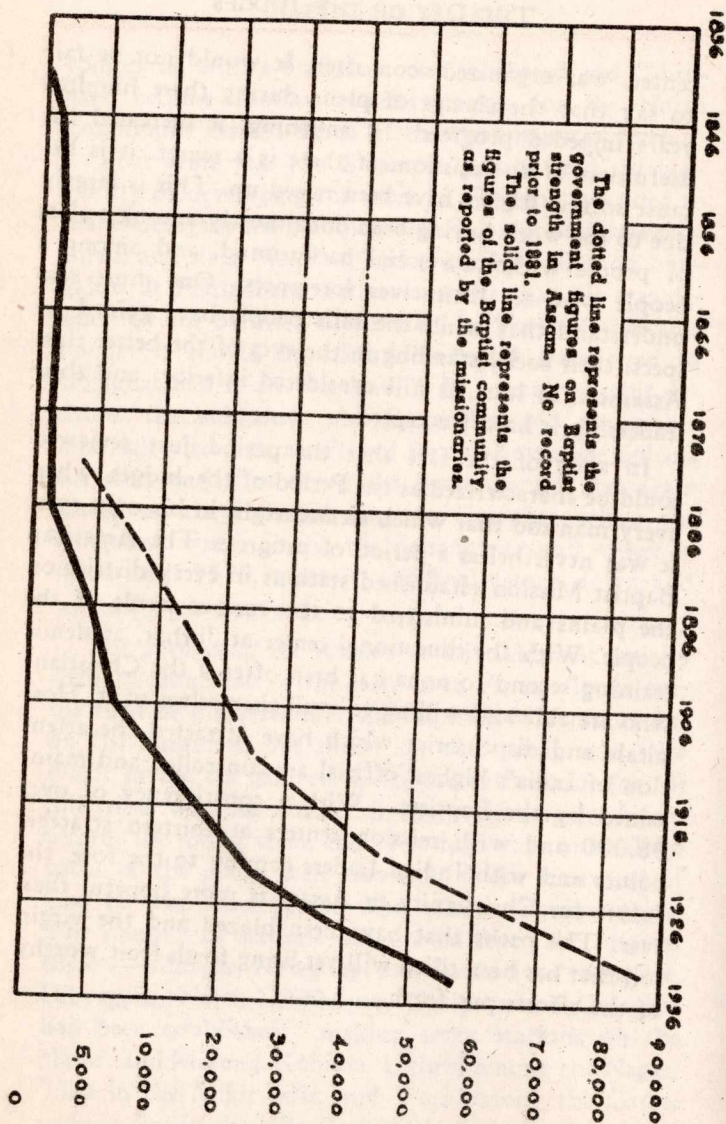


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CHAPTER XV

AFTER ONE HUNDRED YEARS

After one hundred years of missionary activity, it may be permissible to ask whether the effort has been worth while or not. It is impossible to take an inventory of spiritual values, but the reader may enumerate visible results in the Christians, the number of churches with their pastors, the Christian village schools, hospitals, and many other Christian institutions, and draw his own conclusion as to the soundness of the investment of lives and money.

A look at the graph on page 126 will indicate the growth of the Baptist community during the ten decades of its existence. According to the census report of 1931, there are nearly 88,000 Baptists in the province.* There are today 904 organized churches, 85 per cent of which are self-supporting. The majority of these churches are more than self-supporting and are busily engaged in propagating the gospel.

These churches are connected with one another through the District Association where they are located, and through this district they support the work of the Christian ministry. The Christians of Assam connected with the American Baptist Mission contributed to Christian work in 1933 the sum of \$26,114.¹

* The annual report of the Foreign Mission Society puts the figure at 54,154, but this is not a complete figure as it does not include the English Baptists. Further it does not take into account all those people who worship in Baptist churches but are not members.

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