find this a very fine steamer, so big, and new, and clean. Bro. Orson entertained us royally, and saw us safely on the steamer.

September 26.—A delightful little service in the dining-room to-day was conducted by Dr. Henry C. King, Pres. of Oberlin College. Dr. King is on his way to India to deliver a course of lectures. There are on board four young missionaries going to the Arcot Mission in South India. Also Miss Leila Winn of the same Mission (Dutch Reformed) returning to Japan.

September 28.—We are now getting out of the Gulf Stream, and it will be cooler. This more southern route is pleasant. I never before found the Atlantic so warm. There are some waves to-day, but I feel better than yesterday. We are having a fine voyage, under very favorable conditions. As we left New York harbour flags were flying from all the ships, as the navies of the world were about to begin the "Hudson Fulton Celebration."

On the day before we left New York we walked as far as the Grant monument, and had a good view of the American fleet. We were not so fortunate as to see the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" steamers.

I hope we can post some letters in Gibraltar early next week. We have a comfortable State room, and we hope our next steamer, the "Kliest", may be good.

October 3.—We reached Gibraltar at 1 P.M. and went on shore there for the first time. It is a curious town of high houses and narrow streets, and interesting because of the great rock, which is tunnelled inside and filled with great guns to guard the entrance to the Mediterranean. Gibraltar, although in Spain, belongs to England. I always enjoy watching the people in a new country.

The North German Lloyd tender took us all ashore, and brought us back to the ship at 4 P.M.

October 5.—Yesterday at 5 P.M. we reached Algiers, and were surprised to find it such a large place.

The town and suburbs are scattered along the edge of the water on side hills for about 20 miles, and has a population of 90,000. Algiers, with its terraced streets, belongs to the French, and has its numerous cafés. The people are Arabs, Moors, Jews, Spaniards, etc.

We climbed up to the street where the electric cars run. The city is lighted by electricity. Algiers is getting to be a winter resort for people who get tired of southern France. We neared Algiers just at sunset, and the view was so pretty as the sun disappeared behind the hills.

We have so enjoyed our voyage thus far. To-morrow at 8 A.M. we are due at Naples.

October 6.—We landed in Naples at 9 A.M. and went at once to Parker's Hotel. The missionaries for South India and Miss Winn came with us.

October 7.—Yesterday was a memorable day, as we seven missionaries hired a Guide to take us out to silent Pompeii, the ancient city which was buried by the ashes of Vesuvius in A.D. 79. We saw the public buildings, streets, and private houses with decorated walls, in the shape in which they existed at the time of the great catastrophe. The city was buried by a strata of volcanic sand, which suddenly extinguished all life in the city, and also preserved the ruins during many centuries. Probably 2,000 lives were lost. To Pompeii is a ride of one hour on the train. We had lunch near there, and returned in the evening. We had fine views of Vesuvius, which is not active now.

October 8.—I cannot begin to describe all we saw yesterday and to-day in the Cathedral San-Gennaro with its monuments and mosaics, and in the Palace with its superb paintings and tapestries. In the National Museum are collections of wonderful marble monuments and columns, and bronze statues brought from Pompeii. There are collections of gold jewelry, vases, household utensils, medical instruments, and even grain and food stuffs which have been excavated in Pompeii. We saw some petrified loaves of bread just as they came from the oven. There are petrified bodies of men and of animals.

We also drove out to Pozzuoli (Puteoli) where Paul landed, and we saw the beginning of the Appian way by which Paul went to Rome. We drove through an ancient Roman Tunnel.

Our Guide took us to Solfatara, the crater of a semi-extinct volcano, with its sulphur fumes, and water bubbling up in places.

The view of the Bay of Naples, and its islands, was lovely as we drove near the edge of the water. We passed several vineyards, where the vines were loaded with purple grapes.

As we drove through the streets of Naples it was interesting to watch the Italians, at their work and play. They seem to live out-of-doors, and look so well and ruddy. The Italians in Naples seem more well-to-do than I expected.

We visited the aquarium and saw the wonderful and queer varieties of fish.

Before leaving Naples our Guide took us to the Castle St. Elmo, and down into the dungeon, where political prisoners languished, and their bones are still to be seen. Then to the Church Santa Chiara, with its beautiful marble monuments for the tombs of the Anjou kings.

Sunny Italy is surely the place for exquisite marble statues and monuments. Marble is cheap in Italy, and the Italians are good sculptors.

After lunch on October 8th we went aboard our steamer "Kliest."

October 9.—We are 2nd class on this steamer. It is a bit crowded, but we are fairly comfortable.

This evening we went through the Straits of Messina, where the big earthquake did so much damage last December.

October 10.—A German service was held in the dining room at 10 A.M. to-day. There are several German missionaries going to China.

October 12.—Port Said. The usual coaling is being done at this port.

October 13.—Last night was spent in the Suez Canal, and this morning at 8 A.M. we reached Suez.

October 17.—The last three days were spent in the Red Sea, and the weather was a little too warm for comfort. We reached Aden at 9 A.M. and were stopping there for a couple of hours. At 2 P.M. Pitt preached to a good audience in the Dining-room. His texts were Hebrews 1: 2—"God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son," and Hebrews 2: 7—"Thou crownedst him with glory and honour."

Pitt's plea was that we should show by our lives that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. If we ever get discouraged, let us look at Jesus crowned and on the right hand of God.

October 18.—There are some good things even in the 2nd Class on this German steamer, such as a Chinese laundry, where we are glad to get some washing done, and an electric fan in our cabin. The food is wholesome, and fairly good. The passengers represent many nationalities. There are English, Scotch, Americans, German, Chinese, Japanese, etc.

We sit on the upper deck where it is less crowded. The only sad event on this voyage is—that a young man was melancholy and jumped overboard and was drowned last Friday night.

October 22.—We are now nearing Colombo, and are having lovely weather and smooth sailing.

October 23.—Colombo was reached at 2 P.M., and we transferred at once to the small steamer for Tuticorin, South India.

October 24.—At 7 A.M. we reached Tuticorin, and took the train for Madras.

We now have to bid good-bye to Rev. Bernard Rottschafer and his sister, and Miss Josephine Te Winkle and her sister. We have greatly enjoyed their company, and wish them God-speed as they join the Arcot Mission in South India.

