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FAITH AND VISION!

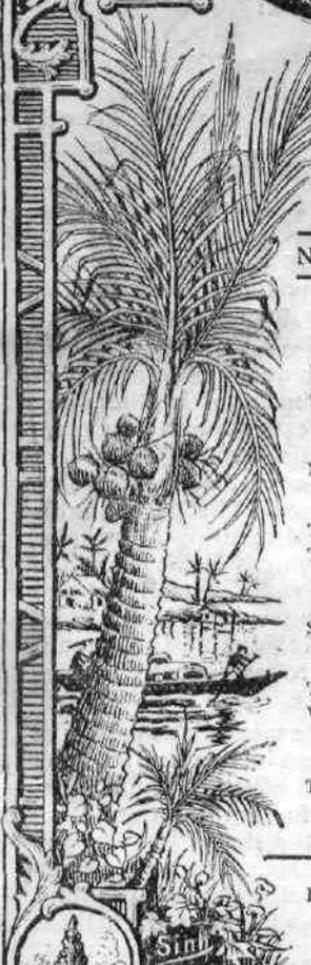
INCREASE our Faith, oh Lord, we pray,
 Lest, faltering, we Thy plans delay,
 And thus these souls, in heathen night
 Should perish, knowing not the Light.
 Nay, Lord, we'll claim from Thee this day,
 A rich supply.

The gold, the silver, and the kine
 That on a thousand hills recline,
 All, all are thine! Then why should we
 Lack aught? Salvation full and free
 SHALL be proclaimed, with power divine,
 In every clime.

The men of faith, of vision clear,
 Who falter not, nor halt, nor fear,
 But onward press to yonder goal,
 Still striving others to enroll,
 These are the men who soon shall hear
 Their Lord's "Well donets"

LORD! INCREASE OUR FAITH
 (Luke 17 : 5)

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EDITORIAL

LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH!
(Luke 19:5)

WITHOUT faith it is impossible to please GOD,—or men. Imagine a home, a nation, a world in which the element of faith, of trust, is lacking. Immediately peace and joy take to themselves wings and fly away. Suspicion, hate, revolution, chaos take the vacant places.

IT IS largely due to the decadence of faith in GOD and man that the present age is torn by conflict, crime, and confusion. But we are not of this world,—we are citizens of heaven. Therefore our very faces *should* radiate the «faith of GOD» which fills our hearts, and gives us the peace and joy which passeth understanding and endures forever.

PRaise GOD! even here in French Indochina thousands of Christians *do so* shine in the darkness of heathendom. Their faith, so simple and childlike, expects and gets great things from GOD, of which our evangelists told in the recent Annual Native Conference. Not only in words, but in deeds, in giving and sacrificing, is their faith shown. The past months which brought the news of a cancelled monthly allowance, gave the opportunity for sacrificial giving. Nobly have the native churches responded, giving over and above all that was needed to meet the deficit for the native workers' salaries and current expenses, one church even giving double the amount required of it, and several stronger churches liberally helping the weaker to meet their obligations.

HOW our hearts rejoice because of the marvellous results of the Gospel seed, but so recently sown in this land! One of the most encouraging results is that the native church has awakened to a sense of responsibility for sending the Gospel to the semi-savage tribes, inhabiting the dense jungles and unexplored mountain ranges of the interior. As we see them catching the vision and going forward, shall we not also venture more fearlessly in faith and «do exploits» for our GOD in these last days of this age, looking joyfully for HIS appearing? LORD, increase our faith! — G. H. C.

THE following statistics taken from the Annual Report for 1925, give evidence of the rapid development of the LORD'S work in Indochina along all lines.

	1916	1921	1924	1925
Number of Missionaries	5	22	20	22
Number of Main-stations	2	5	10	11
Number of Out-stations	0	2	22	37
Number of Native Workers	8	8	46	41
Number of Church Members	25	183	1678	3019
Baptisms during year	18	79	656	1675
Sunday School Scholars	—	—	866	1225
Bible School Students	0	16	47	42
Offerings by Native Churches in U. S. Dollars	20.00	300.00	2426.09	5432.98

With full hearts we praise GOD for HIS wonderful working, but, realising the grave responsibility which rests upon us missionaries, we ask our readers to join with us in earnest prayer, that we, like Paul, may be «again in travail until CHRIST be formed» in these newly-won converts.

