

The All-Assam Convention is an independent organization governed and controlled entirely by indigenous leaders. It has its own mission and publishes its own magazine, and for a number of years it supplied the Sunday School leaflets for the Baptist churches of the province. The leaders of this convention have accepted remarkably well the responsibility of Christianizing Assam and have perceived that if Assam is going to be a Christian province it must be through indigenous leadership. A glance at the graph will convince the most skeptical that the growth of the Christian community has increased with the enlargement of the Assamese working force. It has been said that with the rise of a Christian community the already complex and difficult matter of racial and religious representation in government will become more complicated.

The Christians of Assam do not ask for political recognition and do not believe that it is their duty to develop a new political party in order to put the Christian community on an equal basis with the rest of the religious bodies. They prefer to remain as a leaven for good in the political world. This, however, has not left them entirely out of the social structure in the province, because the Governor of Assam has seen fit to appoint one of the Assamese Christian leaders, Touram Soikia,* of Golaghat, as a member of the Legislative Council. Other Christian leaders are members of various local and municipal boards and hold government positions of various kinds. The Christians have become a part of the warp and woof of the social fabric and the texture has become noticeably improved where Christianity has been permitted to express itself.

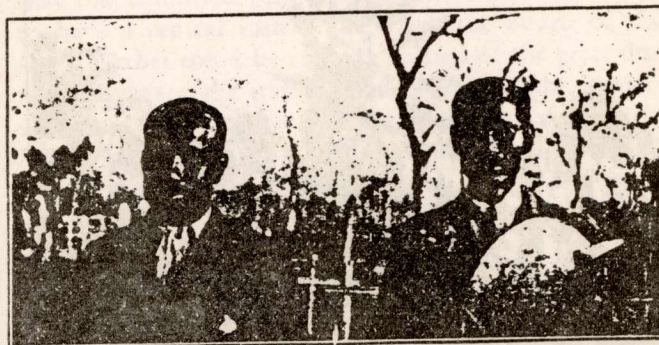
It should be remembered that every missionary from the time of Nathan Brown to those now on the field

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ONE PHASE OF MEDICAL MISSION

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TWO ASSAMESE LEADERS

Comfort Goldsmith, Outstanding Christian Leader, Right;
Tonurom Solkia, Member of Legislative Council, Successful
Evangelist, Left.