

### French Indo China

The Sub-Chairman for French Indo China writes: "God working with us." The watchword of the Indo China report for 1922 was 'The Sound of Marching.' We began the year with 'Forward March,' and God has been present at every step, on every station. The advance has continued, and we have tasted victory. Thus it seems appropriate that this year's motto should be 'God working with them.'

"Three new main stations and five outstations have been opened during 1923. Our missionary force has increased, and our Annamese staff has nearly doubled. The hitherto untouched state, the kingdom Cambodia, has been entered with the Gospel. God has enabled us to plant our foot in one of the large centers of the closed Protectorate of Annam. And everywhere people have listened to the Good News of Christ our Saviour with open hearts. The membership of our churches has more than doubled. The translation of the Annamese New Testament has been completed. It is now printed and in the hands of the people. Surely God is working with us."

### Bible Schools

"Our Bible Schools are the heart of our work. Here native young men and women are being trained to carry the Gospel far and near, reaching people whom the foreign missionary cannot reach. God is calling Annamese and Cambodians to His service, and the Bible Schools are their training ground."

An advance step has been made this year in the opening of a Woman's Bible School. Twelve women have been attending. In the Men's Bible School there was a total enrollment of twenty-six through the year, half of the number being new young men who have this year consecrated their lives to God's service and entered Bible School. Seven students are fully self-supporting and five are partially so. This is a good indication of wholehearted consecration and an excellent foundation for self-supporting work in the Annamese Church. The policy of giving the students alternate years in the Bible School and in the work on the stations has proved to be an excellent method of training men. Splendid progress has been made in all classes and a fine spiritual tone has been preserved in the school.

### Cambodia

Jan. In February 1923 definite missionary work was begun at Pnom Penh, Cambodia, and by God's grace seven converts—five Annamese and two Cambodian—were baptized before the end of the year with several others candidates for baptism.

The missionary writes: "Shortly after Conference our work was almost at a standstill, and the Annamese preacher was becoming discouraged. We found it difficult to get even one or two into the Chapel to listen. When we played the organ and sang, a number would gather around the doors, but as soon as we invited them to come in they would run away as though some one were chasing them. All seemed like failure, but God put it upon our hearts to meet daily for prayer. We did so, and the very next evening the Chapel was crowded. Ever since a greater interest has been shown by all. Our few members were backsliding because of the persecutions, but now they have come back to God and He is adding to their number almost daily."

In October 1923 two new missionaries were appointed to Battambang, a large center in Cambodia about 180 miles northwest of Pnom Penh. Soon after arrival the missionaries were privileged to give the Gospel in French to a number of Cambodians, and souls are being saved under the blessing of God in this distant field.

### Chaudoc

At Chaudoc, in Cochinchina, the Gospel is being given to Annamese, Chinese, Cambodians and Malays. Fifty-three converts were baptized during the year—for one Annamese, eight Chinese and four Cambodians.

### Cantho

In Cantho the missionaries have been greatly tested through sickness, but God has blessed and restored. "The native preacher held the fort while the missionaries were away. Too much cannot be said in praise of the splendid way in which he held the Christians together and kept their loyal support during these five months of testing. The Gospel beacon was not for one moment allowed to burn low, and when the missionaries were able to return to their station, they found the Church stronger and larger than when they left—'The Lord working with them.'

"There have been thirty-one new converts baptized at Cantho during the year. Of these 'one old woman, who was a Buddhist for years, has forsaken all and cast out every form of idol worship, though her altars and idols cost her over one thousand dollars. She has now converted her home into a temporary chapel. An old man came to Jesus because he saw what God had done for another old man who was freed from the opium habit, after being in its grip for thirty years.'

### Sadec

At Sadec work was begun in January 1922 and there is now a baptized membership of 113 at the main station and 14 at an out-station. Ninety of these were baptized during 1923 and there are many earnest inquirers. "A little blind boy has had his sight restored in answer to prayer. His grandmother brought him to us after the doctors had said that his eyesight was gone never to return. As a result of this healing the child's mother and grandmother were saved. This is another evidence of 'the Lord working with them.'"

### My tho

Late in 1923 a new station was opened in Cochinchina at My tho, about forty miles southwest of Saigon, and within a month one person had publicly confessed Christ as her Saviour.

### Saigon

In Saigon there is a church of thirty-one members, another of sixteen at an out-station, and in the suburb, Cholon, there are fifty-five members in the Chinese church and a Chinese pastor who graduated from the Wuchow Bible School. This church is self-supporting and self-administering. Thirty-nine were baptized in the Saigon District during 1923. One young Christian has brought sixteen souls to Christ since he was saved. He has been bitterly persecuted but is standing true, trusting God to enable him to win his enemies to Christ. The Missionary Home in Saigon is a base for the work in Cochinchina and Cambodia.

### *Tourane*

In Tourane the year has given abundant evidence of God's mighty working. An outstation was opened at Fai-foo, twenty miles within the border of the protectorate of Annam, which is still formally closed to Protestant missionary propaganda. God has wonderfully blessed and the membership at Fai-foo is now 273 and at Tourane 304. Of these 323 were baptized during the year. There has been a marked spirit of witnessing on the part of the Christians and new converts and many definite conversions and healings have resulted. One man brought more than twenty of his relatives and friends to Christ and now in his village there is an average of fifty Christians who walk every Sunday to the church services at Fai-foo, a distance of fifteen miles each way.

### *Haiphong*

At Haiphong there is a church of fifteen members, five of whom were baptized during 1923. The work though small is very encouraging and praise is given to God for the privilege of entering a portion of the surrounding district where hitherto missionary service has been prohibited. Thus five new villages will be given the Gospel message.

### *Hanoi*

Nineteen new converts were baptized, among them several bright young college students from various parts of the country.

A remarkable work has been done in translation work and in publishing tracts and pamphlets. For the first time in the history of our work it has been the privilege of an Alliance Mission to translate the entire New Testament into a new tongue and, under the grace of God, the entire Bible will soon be read in Annamese, translated by Alliance missionaries and published on an Alliance press. Particular acknowledgment is made of the British and Foreign Bible Society in the splendid help they have rendered in this work and in the distribution of portions of the Scriptures by Bible Society colporteurs in connection with the mission work.

### *Printing Press*

Besides the printing of five thousand copies of the New Testament, the press at Hanoi has turned out 65,000 Scripture portions, 99,600 tracts and books, 103,500 leaflets—all in Annamese. All together over ten million pages were printed during the year. The mission is hoping to produce a full equipment of Cambodian type during 1924 so as to print in Cambodian as well as in Annamese and English.

The total baptisms in Indo China in 1923 were 567, an increase of more than 125% over 1922. Surely God is working with them and if the Lord's people are faithful in prayer, greater things can be expected during the coming days.