October 25.—At 8 A.M. we reached Madras, and went to visit Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Manly, with whom we crossed the Atlantic just 30 years ago. We did so enjoy the few hours spent with them. We took 4 P.M. tea with Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Ferguson, with whom Clara came out to make her visit to Assam about six years ago. On Monday evening we took the 6 P.M. train for Calcutta, and reached there at 10 A.M. on Wednesday, October 27th, and found board and lodging at 5, Humayon Place. On Thursday we did some shopping, and had a lovely drive on the Maidan in the cool of the evening. On Friday we took 2 P.M. lunch with Cousins Charles and Harriett Larmour, at their home in Calcutta, and had a very pleasant time.

October 30.—Last evening we took the train for Goalundo, and this morning started on the steamer up the Brahmaputra River.

October 31.—We are having a quiet, restful Sunday on this little steamer. We had an Assamese service with the three Assamese girls Heron, Neruda, and Ponsomi, whom we are taking home to Nowgong from the English Baptist Zenana Mission School of Calcutta, where they have been studying for two years. We want them for teachers in our Girls' School.

November 1.—Gauhati was reached at 9 A.M. in time to take the train for Chapar Mukh. We saw Mr. Stephen, Miss Wilson, and Mrs. Carvell. Chapar Mukh was reached at 2 P.M., where we found three covered bullock-carts and Pitt's bicycle awaiting us.

Pitt reached home by 6 P.M. and I reached there at 10 P.M., and such a welcome back home as the Native Christians gave us. The boys went out three miles to meet us, and then young and old gathered about our bungalow. The path and verandah were decorated with banana trees and bouquets of crotons. All seem so glad to see us.

November 2.—It does seem good to be back here. Mr. Carvell has had the walls of our house all nicely whitewashed. Mrs. Carvell has gone to Gauhati to stay with Miss Wilson until Conference time. Miss Wilson was left alone, as Mrs. Lindeman has gone off to Australia. Mr. Carvell will soon go to Golaghat, and he hopes to locate at Golaghat and work for the Mikirs from there. We would like to keep the Carvells in Nowgong, but Golaghat seems a better place to have a school for Mikir boys.

We don't yet know if Bro. Penn Moore will be well enough to return to Assam next year.

We are surprised to learn good Dr. J. M. McNaught died on September 28th, 1909, and was buried in the Nowgong Cemetery.

Mrs. Boggs wrote me from Sadiya, where she went to help welcome little Charles William Kirby on the 18th October. We have received such kind letters of welcome from all our Assam Missionaries. Oh! it is good to be here, and our wish is to be used of God as He sees fit.

November 7.—I so enjoyed the Assamese services today. My Assamese all comes back to me as if I had not been away at all. Pitt is spending Sunday with the little village church at Kothiatoli, and then he will go to Jorhat for ten days to attend the Annual Board Meeting of the Jorhat Mission Training School, and to help Babu Henry Goldsmith in preparing the copy of the last part of the new Assamese hymn book, which is being printed.

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Phillips, Miss Ella C. Bond, Rev. J. Paul, and Rev. C. H. Tilden (our one new worker) reached Calcutta on 6th November. Mr. Tilden will go to Tura for a visit first, and then to the Conference in Gauhati, January 8th to 16th, inclusive.

November 10.—We are pleased to find Miss Protzman looking so well, and she is glad to have us back. We fear Miss Long's health is not good enough for her to return to Assam this year. She will study some in the Chicago Training School.

November 11.—This has been a happy birthday for me.

The twelve women who came to our bungalow for the Women's Prayer Meeting prayed so earnestly. They hold these meetings around at the Christian houses.

November 25.—This is Thanksgiving Day in America. Miss Protzman has invited us to dinner to help her eat roast duck, etc. After dinner Pitt will have the boarding girls in to sing some new hymns. Pitt is home from camp this week, and we are enjoying our home together.

Good letters from Clara say little Robert is well and

growing very fast. We hear that my dear mother is slowly failing in strength. "May God's exceeding love enfold her, until His tender hand shall lead her safely home to love's own land."

November 27.—Major and Mrs. A. A. Howell and their two little girls have returned to Nowgong.

November 30.—Pitt is in camp with the native preachers, to visit the village churches at Balijuri and Udmari.

Rev. and Mrs. Harding of Tura have our love and sympathy in their trouble. Their little son, Gordon Allan Harding, was born August 9th and lived only three days. Their first-born, little Doris, died on the 30th August, 1908.

December 4.—This is my husband's 56th birthday, and I wish he were home from camp to-day.

December 5.—The Day of Prayer for all India.

December 15.—Pitt writes from camp of greatly enjoying the work of telling out the good news of Salvation through Jesus. The weather is lovely for camping now.

I have been looking up some of my nice native ladies in Nowgong station, and repeating to them the story of God's love.

December 16.—While Pitt is at home for a few days he is busy getting our annual statistics in order. He finds there were 37 baptisms in 1908 and 40 baptisms in 1909 in our Nowgong District.

December 18.—Pitt and three native helpers are off in camp again for twelve days. They will not return until

after Christmas. They want to visit the weekly markets on the Raha side, and distribute tracts, and tell of a Saviour's love to all who will hear.

December 20.—The Fourth World's Christian Endeavour Convention was held in Agra, November 20th to 24th inclusive. There were 168 Mission stations represented by 400 Missionaries, and by more than 3,000 native Christians. The largest delegations were from the Telugu and Burman fields. There were 30 delegates from America.

From Assam were Rev. and Mrs. Dring, Dr. and Mrs. Crozier, Rev. S. A. D. Boggs, and Rev. O. L. Swanson. The ten native brethren from Assam represented seven different nationalities with seven different languages.

The two efficient chief executive officers of the Convention, President Herbert Anderson of Calcutta, and Secretary H. Halliwell of Allahabad, were Baptists, as were also several of the speakers, including Rev. William Carey (the great-grandson of the famous Carey), who led the wonderful Sunrise Prayer Meeting held the morning after the Convention on a little round-top with the incomparable Taj Mahal in the near foreground.

The India Christian Endeavour Union (which includes India, Burma and Ceylon) includes 1,339 societies with a membership of 43,000. The Convention was the most remarkable gathering of Christians ever seen in India, and a great object-lesson of unity and brotherhood. The mere sight of so many men and women speaking 30 different languages, and belonging to as many different nations, was an omen full of hope for the future, and of inspiration and courage for those in the thick of the fight against heathendom.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Clark and the party of Americans stopped over Sunday in Rangoon on their way around the world after the Agra Convention.

