

B. PURPOSE

The principal purposes of this study are as follows :-

Firstly, this study is to introduce the Hrangkhoh tribes and their heritage to the academic world. It is to survey how Christianity came into existence in their community.

Secondly, this study is to investigate the origin and expansion of Christianity among the Cachar hill tribes with special reference to the Hrangkhohs of Assam.

Thirdly, this study is to examine the impact of Christianity on Hrangkhoh society by investigating in term of negative and positive impacts from the perspective of religious life, sociocultural life, literature and education.

C. SCOPE AND LIMITATION

The scope of this study covers a period from 1935 to the present. Considering the limitation, this research covers the Hrangkhoh Christians of North Cachar Hills and South Cachar in Assam. Special attention is given to the Presbyterian Church of Cachar Hill Tribes Synod of the Presbyterian Church of India.

D. PREVIOUS RESEARCH

Till today there is no systematic research done on the Christian history of Hrangkhohs. The only works are the scanty informations found in the few books written by the scholars on the Christian history of North East India. The available books are as follows. A book entitled, *An Introduction to Indian Church History* (1989) written by C.B.Firth, which provides us a little information about the Church history of North East Indian in the appendix. However, it does not study the Christian history of Hrangkhohs in particular. Another recent work