

time required to produce a piece of literature in a new language.

Much could be said regarding the medical work which has been done among the Garos. That, however, is a chapter in itself. Suffice it to say here that it was a long and tedious task to educate the child of the jungle to the value of medical science. It was not easy to break through the shell of superstition and the fear of foreign methods of treating disease. The medical work, therefore, has been slow and tedious; nevertheless, such men as Dr. Crozier, Dr. Ahlquist, and Dr. Downs have accomplished what was once thought to be the impossible. The medical work has grown to such dimensions as to occupy the full time of a doctor and several nurses.

CHAPTER XIII

THE NAGAS

The Nagas consist of a number of tribes inhabiting the mountain range between the Brahmaputra valley and Burma, commonly known as the Naga Hills. The word Naga cannot, therefore, be correctly applied to any one tribe; it would be more accurate to refer to each by its own tribal name as the Angami, the Ao, the Lhota, the Sema, the Rengma, the Tangkuhl, the Kabui, the Nzemi, the Khairao, and the Konyak Nagas. Each one of these tribes has its own language and customs. Their languages differ to such an extent that they are unable to understand one another without a common medium of speech or an interpreter. It is not the purpose to deal with each one of these tribes, but to mention briefly the development among them wherever Christianity has been organized for a number of years.

Mr. Bronson was the first missionary to the Naga Hills; and as early as 1838 he made his first tour among them with a view to establishing a mission. In 1839 he built a house at Namsang and spent eight months among that tribe living just above the ancient village of Jaipur. While the Nagas were friendly toward the missionary and availed themselves of the educational facilities offered, there is no record that any one of them made an open declaration of faith as a Christian.

The Nagas, then as now, made frequent trips to the plains for trading purposes, and some of them un-