December 25.—Miss Protzman and I are trying to have a merry Christmas. We are invited to take 1 P.M. lunch with Mrs. Howell, the wife of our Deputy Commissioner.

Last evening the school girls gave a Christmas entertainment in our chapel. The exercises of singing and recitation were most appropriate and well done.

December 26.—Nishi preached so feelingly to-day from Eph. 5: 1—"Be ye followers of God as dear children," and Neyai prayed so earnestly.

December 28.—Our first photo of our grandson, Robert Moore Harris, has just come, and is fine. Clara could not have sent us a better Christmas present. Fog here this morning. After the morning fog lifts an Assam winter day is most delightful.

The statistics for Assam show growth. I will have to give those of 1908, as they cannot be collected until the end of the year. The statistics for Assam, as given in the Annual Report for 1909, are as follows:—

Churches ..	..	..	97
Church Members ..	..	..	9,873
Baptisms ..	..	..	1,115
Sunday Schools ..	..	..	117
S. S. Attendants ..	..	..	4,059
Native Helpers ..	..	..	311
Schools ..	..	..	186
Number of Pupils ..	..	..	4,081

The Church statistics for the Individual Fields are as follows :—

Fields.	Baptisms during 1908.	Membership at end of 1908.
Sibsagar	60	1,042
Nowgong	62	440
Gauhati	55	947
Tura	444	4,747
Goalpara	36	42
Ao Naga	245	972
Angami Naga	14	89
Tangkhul Naga .. ..	..	7
North Lakhimpur	25	420
Dibrugarh	14	154
Golaghat	153	952
Jorhat .. ..	..	..
Sadiya	4	31
Tika	3	30
TOTAL ..	1,115	9,873

III.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IN ASSAM.

January 1, 1910.—The following verse is a good motto for the new year:—

“ Speak a shade more kindly
Than the year before ;
Pray a little oftener,
Love a little more ;
Cling a little closer
To the Father’s love ;
Life below shall liker grow
To the life above.”

Our Quarterly Covenant Meeting was yesterday, and business meeting to-day.

January 2.—At the Communion service to-day Pitt’s talk was very impressive, as he told of the wonderful love of Christ.

January 5.—We are very busy getting ready for our trip to Gauhati, to attend the Tenth Session of our Assam Missionary Conference. We left Nowgong at noon.

January 6.—We took the train last night at Chapar Mukh and reached Gauhati very early this morning. By 5 P.M. we had our tents set up and were ready to begin house-keeping.

January 8.—Pitt has been busy in the Reference

Committee, and I have been visiting with our Missionaries. I think we number 38 this evening, and two more are expected on Monday. I had never met Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Longwell of Impur, Mrs. Bowers, Miss Robb, nor our new worker, Rev. C. H. Tilden. All were very glad to welcome back Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Tuttle, who have just returned from furlough.

January 9.—Sunday. Conference really began with the prayer meeting last evening, which was led by P. H. Moore. He read Luke 4 : 16-22. Christ was conscious of the power for service, and it gave him confidence.

Mr. Tuttle opened the morning prayer service, and at 9 A.M. Mr. Swanson preached in Assamese. He took as his text Isaiah 40 : 31. He gave the Native Christians a good talk about the need of prayer for strength to resist satan. At the 1 P.M. service Rev. F. W. Harding preached from Phil. 1 : 21—"For me to live is Christ." The one note was joy. Why? Because Christ was the centre. Paul had love for Christ, and for men.

At the 7 P.M. prayer service Mrs. Carvell read from Daniel, and spoke from the words—"Beloved of God."

January 10.—Miss Protzman at the early prayer meeting read Mark 3 : 1-5. "With obedience comes power" was the topic. The remainder of the forenoon was a business meeting. Rev. A. J. Tuttle was chosen President of our Conference and Rev. C. H. Tilden, Clerk, and Rev. J. M. Carvell, Treasurer.

In the afternoon the subject of "General Missionary" was discussed. In the evening Miss Holbrook gave us a very interesting talk on "Mental pictures."

January 11.—Miss Narola Rivenburg spoke to us on the "Love of God" in the morning meeting, and then

there was some unfinished business, and the report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Reference Committee.

In the afternoon meeting the topic was "Education." First, of the village schools; second, of the station schools; and third, of the Bible Training School, and discussion. Also "Needs" by Rev. W. C. Mason.

Miss Robb led the evening meeting, and drew lessons from the "Prayer Life of Jesus." Then followed "Furlough Impressions" by Revs. Paul and Moore, and Miss Bond. All were sorry Dr. and Mrs. Phillips could not be present, because of Mrs. Phillips' fall and broken ankle.

January 12.—At 9 A.M. Rev. C. H. Tilden preached. He first read Joshua 23rd and 24th chapters, and then gave us such a picture of Joshua and the assembled tribes at Shechem as we shall never forget. "Let us search ourselves" was the closing thought.

In the afternoon was the Obituary Service, when papers were read on the lives of Mrs. Penn E. Moore, and Mrs. S. W. Rivenburg. The remainder of the day was spent in listening to the Historical papers, on the work of the last three years at Kohima, Impur, Jorhat, Golaghat, and Goalpara.

January 13.—The day began as usual with the prayer service. Mr. Paul spoke of the need of power for native workers, and all joined in prayer. Some special requests were mentioned. Then came the exciting work of choosing by ballot five new members of the Reference Committee. Only those who have been on the field for five years can be chosen. Rev. O. L. Swanson remains in office. Those appointed for one year were Rev. E. W. Clark, D.D., and Rev. Wm. Dring. Those appointed for

three years were Dr. G. G. Crozier, Rev. A. J. Tuttle, and Rev. P. H. Moore. The Reference Committee then chose Rev. A. J. Tuttle as Corresponding Secretary of the Reference Committee, and Rev. P. H. Moore as Chairman.

Later on Mrs. A. J. Tuttle was chosen Librarian of Conference, and Mrs. P. H. Moore, Statistician. The Property Committee consists of Revs. Carvell, Dring, and Tilden.

Thursday P.M. were read the Historical papers from Nowgong, Gauhati, and Sibsagar, and Mr. Pettigrew's "Question Box."