OWING to the unanimous desire of the missionaries to have the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Williams with them at the Annual Conference, the dates have been advanced to the 2nd of May. Their all too brief stay in Tonkin was much blessed both to missionaries and natives. They are now ministering for one week in the Tourane Bible Schools.

NEWS has been received of the birth of Paul Goforth Jeffrey in Toronto, Canada, and of Robert Allan Grupe in Omaha, Nebraska. Our heartiest congratulations to the parents, and best wishes to these sons and heirs.

THE Scripture Gift Mission of London, England, has graciously made a grant of 25,000 booklets, «God Hath Spoken,» in Annamese. These neat and attractive booklets, with their precious message of full salvation in the very words of Scripture, will be of invaluable help in evangelising the millions of Indochina.

CONDITIONS in Wuchow, South China are most disquieting, the Baptist missionaries again being obliged to leave for the coast. Pray that our Alliance missionaries may be divinely protected and permitted to continue their work.

THE Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Cadman expect to leave for furlough next June. We take this opportunity to thank our fellow missionaries for their ready co-operation in editing the «Call,» which has made this work a pleasure. The Rev. R. M. Jackson succeeds Mr. Cadman as editor.

THE THIRD ANNUAL ANNAMESSE CONFERENCE

Free translation of an article written in Annamese
by Pastor Thùra, Tourane

THE NATIVE Conference held at Tourane from the 21st to the 28th February, 1926, had but one objective: the speedy evangelization of Indochina, and the spiritual uplift of the native church.

THE SPEAKERS

There were two special speakers, the first being the Rev. Alfred Martin, pastor of the French Protestant Church in Hanoi, and the Rev. Chue, pastor of the Chinese Alliance Church in Cholon, near Saïgon. Several of the local Tourane missionaries, the members of the executive committee, and the native pastor of the Tourane church, also gave addresses. The native evangelists, Bible School students, delegates, and many scores of Christians from neighboring churches often filled to overflowing the commodious Tourane church, which can seat some four hundred people.

The mornings and evenings were devoted to preaching and teaching from the Word, explaining the true Gospel of Christ. All spoke with such manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit that the hearers were stirred sometimes to tears and confession of sin, sometimes with joy at the reception of some new truth. As a result, the spiritual tone of all the believers present rose higher and higher.

STIRRING REPORTS FROM NATIVE CHURCHES

The afternoons, from two to five o'clock, were given over to business sessions. The evangelists and delegates from the North, South and Center testified to the work of the Holy Spirit in their respective churches. They told of the means God had used to lead people into the way of salvation; of some whom God had protected under persecution because of their faithful testimony to Christ; of miracles of healing: sick restored to health, and crazy people restored to their normal senses. Some who had been bound by the opium habit were set free, others who were slaves to alcohol were liberated, and vicious vagabonds and thieves all came to kneel in worship at the Saviour's feet. When the audience heard the testimonies to the blessings God had bestowed upon the several churches, their hearts were made to burn with joy and to shout hallelujah, or to sing praises to the Most Holy Name of the Almighty God.

PLANNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK

Two of the papers read were used of God to the hearts of the hearers in a most unusual manner, so that their very features were changed, and their hearts were moved to greater spiritual activity.

The first message was a paper by Mr. Tiep, the evangelist at Pnom-Penh, Cambodia. His subject was, «What shall we do to build up the Church, and to cause the Gospel of Christ to be spread more quickly?» We will repeat some of the things he said. «Brethren! let us consider, in our land of Indochina, from South to North, how few have been saved out of the total population of twenty million souls who are tottering and about to fall into the cruel sea of destruction. In view of this fact, we must unite our hearts and our minds to make a plan whereby the Gospel of Christ may be announced everywhere immediately, in order to rescue these people from sin and ruin. It is not enough merely to plan, we must carry our plans to completion!

«Chapels should first be opened in places where people are anxious to hear. Then, money will be needed to put the plan into operation. If we want funds, we must depend on believers to give. Before the believers will be willing to give, we must pray God to make them advance spiritually. As the spiritual tide rises, they will surely be happy to bring offerings for the work of the Lord.

