

North Cachar Hills District become part of our Mission field in 1905."<sup>11</sup> Towards the end of 1911, a new missionary named Rev. J.M. Harries Rees arrived at Haflong and worked till 1939<sup>12</sup>. The missionaries adopted the establishment of Mission schools as the part of their evangelistic strategy. In April 1905, the Haflong Government school was transferred into Welsh Mission control<sup>13</sup>. Hence Mission schools were opened in many villages under the auspices of Welsh Missionaries. Through this work, education and Christianity was developed in N.C.Hills, Assam.

As noted earlier, the pioneer evangelist was Mr. Haia or Haite of Meghalaya who brought the Good News to the Biates and Zemes during the first decade of the 20th century in N.C.Hills.<sup>14</sup> In 1905, a great revival broke out in Khasi area at Pariong. Pariong is situated in the western part of the Khasi Hills in Meghalaya.<sup>15</sup> The second revival took place among the Biates in 1924 in Meghalaya. Such revival movement provided a new spirit of evangelism to propagate the Gospel.<sup>16</sup> Since the Biates received a revival, they initiated the evangelistic work among the Zemes and Hrangkhols in N.C.Hills.<sup>17</sup> The evangelist teacher by name Mr. Singa of Vaitang served among the Hrangkhols from 1928 at Chaptuk. He worked for 6(six) year and he was sponsored by Vaitang Church<sup>18</sup>. In 1933, Evan.Chongliana of Khobak served at Tangpui for about 6(six)

<sup>11</sup> John Hughes Morris, *The Story of Our Foreign Mission*, Aizawl, 1990, p.75.

<sup>12</sup> *Souvenir of Gospel Platinum Jubilee of Vongzawl*, p.18.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid* p.15., Rev. D.G. Merfyn Jones, *op cit*, p 7

<sup>14</sup> *Souvenir of Cachar Hill Tribes Synod GOLDEN JUBILEE*, p. 36.

<sup>15</sup> Rev. J.Fortis Jyrwa, *The Wondrous Work of God*, Shillong, 1980, p.45.

<sup>16</sup> Lalsangloma Thiate, "Biates in Assam and Meghalaya and their Conversion to Christianity," Unpublished B.D. Thesis, Serampore University, Jorhat, 1996, p.32.

<sup>17</sup> *Information from Eld.Suanthangzem of Zion*, on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.1992.

<sup>18</sup> *Interview with Eld.Chonsuilian, of Tangpui, N.C.Hills, on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1997*. See also *Biates Kristian Centenary Souvenir (1890-1990)*, Haflong, 1990, p.16. Hereafter cited as *Biates Kristian Centenary Souvenir*.