Thursday evening the whole Conference went to Mr. Stephen's bungalow for the "Social." There were sweet singing and interesting recitations, and then refreshments were served. A delightful surprise for us was the fact that the refreshments were furnished by three native gentlemen, all brothers. The foremost one is the Railway Station Master in Gauhati. He made a short speech in English, telling us of the kindness he and his brothers received from some American Presbyterian Missionaries in the North-West of India.

The evening closed in a very animated spirit by the calling out of the representatives of various American schools and colleges. Colgate University was strongest. Letters were read from several absent Missionaries. A birthday letter was signed by all for Rev. E. W. Clark, D.D., who will be 80 years old on the 25th February. We were disappointed that he could not be at Conference.

January 14.—The Historical papers from North Lakhimpur, Sadiya, Tura, Tika, and Ukrul fields were

read. Also "Medical Hints" by Dr. Kirby, and "Self-support in Medical Work" by Dr. Crozier.

There were papers on—"Evangelistic Work," and "How can Native Christians be best influenced to assume a greater share of responsibility?"

January 15.—There were papers by Dr. Rivenburg on "The Spiritual Life of the Missionary," and by Rev. O. L. Swanson on—"How can a deeper spiritual life be developed in the Native Christians?"

One day Mrs. Crozier gave a good talk on Christ's words—"My yoke is easy and my burden is light," and told of their work in camp.

As there are more papers and business the Conference will not adjourn until 4 P.M., Monday.

January 16.—Sunday. Miss Bond led the early Devotional meeting. At the Assamese service Rev. J. Paul preached from the words—"Thy Kingdom come," and at 3 P.M. there was vernacular preaching in the bazaars of Gauhati, at which both Missionaries and Native Preachers spoke in several languages, such as Assamese, Bengali, Hindi, Garo, etc.

For two days we had as guest at our Conference Rev. A. W. Young of the "British and Foreign Bible Society" (Calcutta Auxiliary), and on Sunday, at 1 P.M., he gave us a good sermon. His text was Jeremiah 18: 4. He began by saying—"Man's extremity is God's opportunity," and that even if our life is marred in some way, God can make it over so as to be useful in His hands.

All through our Conference the key-note has been—the desire for more power for service. Sunday evening the meeting was in charge of Rev. S. A. D. Boggs, and

he drew lessons from the 23rd Psalm, and then nearly every one present took part in prayer and praise. It was a quiet, peaceful meeting full of new courage and hope for the years to come.

January 17.—There was some unfinished business, and two papers—"The Missionary's Authority over the Churches on his field" by Mr. Petrick, and—"Is more Unity in our work desirable?" by Mr. Moore.

Then a Conference group photo was taken, and we separated to go to our respective homes and fields of work.

Our one new man, Rev. C. H. Tilden, is designated to Jorhat. Rev. J. Paul will work in Sibsagar, and Rev. A. J. Tuttle in Gauhati. Rev. J. M. Carvell will work for the Mikirs from Golaghat, pending Dr. Barbour's visit to Assam next autumn.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Mason will go at once on furlough to America. In the spring Mr. Stephen will go to Scotland, and Mr. Petrick to Germany. Rev. and Mrs. Bowers may soon go to U.S.A. Mr. Jackman too is asking for furlough.

Mrs. Boggs was missed at Conference, and all were sorry she was detained at home in Jorhat. She and their children, Louise and Horace, may soon go home to U.S.A.

There were 40 Missionaries present at Conference, and only four absent ones who are now in Assam. Letters were read from some who are absent in America.

On the 16th January we completed our 30 years of service in Nowgong, Assam.

Could we begin over again now, we would choose this very corner of God's vineyard.

Goodness and mercy have followed us, and our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving.

In the evening meeting Pitt recounted some of the changes which have taken place in Assam during 30 years.

Mr. Moore has written for the Boston "Watchman" the following lines :—

"MY DEAR WATCHMAN,

"The Tenth Session of our Assam Missionary Conference is now past history. I wish the 'Rope Holders' at home could have been invisible hearers and spectators at our meeting at Gauhati from the 8th to 17th January, 1910. Forty Missionary toilers were gathered to deliberate as to the best ways and means for prosecuting this great work. While we all feel that the load is greater than our strength, there was not so much groaning as pleading with God for more power for fruitful service.

"You could have read our anxieties in our faces, and learned conditions from reports from the various fields that are white with harvest. Come over and help us is our plea with you. A mighty struggle is on, and we are in the thick of it. Send up your prayers to the God of the harvest, and send on your 'sinews of war,' for this great conflict. Come and share the joys of victory.

P. H. MOORE."

অসম মিশ্যনেৰি কন্ফাৰেন্স।

আমাৰ অসম মিশ্যনেৰি কন্ফাৰেন্সৰ দশম সভা এতিয়া অলপতে শেষ হৈ গল; এই সভা জানুৱাৰিৰ ৮ তাৰিখৰ পৰা ১৬ তাৰিখলৈকে গুৱাহাটীত হৈছিল। বোধ কৰোঁ ময় সত্যৰূপে কব পাৰোঁ যে, এই সভাত আটাইতকৈ অধিক সভা গোট খাইছিল, আৰু আন আন বছৰৰ সকলো সভাতকৈ এই সভা উত্তম হৈছিল।

আমার মিশানেৰিবিলাকৰ মাজৰ ৪০ জন এই সভাত উপস্থিত আছিল, আৰু কেৱল ৪ জন মাথোন অনুপস্থিত আছিল। গুৱাহাটী আটাইতকৈ সহজে আৰু বেগাই যাব পৰা ঠাই, আৰু তাত থকা বজলাবোৰো আমাৰ কনফাৰেন্সৰ নিমিত্তে উপযুক্ত ঘৰ। বতৰো সেই কেউদিন বড় মুকলি আছিল। সভাৰ সেই কেউদিনত ঈশ্বৰৰ আত্মা আমাৰ লগত আছিল। নিয়মৰ দৰে পুৱা, দুপৰীয়া, আৰু সন্ধাপৰত হোৱা প্ৰাৰ্থনাপিঞ্জীৰাবোৰেই কনফাৰেন্সৰ আটাইতকৈ উত্তম ভাগ আছিল। বেলেগ বেলেগ ঠাইৰ ৱিপোৰ্টৰ দ্বাৰায় জনা গল, যে, ঈশ্বৰৰ ৰাজ্য ক্ৰমান্বয়ে বৃদ্ধি পাব লাগিছে।

