

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
INDO-CHINA MISSION, C. & M. A.

-TOURANE, ANNAM, NOV: 24, 1920.-

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MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING
of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INDO-CHINA CONFERENCE
of the
CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Tourane, Annam, Nov. 24th. 1920

The Home Board of the C. and M. Alliance having ratified the action of the Indo-China Mission held in February 1920 regarding the creation of an Executive Committee, the Committee elected at that Conference commenced to operate at once by correspondence.

The members elected to the Executive Committee were as follows,- R. A. Jaffray, (Chairman) J. D. Olsen, I. R. Stebbins, R. M. Jackson and W. C. Cadman on his return from furlough.

The first meeting of the Ex. Committee was called to order at 1.30 P.M. today, the following members being present, R. A. Jaffray (Chairman), J. D. Olsen, I. R. Stebbins and R. M. Jackson. After a season of prayer the following business was transacted.-

Recording

1. The Committee elected R. M. Jackson as ^ASecretary.
2. The following is a list of the missionaries on the field at the present time:-

At Tourane, Annam.-	
Rev. I. R. Stebbins,	Miss E. M. Frost,
Mrs. I. R. Stebbins,	Miss H. I. Peebles,
Miss M. E. Foster,	Miss R. I. Goforth,
At Hanoi, Tonkin,-	
Rev. R. M. Jackson	Rev. D. I. Jeffrey
At Saigon, Cochln-China,-	
Rev. J. D. Olsen	Rev. F. L. Dodds
<i>on furlough: Mr. + Mrs. W. C. Cadman, Mr. + Mrs. E. J. Jordan.</i>	
3. The Chairman reported that Rev. H. A. Jackson had arrived on the field and that by mutual consent of the members of the Executive Committee by correspondence, he had been appointed to Saigon station.
Moved that this action be hereby ratified by the Committee. Carried.
4. The Chairman further reported that Rev. R. Z. A. and Mrs. Grupe and Miss L. M. Evans had arrived on the field and are expected in Tourane in a few days. By mutual consent of the Ex. Committee by correspondence they had been appointed to Tourane.
Moved that this action be also hereby ratified by the Committee. Carried.
5. Moved that in accordance with the Minutes of last Conference Rev. W. C. and Mrs. Cadman be appointed on their return from furlough to resume their work at Hanoi. Carried.
6. The Minutes of last Conference were read.
7. Moved that the Committee ratify the action of the Chairman in transferring ^{Thay}Thua from Tourane to Saigon for special work for two months. His salary while in Saigon being \$32.00 a month. Carried.

8. Mr. Jaffray reported that Thay Thua had commenced his examinations in connection with the Wuchow Bible School with a view to ordination.

9. The Committee requested Mr. Jaffray and Mr. Stebbins to speak with Thay Khanh with a view to engaging him for the Mission as permanent worker at Saigon. The salary suggested was \$25.00 per month, with house rent provided by the Mission.

10. Moved that the Committee recommend to Rev. H. E. Anderson of The British and Foreign Bible Society, that they allow Mr. Phuoc, colporteur at Haiphong, to keep the money he receives for sale of Scriptures in addition to the monthly salary of \$17.00 which he is now receiving, and that Mr. Jackson write to Mr. Anderson regarding the matter. Carried.

11. Moved that Mr. Jaffray correspond with Mr. Anderson requesting that if possible Thay Thuy be released from Bible Society service ~~if possible~~, with a view to his preparing himself for the work of preaching the Gospel. Carried.

12. Feeling intensely the urgent need of a complete Bible in Annamese at as early a date as possible, the Committee desire to place on record their sincere conviction that a more rapid method of translating or revising the Scriptures should be adopted. They desire to recommend for consideration at our next Conference that the present Roman Catholic Bible be properly revised and prepared for publication as soon as possible.

Moved that the Chairman correspond with the Bible Society on the subject at once. Carried.

13. The Committee further feels convinced that instead of a compromise version of the Scriptures there should be two versions, one for Tonkin and one for Cochin-China and Annam.

Moved that the Chairman be asked to correspond with the Bible Society regarding the matter. Carried.

14. Moved that Mr. and Mrs. Cadman be requested to revise their Tonkinese-Saigonese compromise version of Mathew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans and Genesis, comparing them with the Roman Catholic version, in order to produce the best possible Tonkinese version and that the above mentioned portions of the Scriptures be printed in Tonkinese as soon as possible. Carried.

The Committee heartily appreciates the faithful labor that has been expended in the preparation of the present version, but as indicated in the previous motion it feels that two distinct versions will be very much more satisfactory.

15. Moved that Messrs Olsen and Stebbins be requested to revise the Tonkinese-Saigonese compromise version of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans and Genesis, comparing them with the Roman Catholic version in order to produce the best possible Saigonese version, and that the above mentioned portions of the Scriptures be printed in Saigonese as soon as possible. Carried.

16. Moved that Messrs R. M. Jackson and Jeffrey be appointed to Hanoi until next Conference, unless the Chairman and the workers concerned

feel that they should open Haiphong, Nam-Dinh or some other city before Conference meets. Carried.

17. Adjournment.

Tourane, Nov. 25, 1920

The Ex. Committee met again this morning at 9.00 o'clock.

After prayer the Minutes of the previous session were read.

18. Moved that Mr. Olsen be authorized to change the location of his present Chapel in Saigon as he may see fit. Carried.

