

p. 389 Mar. 2 - The Committee questioned the advisability of Mr. Davis' proposed trip into Vietnam (Annam) because 1) his health, 2) the low state of Mission's finances. But Committee would be pleased if he could go at his own expense and see Vietnam before going home. Should he go, he should refrain from any statement re. opening missionary work. The Committee has other plans for a deputation to Tonkin before Conference with a view to opening that country.

p. 391 Mar. 3 - A letter was written to "China Band" at Nyack regarding pressing need to Kwang-si and Vietnam. Mr. Hughes & Hosler had written the Committee re. plans for Vietnam. Also correspondence was read from M. Bonnett, the British and Foreign Bible Society agent in Vietnam and M. Couve, Sec. of Paris Evangelical Missionary Society re. opening Vietnam to the Gospel. Mr. Hughes & Hosler discussed with the Committee the best plans of procedure.

The Secretary was instructed to write the Board regarding present plans to enter Vietnam and enclose the letter of Hughes and Hosler and M. Bonnett and Couve. Also to state the funds needed to open Vietnam and the need of a French speaking Alliance worker. A Miss Couthers was mentioned as coming to the field after preparation in France. It was voted that Mr. Hughes and Jaffray visit Tonkin and interview Protestant brethren there, i.e. M. St. Andre and M. Bonnett, and secure info as to the best plan for immediately opening work in Vietnam. They were to report their findings to Conference.

p. 395 Apr. 8 - Mr. Hosler's name added to the Vietnam deputation. The Deputation was given power to decide on location and property for the first station.

p. 401 Sept. 11 Minutes record Mr. Funk's reasons why the Board cannot open Vietnam:

1. Financial conditions at Home have first consideration.
2. The number of missionaries necessary to maintain the South China ranks.
3. The Board's attitude of discouraging the opening of new missions in other lands.
4. Missionaries on furlough have a united sentiment against opening Vietnam as well as any other new areas.

(Mr. Jaffray was not present at Ex. Com. meeting.)

p. 402 Sept. 16 - Mr. Hosler was granted 6 months leave of absence. His allowance will end from the date of his departure for Vietnam per his request.

Mr. Hess to write the Board expressing Ex. Com's view re. the Vietnam question:

1. The majority of the Ex. Com. disapprove Mr. Hosler going to Vietnam prior to receipt of Board's letter.
2. That Hosler's going savours of an independent movement.
3. The Ex. Com. disapproves Mr. Hosler going alone.

(Mr. Jaffray again absent from meeting)

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p. 403 Sept. 19 - Board cabled - Proceed Vietnam. Mr. Hosler was informed re. the cable. The Chairman cabled Mr. Hammil and Soderberg in Nan Ning "Received cable from Board "Proceed Vietnam" "await our letter." The letter stated that "under the existing circumstances they should proceed to Lung Chow."

The Chairman wrote to Mr. Hosler re. the letter (to Hammil and Soderberg) and the cable from the Board, and asked him his attitude towards the situation at this time. (presumably if he wanted to remain "independent" or become part of the Alliance thrust into Vietnam).