নতুনকৈ অহা আমাৰ এজন নতুন কাৰ্য্যকাৰক ৰেভাঃ চি, এষ্টচ, তিল্‌দেন চাহাব, ৰেভাঃ এচ, এ, ডি, বগ্‌চ্ চাহাবক স্কুলৰ কামত আৰু মিস্ত্ৰীকাম আদি শিল্পকাৰ্য্যত সহায় কৰিবলৈ যোড়হাটত থাকিব। ৰেভাঃ টটল আৰু মিচেচ টটল ছয়ো দেশৰ পৰা আহি কনফাৰেন্সৰ ঠিক সময়তে অসম পালেহি; আৰু সিবিলাকৰ পুৰণী কাৰ্য্যক্ষেত্ৰলৈ অহাত, সিবিলাকক বড় আগ্ৰহেৰে গ্ৰহণ কৰা হল। আমাৰ পুৰণী অভিজ্ঞ মিশানেৰি ৰেভাঃ ই, ডাব্লু, ক্লাৰ্ক আমাৰ লগত যোগ দিব নোৱাৰিলে; কিন্তু তেওঁ এখন উত্তম পত্ৰ পঠাইছিল। ফেব্ৰুৱাৰিৰ ২৫ তাৰিখে সেই ডাক্তৰ ক্লাৰ্ক চাহাবৰ বয়স ৮০ বছৰ পূৰ হব। আমাৰ ঈশ্বৰৰ কাৰণে একেলগে বাট চাই থকা এই সকলো দিনত বলী আৰু শক্তিমন্ত হৈ, আমাৰ কাৰ্য্যলৈ আমি উভটি আহিছোঁ; আৰু আমি জানো, যে, অসম খ্ৰীষ্টৰ নিমিত্তে জয় নোহোৱালৈকে তেওঁ আমাক সহায় কৰিব।

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The above notice of our Conference was printed in our monthly paper, দীপ্তি, for March.

Mr. Moore's Report from Nowgong for 1907-1908-1909 :—

THE MISSIONARIES.

“ Rev. and Mrs P. H. Moore were on the Nowgong field during 1907, and up to September 1908, when Mrs. Moore left for furlough home, and was followed by Mr. Moore in November, 1908.

“ Rev. J. M. Carvell arrived from furlough in November, 1908, and took charge of the field from Mr. Moore in addition to his own Mikir work ; and Mrs. Carvell joined him in the following March.

“ Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Moore arrived back from furlough on 1st November, 1909, and took charge of their Assamese work again from Mr. Carvell, and continue to the present writing.

“ Rev. and Mrs. George Strouse arrived at Nowgong on 11th November, 1907, designated to be associated with the Moores, in the work of the District. But on account of the breakdown of the health of Mrs. Strouse, their stay was for one month only,—on the 11th December they started on the retrun journey to America.

“ Miss Anna E. Long was in sole charge of the Woman’s Department at Nowgong till 17th November, 1907, when she was reinforced by the arrival of Miss Helen B. Protzman as her associate. In March 1908 Miss Long’s health necessitated her taking her furlough, which was then due ; thus leaving Miss Protzman in charge, when she had only about four months’ experience on the field. She has since then been in sole charge of the Girls’ School and all the work of the Woman’s Department up to date, as Miss Long’s health has not yet permitted her return from America. These have constituted the Missionary staff during the past three years for the Plains portion of the work, with which this report deals.

THEIR WORK.

“ In thinking of my own part of the work during the two years that I have been on the field, I do not find any special features that need be recorded here. The general Evangelistic work in the town and villages, and among

the Christians and non-Christians, varied here and there by a little literary work, have taken such of my time and strength as was left from Treasury, and outside Committee work.

“ Mrs. Moore’s work also has been on the same lines as that of previous years,—teaching children by the way-side when on her evening walks: and visiting a few native women in their homes.

“ Miss Long’s work during the early months of 1907, in addition to the care of the Girls’ Mission School with its boarding department, consisted largely in following up the work of the revival so as to make it fruitful among the women of the whole Christian community.

“ Her visits to the Upper Assam Association, with some of the Boarding girls, was the means of awakening increased interest among the Christians in the education of their girls, and drew so many new pupils that the dormitory became overcrowded and she had to refuse further admissions for lack of room.

“ Quite naturally a large part of Miss Protzman’s time from the date of her arrival was given to the study of the Assamese language, in which she made surprising progress, so that she took her first year’s language examination at the end of seven months, and was ready for the second examination at the end of twelve months, instead of two years. While carrying on her language study, in addition to the oversight of the boarding girls, she had very little time for Evangelistic work. During recent months she has been teaching in the day school, and laying plans for increasing its efficiency, and also for raising it to a higher grade, to enable her to train teachers here for other schools.

“ Plans are under consideration for the enlargement of the Boarding Plant to make it large enough to accommodate 80 pupils,—and also for a new school building which would give the proper facilities for doing the work of the school under favourable conditions. The Mission Girls’ School in the station has a good attendance and does good work. An effort to have a better trained staff of

teachers is in progress. The difficulties in the way of advanced female education are formidable. But Miss Protzman is hopefully facing them.

“The Hill Tribe Mission Schools, the Government name for our village schools, are supported by Government grant-in-aid. They are Primary Schools, and only occasionally a pupil graduates from the Lower Primary course. Most of the pupils in these little village schools are reading in the 3rd and 4th classes, and have no higher ambition than to learn to read and write, and that imperfectly.

THE CHURCHES.

“The number of the churches remains the same as I reported three years ago. Nor have any new centres been opened where religious worship is regularly maintained. This is a disappointing showing, after so glorious a revival as was in progress at Nowgong three years ago. In fact I feel a baffling difficulty in trying to record our recent history. After so real an awakening of God’s people as we have had, one naturally looks for an increased ingathering into the churches. But the statistics do not show any such increase of baptisms, over the numbers in the years immediately preceding the revival. It would perhaps be natural and easy to draw the conclusion that the revival was a mere passing wave of physical excitement, without spiritual significance or power. But such a view is repugnant to my heart’s deepest experience, and my observation of lives about me. Here and there I catch a glimpse of the struggle that is going on between the contending forces of good and evil, of light and darkness, in those lives. What I see is but a partial and fragmentary view. The long line of battle God sees.

