

her! Burmah gave \$31,616.14! and of this amount the *Karen churches gave over \$30,000!* Fifty years ago in idolatry, now an evangelizing power! And not content with this, they set about raising another \$25,000 to endow a normal and industrial institute! Their liberality puts to shame the so-called benevolence of our Christians at home. We give out of our abundance; "the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abound unto the riches of their liberality."

In the Government Administration Report for British Burmah for 1880-81 there is a glowing tribute to the American Baptist missionaries, followed by the statement that there were then attached to their communion "451 Christian Karen parishes, most of which support their own church, parish school and native pastor, and many of which subscribe considerable sums for missionary work." The report adds: "Christianity continues to spread among the Karens, to the great advantage of the commonwealth, and the Christian Karen communities are distinctly more industrious, better educated and more law-abiding than the Burman and Karen villages around them. The Karen race and the British Government owe a great debt to the American missionaries, who have, under Providence, wrought this change among the Karens of Burmah."

In connection with these gospel triumphs the name of that first Karen convert can never be forgotten. First in the Burmese Empire to embrace Christianity, afterward pastor of Maubee, for many years he preached the gospel to his despised and oppressed countrymen. The servant of Christ, the apostle of the Karens, whose conversion was the pivotal point in the history of a whole people, was a poor degraded Karen slave!

Sau Quala was one of the first converts among the degraded Karens. From the lowest state the gospel raised him, with a rapidity that no *civilization* ever knew, to a noble Christian manhood. His first impulse was to tell others of Jesus. He helped to translate the Bible into the Karen tongue, for fifteen years guided the missionaries through the jungles, and then himself began to preach and to plant new churches. In *one* year he had formed *nine*, with 741 converts; in less than three years the *nine* had grown to thirty, with 2,000 converts. He did his work without salary, and when the English Government offered him a position, with large compensation, he at once declined, though his poverty was such as prevented him from taking his lovely wife with him in his missionary tours! This one man, whom no bait of money or position or personal ease could win to leave his holy and unselfish work, is an unanswerable proof that a power higher than man works in Christianity. And yet there are those who "do not believe in missions!"