

Tourane, September 6, 1932.

To the members of the Board  
The Christian and Missionary Alliance  
690 Eighth Avenue,  
New York, U. S. A.

Dear Brethren:

We the members of the French Indo-China Conference, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, assembled at Tourane, send hearty greetings to you and all our fellow-workers in the great harvest field. We take this opportunity to thank you and the whole Alliance Constituentency for the prayerful interest you show in us and our work. We praise God and thank you for the full allowances which we have received, and also for the recent increase in our children's allowances.

We are happy to welcome to our midst seven new missionaries, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Misses Maier, Ailhouse, and Stebbins, and Messrs. Ferry and Hemson.

It gives us pleasure to report the arrival of Harriet Frances Stebbins, Robert Curwen Smith and Donald Allen Grays. We are sorry to say that little Donald lived but two short weeks, and then returned to God who gave him.

As we look back over the past year, our hearts are filled with praise to God for what He has wrought. It has truly been a year of advance in every sense of the word. God is answering your constant and earnest prayers for the opening and evangelization of this dark land, and we beseech you not to slacken in prayer for us until every city and village has heard the Message of the Cross. Although Government regulations still hinder us from going outside of the City limits of Hanoi, Haiphong and Tourane, and in the provinces of Tonkin and Annam, yet people are constantly coming to us from the districts surrounding these cities, and many souls have been saved. Over half of the large membership of the Tourane Church comes from forbidden territory.

During this Conference year the membership of the Tourane Church has doubled. Of the 250 active Christians, 140 have been baptised since our last gathering, while 120 more are waiting to be received into the Church. What an encouragement this is to us and to you to continue in prayer. A splendid new Church building with a seating capacity of about 800 has just been completed, as well as a double house for the missionaries. The Tourane Church is self-supporting, and the native pastor has been ordained at this Conference.

The second station to be opened on this field was Hanoi in 1916. There are now 88 church members in good standing, 15 of whom have been baptised during the year. There is a fine Sunday School of 150 children, as well as a self-supporting day school where 60 boys have a good opportunity of hearing the Gospel. An additional and larger printing press with other equipment has been installed, and has been kept busy printing 100,000 Scripture Portions, Booklets,

Tract etc. A new church has also been erected on the Mission property.

Four years ago a station was opened in Saigon, the large capital city of Cochinchina. Fifteen precious souls have been saved, 9 of these having been baptized during the last year. There are also 40 inquirers in Saigon and the out-station which has recently been opened at Lai-thien. The work at the latter place is more promising than that at in the city. In connection with the Saigon station, a work has been opened in the Chinese suburb of Cho-lon. There are already 65 Christians. The majority of these were converted in China before coming to these parts, but five of them have been saved since the opening of this station, and ten more are awaiting baptism. The work has just become entirely self-supporting.

The following new stations have been opened, namely, Haiphong in Tonkin, Sadee, Chaudoc and Cantho in Cochinchina.

In Haiphong eight souls have been saved. Half of these come from the city of Han-dinh, a large centre where we long to enter with the light of the Gospel.

Although the station of Sadee has been opened but eight months, there are already 15 baptized Christians and 25 inquirers. There is also a very promising out-station work in Cao-lanh.

For many years prayer has been offered for the unreached country of Cambodia where as yet there is not a single witness for Jesus. It was with a view to entering this dark unoccupied land as soon as possible that we recently opened a station at Chaudoc on the borders of Cambodia. There is a population of 40,000 Cambodians around Chaudoc. Most of the people are Buddhists and the work is difficult. Twenty-five Gospel portions in Cambodian have been sold to these people. Pray that this living seed may take root. Pray too that the workers appointed at this Conference to study the Cambodian language may be helped to speedily acquire it, and that many at home may hear the call to this ready field. In Chaudoc there are five Annamese who are much interested in the Gospel. So hope they will soon decide for Christ.

The last station to be opened this year was Cantho. Here there are already 12 inquirers. It is a large and important centre.

The most important advance step made was the opening of a Bible School in Tearang for the training of native evangelists. There are 19 young men students now in attendance. There are prospects of a larger number in the days to come. Pray that many young men may be definitely called of God to preach the Gospel to their own people.

The work of the translation of the Scriptures has gone steadily forward. All the New Testament, the Pentateuch, Joshua, as well as the Psalms are well under way. Pray much for this work.

In closing let us ask again that you fail not to continue instant in prayer for the opening of Tonkin, Annam, and Cambodia.

As we write this letter our own hearts are filled with the assurance that God is answering prayer, and we fully expect to see doors after doors swing open to us.

"Faith mighty faith, the promise claims,  
And looks to God alone,  
Laughs at impossibilities,  
And cries 'It shall be done.'"

In behalf of the Conference,

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