“It is written of Moses that when he had been with God in the mount for 40 days, his face so shone with the glory that the sons of Israel could not look intently on his face. Yet that glory was passing away: and Moses put a veil on his face in order that they should not

intently look on the end of the passing glory. But though the glory passed from his face, there remained the strength and inspiration for the 40 years' pilgrimage with all its hardships and struggles.

“When our Lord Jesus was on the mount of transfiguration he received from God the Father honour and glory, and there the disciples saw his glory. But when he descended to the multitude, what impressed the people was not the brightness of his face, but they were all amazed at the mighty power of God.

“Yet I believe the revival was of God, and has given our Christians a new insight into Christianity, and the power of the Holy Spirit. My aim and effort now is to get the Christians to understand and feel that the revival stood for much that has not yet been realized, and that our duty now is to go on striving for those fruits that we have not yet gained. And that the real test of the value of those blessed experiences which we so much cherish, is not the passing ecstasies, but the permanent forces that remain to gird and nerve us for the good fight of faith.

“At present each of the village churches is struggling with its own local problems. At Kothiatoli persecution of new converts is prominent.

“At Balijuri they want a renewed and enlarged chapel, but don't feel equal to the task of rebuilding.

“At Topatjuri they have put up a small chapel during the past year: but ask for educational facilities, though there is a Government Lower Primary School within a mile.

“At Udmari a number of exclusions are due to secessions to the German Evangelical Lutheran Mission, which keeps a Catechist close to our people there.

“The Lengteng Church remains almost stationary.

“Borpani is another church that suffers the fate of so many tea-garden churches on account of the transitory and migratory life of the membership. But during the three years the church has removed from the tea-garden to the village, and there are now more hopeful tokens of permanence and growth.

“The problem of consecrated, trained, effective leadership for our churches is still unsolved. How can they be strong and aggressive till they are rooted and grounded in the truth? How shall they be thus established till those who minister to them the word of life are themselves more than children in understanding of the great verities of our faith?”

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

“Our Sunday Schools continue practically the same as recorded in my last report. We have the material for enlargement in this line, so far as pupils are concerned; but leadership and an impelling force are needed to accomplish what needs doing in Sunday School work.

THE ASSOCIATION.

“The Association of the churches of the Nowgong district meets annually in February. Under the impulse of the revival, we added a fourth field Evangelist to the three that we have supported in former years. But I find that this year the funds are running very low. Whether we can maintain the four remains to be seen. Aside from the evangelistic work which the Association carries on, we need such an organization to help blend into one the heterogeneous classes of which the membership of our churches are composed. The annual gatherings do good in this respect.”

January 20.—Since returning home from Conference we are trying to catch up the scattered threads of our work.

January 23.—Nishi Kanta Dey is to be the Acting Pastor of our Mission Church in Nowgong Station for this year.

February 20.—This is Pitt's second Sunday in camp with the village churches. February 25th to 28th will be our

Annual Association, at Messa village this time. I think Miss Protzman, Humitra, and some of the girls will go to the Association. Possibly Mr. and Mrs. Carvell will come from Golaghat for the Association. A number of our men, women, and children will go from the station, and all the village churches will be represented.

A letter just received from Mr. Moore says he baptized ten persons at Udmari on his way to Messa last week. The temporary houses and tents are now all ready at Messa for the Associational Meetings.

February seems to be the month for Associations in Assam. There are seven of them in all, two in the Hills and five in the Plains. The Garo Association is the largest one, with an attendance of from 1,000 to 12,000. The Jorhat, Golaghat, Sibsagar Association had an attendance of about 700 this year.

February 22.—Another letter from Pitt says he baptized two persons at Lengteng last Sunday.

February 25.—An item of special interest to us Assam Missionaries is—our good Dr. E. W. Clark is eighty years old to-day. We wish him a very happy birthday. I wonder if any other Assam Missionary will live to be eighty years old.

March 1.—On my evening walks I often stop by the roadside to teach children from our little 1st Catechism in Assamese, and then we sing:—

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| ১ | সক আছোঁ অতিশয়
ময় হম কোমল দয়াময় । | 1 | Very little things are we,
O how mild we all should be. |
| ২ | থঙ্গাল নহম কোনো কাল
তাক নেদেখে কেৰে ভাল । | 2 | Never quarrel, never fight,
That would be a shocking sight. |

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| ৩ | প্রিয় শিক্ষক কবিম প্রেম
মিছলীয়াৰ লগ নলম । | 3 | We will love our teachers, too,
And be always kind and true. |
| ৪ | দিনৰ দিটো নত্ন ভাও
বাখি, কবিম যীশুৰ স্তও । | 4 | We'll be gentle all the day,
Love to learn, as well as play. |

Chorus.

যীশু মোক প্রেম করে,	Jesus loves me,
যীশু মোক প্রেম করে,	Jesus loves me,
যীশু মোক প্রেম করে,	Jesus loves me,
শাস্ত্ৰে এই কথা কয় ।	The Bible tells me so.

Then I proceed to tell them how Jesus loves them, and died to save them.

Sometimes I start out early and visit some house, and tell to the women the wondrous story of God's love. There are a few nice Hindu and Musulman women who seem really to like to hear of Jesus. I hope I shall meet them in Heaven.

March 2.—Dr. Clark was pleased with his birthday letters. He wrote us on the 26th February:—

“ I have been deeply touched by your kind and loving letters on my 80th birthday. They both reached me in good time. The action of the Conference on my behalf was handed me yesterday morning by Mrs. Longwell, all so replete with Christian sympathy, love and appreciation. These kind acts will, I am sure, strike a tender and responsive cord in the heart of Mrs. Clark as well, as they have done in mine. I suppose I am the only Assam Baptist Missionary who has reached his 80th birthday on the Mission field; but my service in Assam has not been so very long. I did not enter College so early as some, and on leaving the Theological Seminary I was nearly ten years in the ministry and in newspaper

publishing business before starting for India. Then the Suez Canal was open, but we were sent around Cape of Good Hope, and were among the last to go that way. The Lord has been exceedingly kind to wife and self, for which we are very grateful."

I suppose Dr. Clark has been in Assam over 40 years. He began his term of service in Sibsagar, and while there became interested in the Nagas, and went into the Naga country to live before the Naga Hills were taken over by Government.

March 7.—All have returned from the Association now and report good meetings. Pitt is off in camp again for another two weeks. After this month the weather will not be so fine for village work.

March 8.—This is Clara's 29th birthday. I celebrated by making a cake, and had Miss Protzman to tea, and then we took an evening walk together.