19. Mr. Jeffrey's letters relative to the opening of a Bible School were read and after a free discussion the Committee agreed as to the urgent need in our work of a Bible School for men and women workers as soon as possible. The Committee recommend that Mr. Jeffrey prepare himself for that work with a view to receiving a permanent appointment from the Conference at a later date. The matter as to when the School should be opened and other particulars were left for next Conference to decide. The Committee ~~were~~ agreed that the proper place for the School was probably Tourane and that the right man for the work was Mr. Jeffrey if he can feel that it is the Lord's leading for him.

20. Adjournment.

Tourane, Nov. 26, 1920

The Ex. Committee met again this morning.

After prayer the Minutes of yesterday's session were read.

21. The matter of the opening of work in Cambodia was discussed. The Committee is strongly of the opinion that as soon as the Lord opens the way we ought by all means to enter in.

22. Moved that inasmuch as the Translation Committee appointed by last Conference has considerable manuscript, including The Alliance Catechism and tracts, almost ready for press, the Chairman be requested to write to Mr. Cadman, asking if it is possible for him to print the Catechism before April 1921. Carried.

23. Moved that if Mr. Cadman finds it impossible to do the work within the stated time, that The Alliance Press at Wuchow be requested to undertake the printing of the Catechism. Carried.

24. Moved that Mr. Stebbins be authorized to rent a second house in Tourane for the residence of the new missionaries. Carried.

25. Moved that the Committee recommend that Mr. and Mrs. Grupe be appointed to live in the Mission house with Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins for the time being and that the five ladies occupy the two rented houses. Carried.

26. Moved that the Chairman write the Board requesting them again

to grant sufficient money for the erection of another missionary residence at Tourane, basing the request on the facts, -First, that we are renting two houses at \$25.00 each per month: and Second, that ere long we expect that our Bible School will be commenced here. The approximate cost will be Gold \$5,000.00. Carried.

27. Moved that the Chairman also write the Board requesting them to grant sufficient money for the purchase of property and the building of Chapel and house at Saigon. Approximate cost Gold \$10,000.00. Carried.

28. The Committee appointed to interview Thay Khanh reported that he had been employed as a worker for Saigon at a salary of \$25.00 per month. Moved to accept the Committee's report. Carried.

29. Moved that the Chairman write the Board relative to the sending of remittances from New York, laying before them the facts and figures to date, comparing Saigon and Hongkong exchange and asking advice as to banking arrangements for the future. Carried.

30. Moved that the dates of our next Conference be changed to suit the time of Mr. Rader's visit, provided he arrives during the early part of 1921. Carried.

31. Moved that the place of Conference be changed from Hanoi to Tourane in this event. Carried.

32. Moved that three Papers be prepared for the coming Conference.-
 (1) On the History of the Indo-China Mission from its inception to date. This Paper to be prepared by Mr. Cadman.
 (2) On Problems and Present Opportunities of the Indo-China work. This Paper to be prepared by Mr. Olsen.
 (3) On the Unoccupied territory of Indo-China. This Paper to be prepared by Mr. Jaffrey. Carried.

33. The Vacation problem was fully discussed and referred to the coming Conference.

34. The Treasurer made a Statement of the finances of the Mission to the end of the Third Quarter of 1920. The Balance sheet on Sept. 30 was as follows.-

1920		1920	
Sept. 30.	By Gen. Acct.,	3,498.74	Sept. 30. To Local
"	By Trans. "	848.44	Travel 177.47
"	By Hanoi Bldg.	1,211.08	" To Missy.
"	By Press Acct.	2,330.54	Alls. 2586.36
		<u>7,886.80</u>	To Bal. 5142.97
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Moved that the Report be accepted subject to the Auditors' findings. Carried.

35. Adjournment.

Tourane. Nov, 27, 1920

The Committee met again today in the afternoon.

After prayer and the reading of the Minutes the following business was passed.

3a. Moved that the Chairman in behalf of the Committee write to the Board heartily approving of Mr. Irwin's recommendation that the Alliance Mission, if possible, place itself under the patronage of, and in some way affiliate itself with the "Mission Evangelique de Paris", - (The Paris Evangelical Mission) in order to more effectively approach the French Government. We readily see the dangers of such a step, but **yet** we believe that perhaps it can be arranged without any compromise of any essential principle for which we stand, and with great benefit to the work. Carried.

37« Moved that the matter of our relationship with the French Society be brought before next Conference for further discussion. Carried.

38. Moved that the Chairman write to the Board again most earnestly urging upon them the absolute necessity of their sending new missionaries for Indo-China to France, requiring them to study French for at least six months before coming to the field; and that all our present missionaries on the field, returning **on** their first furlough be urged to spend six months in France for the same purpose. Carried.

39. Moved that we suggest to the Board that they proceed at once **to** secure suitable residence in France with a wholesome, spiritual atmosphere, and that possibly new candidates could be sent in care of and under the supervision of senior missionaries returning from furlough. Carried,

40. Moved that the matter of our missionaries studying French in France be brought up at the next Conference for further discussion. Carried.

41. Moved that Mr. Cadman and Mr. Olsen be appointed to draw up suggestive courses of systematic study of Tonkinese and Saigonese respectively to be presented to next Conference. We suggest that these courses provide for three Examinations during the first year, two during the second year and one each for the third and fourth years. Carried.

42. Moved that Mr. Stebbins be authorized to open a new Out-station at An-Hai. Carried.

43. Moved that the installation of electric **light** in our house at Hanoi at an approximate cost of \$150.00, be granted. Carried.

44. Moved to sanction repairs on **the** house. Carried.

45. Moved that a copy of these Minutes ^{be sent to each} member of the Committee and that a copy be filed **in** the Station. Carried.

46. Moved that the minutes of the entire Committee meeting be accepted and adopted. Carried.

47. Adjournment.