How we would like to see Clara to-day and all in her happy home. Little Robert is now seven months old, and Clara writes that he has a very happy disposition. I received a good letter from Clara in the mail to-day, which gave me joy.

March 10.—Pitt has gone to Singamari tea-garden, and while he is there Priti Kari will be married to a young Christian Munda. Humitra has taken Priti Kari out and will stay until after the wedding.

As there are no Christian women who can read in that village, Priti Kari will be able to teach the women and girls all she has learned while in our Boarding School. They want her to conduct meetings for the women and girls, and teach them the Bible and Christian hymns.

March 13.—A cablegram has come from Boston which

says that the furlough of Mr. Jackman is granted, and also that of Mr. Bowers and family. Mrs. Boggs and two children will also soon go. Assam is in need of more men. The stations in the Naga Hills are crying out for more men, and several stations in the Plains have far too much work for one man. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more labourers into these needy fields.

March 27.—Easter Sunday. A good shower of rain last night has made the air cool and pleasant. I am so glad to have the dust laid. These first showers make the grass so green and lovely. We are getting more rain than usual so early in the season, and Nowgong, with its fine trees, looks like a big Park.

March 28.—If my dear mother is still in the land of the living this is her 77th birthday.

“May God’s exceeding love enfold her, until His tender hand shall lead her safely home to love’s own land.”

March 30.—The village Pandits (Teachers) are in to give the Annual School statistics required by Government. In the 20 village schools with an average attendance of 292, there are, besides native Christians,—Hindus, Mikirs, Kacharis, Mundas, Nagpuriyas, Garos, Uriyas, Lalungs and Bengalis.

These schools are called “Hill Tribe Mission Schools,” and Government gives a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1,500 towards education among the Hill Tribes in Nowgong District. There are only 27 girls reading in the village schools. Six of the 20 village schools are located in the eastern part of the Mikir Hill range, in that part of the hills included in the Golaghat Subdivision. These are under the supervision of our Missionaries at Golaghat:

and 17 Mikir pupils are now reading in the Mission School at Golaghat, and also several Mikir boys in our Mission School at Jorhat.

April 3.—There were two baptisms here in the station to-day. The baptizing was in the Kullung river at 8 A.M., just after our Sunday School.

April 5.—Pitt and Preachers have gone out to Dhing for a few days to tell to the people the old, old story. There is real joy in telling it to them in their own language. The big coloured Sunday School pictures help to get the attention of the people and make them remember what they hear.

April 11.—Miss Protzman is teaching daily in our station girls' school, and there is an attendance of 80 pupils, including the 50 girls of the boarding department. We hope soon to be able to enlarge the dormitory so as to accommodate more boarders.

April 12.—The name of our Missionary Society has been changed, and now is—"American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society," and the initials will now be A.B.F.M.S.

Belonging to the "Northern Baptist Convention" seems to require certain changes in order to make the work uniform, and according to business methods.

The title of the new magazine is now "*Missions*—a Baptist monthly magazine," and is edited by Howard B. Grose, D.D.

No doubt all these changes are for the best, and we shall like them after we get used to them.

April 13.—I was surprised this morning to learn that Bapuram died in the night. The funeral was to-day at

10 A.M. Nishi conducted the service. We sang an Assamese hymn expressing happiness in the hour of death, and "Jerusalem my happy home." Nishi read the wonderful Resurrection chapter, 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter; and Neyai prayed, remembering especially the mourning family. Bapuram was able to talk almost to the last. He gave instructions and comforting words to his wife and children, and then told of the joys of the beautiful home above and his longing to be there, and said—"Jesus is calling me." Bapuram has been ill for about four months, and suffered much. His last trip in camp was early in December. He went with Mr. Moore to preach in the villages and weekly markets as far as Sonapur.

Bapuram was for several years the acting Pastor of our station church, and later worked among the village Christians as long as he had strength for it.

Bapuram is the last of the older Christian men who were here in the mission when we came 30 years ago. He was faithful to the end, and has now heard from his Master "the well done good and faithful servant."

April 26.—Last evening we received word of the death of my dear mother, Mrs. Clara M. Traver. She died March 29th, the day following her 77th birthday. Mother lived to be ten years older than father.

Dear mother, how I shall miss her. I cannot yet realize that she is gone. Although I have been away from her so much I have always felt in close touch with her. I miss her good letters, and how I shall miss the warm welcome she always had for me. I am so thankful I could spend six months with her last year.

I have blessed memories of mother—of her Christian

life, which was true and sweet—of her life in the home—and of her unselfish devotion to her family. The Lord was good to let us have her so long.

I know mother is happy and at rest, and it brings Heaven nearer.

“ 'Tis sweet, as year by year we lose friends out of sight, in faith to muse—How grows in Paradise our store.”

Mother's words—“ Jesus has taken care of me all these years, and I trust Him ”—are a comfort to me.

Mother was confined to her bed for eight months, but was gradually failing for more than a year. Her sweet face is very clear in my memory. Brother Charlie and Ada did all in their power to relieve mother's suffering. Ada wrote how gentle and sweet-tempered mother kept during her illness.

Alvah and Mame went out very often to see mother. Rufus saw her again early in March.

Pitt has written about mother to my brothers and sisters.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL,—

“ Word reached us last night through Clara of dear mother's release from her long and painful illness. Of course this news is not unexpected. But it brings a flood of memories to my heart. How much we all owe to her! and what a remarkable woman she was! Her children rise up and call her blessed. Strength and equipoise were outstanding characteristics that impressed me in all I knew of her.

“ Much physical vigour must have been the basis of so long a life as hers, filled with efficient service. But not less noticeable was her mental grasp and firmness, and the sane view she took of the problems of the home.

“ All honour is due to her for her wholesome influence in all the relations of life. It is such characters as hers that give stability to both family, community and national life. They are the foundation of hope that our country shall endure as the embodiment of high and noble ideals.

“ As I think of mother’s life, it seems to me that she impressed these right ideals on her children, and I think again how largely we are all indebted to her. Perhaps a little more piety would not hurt any of us.

“ But whatever of sterling worth and adherence to right controls the conduct of her children, may be traced to her worth and worthiness, which are of great price in the sight of God. Let us cherish her memory : and though she no longer walks in and out among us, shedding her benignant influence wherever she went, let her still live in our hearts, in the perpetuation of the ideals of life and conduct, of which she was so exemplary an exponent.

“ It seems to me she was the loadstone that drew all our hearts to one common centre, and preserved the unity of our family life.

“ I trust that unity will continue to bind our hearts together till we are all again united into an unbroken family with her, in the bright, blest home above.

“ Affectionately your brother,

Nowgong, Assam,

(Signed.) P. H. MOORE.’’

April 26th, 1910.

April 28.—Our Conference reports have just come from the Press, and are full of interest to us. We wish people at home would read them thoroughly and appreciate the needs of Assam. I learn from the report that the new Jorhat Church has 19 members. The school there makes the compound a bee-hive of activity, with about 80 boys in the various departments, including

carpentry. Henry Goldsmith, in addition to teaching in the school, does a good deal of Literary work.

April 29.—The “ Closing Exercises ” of our Station Girls’ School came off to-day. Besides singing, recitation and compositions there were interesting Drill exercises.

Plans are under consideration for the enlargement of the plant, and for widening the scope and influence of our Girls’ Boarding School. Miss Protzman is looking forward to the return of Miss Long in the early autumn.

Our Deputy Commissioner presided at the closing exercises. The native gentlemen turned out well. In closing Pitt made some remarks, in which he said—

“ The aim of our school is the enlightenment of the women of Assam. When we came here in January, 1880, there were only three girls in the Boarding Department, and the school was held for a couple of hours in the early morning. There are now 80 pupils in the school, including about 50 boarders. Ten Lady Missionaries have been here in the last 30 years, and they have all helped to increase the usefulness of the school, which now has Kindergarten, Lower Primary, Upper Primary and Middle Vernacular Departments.

“ Miss Protzman aims at adding a Teacher’s Training Department, and we hope to enlarge our school plant.

“ Unity and brotherhood are the watchwords of the present age. Cannot Hindus, Mohammedans, and Christians all unite in brotherly co-operation for the betterment of all the women of Assam? For Hindus, Mohammedans, and Christians the alphabet is the same, reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, etc., are all the same.

“ In religion we differ. We Christians believe that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Hence we must teach our own girls the Bible and all we can to lead them to know God.

“ It is fitting that an exhibition of a Girls’ School should be before the ladies of the station. We will repeat these

exercises next Monday. How many of you will send your families? and what hour will best suit your convenience? ”

Then three native gentlemen spoke, and we closed by singing in Assamese—“ God save the King.”

May 3.—On Monday afternoon the programme was repeated, and only women and children invited. About twenty women and big girls, and some children came from Hindu and Musulman homes.

These with our Christian women and children made a good roomfull. At the close a Musulman woman gave Rs. 5 to buy native sweets for the children. Our school will have vacation during the month of May.

May 6.—Of our Assam Missionaries, Mr. Bowers and family, and Mrs. Boggs and two children are now all sailing with their faces toward U.S.A.

May 7.—News has reached Nowgong that King Edward VII died at 11-30 P.M. on May 6th.

It is only a little over nine years since the death of his illustrious mother, but King Edward VII lived to be 68 years of age.

May 10.—Yesterday guns were fired to announce that George V has been proclaimed King of the United Kingdom of Great Britian and Ireland and Emperor of India.

May 15.—We saw Halley’s comet this morning at 3 A.M. The sky was clear, and first a great streak of light appeared, and a little later when it was higher up we saw the star in the lower end of the tail. The morning star was near and very bright, like a great diamond in the sky.

May 22.—Sunday School work is the topic in all the

world to-day, as the "World's Sunday School Convention" is meeting in Washington, U.S.A.

May 30.—Our Girls' School will begin again to-day, and Miss Protzman will have her hands full of work.

June 3.—Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Dring are returning to America on account of Mrs. Dring's poor health.

We sincerely hope they may come again to work in needy Assam.

Miss Narola Rivenburg will also go to America soon to finish her education. Her visit to her father has brought much cheer and comfort. For more than a year Narola has taught in the Mission school for Naga boys at Kohima.

June 4.—News has come from Boston that two of the new recruits are designated to Assam. One is Rev. L. C. Hylbert. The other appointee is Rev. George R. Kampfer, who completes his work at Rochester Theological Seminary this year.

We hear both are strongly evangelistic in spirit, and both appear to be well qualified for pioneer work. Miss Naomi M. Krueger is appointed to school work in Nowgong.

June 15.—Pitt has written his first letter to our little grandson, Robert M. Harris. It reads:—

"MY DEAR ROBERT,

"Thank you much for a very nice photo that came last week,—a photo of a young man about your size, wearing the name R. M. Harris, Esq. The photo indicates that cares and burdens of life rest very lightly on him as yet,—in fact I would judge that he was still allowing his dear Papa and Mama to shoulder the household responsibilities, and biding his time to take a hand in prescribing for the patients in the Doctor's

office. Possibly he is quite content to be only the star boarder at No. 417, Monroe Ave, Rochester, N. Y., leaving the rest of the world to wag on, as best it can, until he comes to his majority. At any rate he is a pretty good advertisement for his boarding house. They must at least give him three or four square meals a day, judging from his physique.

“ So if you ever happen to meet the young man, just give him my best salaams, and tell him I hope he will always carry a light, loving heart, and do a lot of good as he goes through the world.

“ A very Happy Birthday for 6th August.

Your loving Grandpa,
P. H. MOORE.”

June 17.—Plenty of rain these days, and a steamy atmosphere when the sun shines. There is considerable dysentery among the children now in Nowgong, but no deaths yet among the Christians.

June 18.—Last Sunday Pitt baptized three boys at Kothiatoli, 12 miles from here.

June 19.—It seems good to hear a steamer whistle again. Our Kullung river has risen this week, and is now so full that the little feeder steamer comes from Gauhati.

June 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Longwell of Impur, Naga Hills, rejoice in the birth of a little son, Howard Bond Longwell.

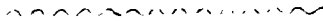
June 28.—“ The Handbook of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society ” gives the statistics for Assam for 1910 as follows :—

Churches	..	..	105
Members	..	..	10,089
Added by baptism	..	..	1,088

June 30.— Thus we finish our thirty years and more of work in Assam. To continue in the good work is our wish.

We are thankful for being permitted to stay so long, even though we have made many mistakes.

We praise our Saviour for His lovingkindness. “Peace! perfect peace! our future all unknown. Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.”



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