«In addition, we must have an Annual Conference where delegates from all parts of the country may meet to report the workings of the Holy Spirit in their respective churches, that we may mark the degree of progress. If we desire an Annual Conference, we must pray God to provide the money necessary for travelling and other expenses. Then if we are able to do this, it will be in answer to prayer.» His message was clear, and given with such unction that hearers were moved to seek methods whereby the Gospel may be spread quickly.

TWO NATIVE MISSIONARIES TO THE SAVAGES

The second paper presented our duty to give the Good News of Salvation to the Moi tribesmen. This message was very simple, but for some reason the Holy Spirit used it to stir our hearts beyond measure, until they were torn with sorrow and sympathy for the aboriginal tribes who know nothing about moral obligations or civilization, and who are about to be buried in the anguish of the bottomless pit.

Here are a few of the words used by the Holy Spirit to create love in the hearts of believers until they were compelled to plan very seriously for the evangelization of the Moi. «Brethren, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself!' But is not the poor Moi your neighbor, — he who is hidden away among the hills and rivers of the dense jungle, who has never been taught his duty either to his fellowman, or to God; who does not even know that there is a God, hence how can he know the way of salvation? The darkness of his heart is greater than the shadows of the forest. Brethren! shall we who have been adopted as sons of God, upon whom the light of Christ has shone, continue to sit with folded arms while the Moi remains in darkness, and is about to fall into the chains and darkness of death?»

Following this message the hearts of the hearers were moved to such a degree that they could not keep back the burning words: «Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel to the Moi!» As a result, two Bible School students volunteered to carry the Gospel to the Moi, at any cost. Please pray that God will equip them and use them mightily.

Before adjourning, the Conference elected the members of the Annamese Executive Committee which is to serve until the next Conference.

SHARING THE CONFERENCE BLESSINGS WITH THE CHURCHES

Thanks be to God that all who attended the Conference received spiritual blessing, peace and joy. Each one promised to give a clear report of the Conference to his church. We are convinced that the Annual Conference is very necessary, and also very helpful to the spiritual welfare of the church in Indochina. Let us pray that God will make it possible to meet every year, and the blessings that will follow in the salvation of the Annamese will be beyond our power to record.—Amen.

WOMEN'S BIBLE SCHOOL

SINCE Native Conference there seems to be such a marked change in most of the women, and teaching them is a real joy. They seem to realize they will soon have to take responsibility, and in most cases be without a resident missionary. We have prayed that they might be awakened, and these prayers have not been in vain. Even Co Nga gives excellent attention and forgets that she is sleepy! — Mrs. H. C. SMITH, TOURANE.

GLORIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR PREACHING THE GOSPEL

IN THE last issue of the «Call» Mr. Pruett told of our journey to Luang-Prabang, in Laos, and our return trip to Hanoi. It is my purpose to mention some of the impressions I received along the way, giving special attention to the opportunities for evangelistic work.

LISTENING EARS

Almost everywhere we went the people showed a willingness to hear the Gospel. During one day on the train from Hanoi to Vinh, two days in an automobile from Vinh to Tha-Khek, and three days on a river boat from Tha-Khek to Vientiane, we had chances to witness for Christ to our travelling companions. Some of them had already heard the Gospel story, but others heard it for the first time, and some may pass out of this life without hearing it again. Our supply of tracts was soon exhausted. Many people asked for them. I regret that we did not take a larger number.

MODE OF TRAVEL

The stable government and the good roads make it possible to get from place to place much more quickly and more easily than in China. The automobile road from Vientiane to Luang-Prabang is about one-third completed. We learned to appreciate the part that is finished by comparing it with the portion which remains to be built. Thus you see, GOD is preparing a way for HIS messengers. Along this road we passed many villages. They are hidden in the valleys, and most of the work will have to be done by itinerating either on horseback or in boats.

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN LUANG-PRABANG AND VICINITY

When we reached Luang-Prabang, we found that Dr. Hugh Taylor, of the American Presbyterian Mission in Siam, had arrived before us. The fact that we met him there was an indication to Brother Pruett and me that the LORD had definitely planned our trip. I had met Dr. Taylor before. He first went to Siam in 1887. For twenty-five years his Mission has been hoping, praying and planning to send missionaries to Luang-Prabang, but to date they have been unable to spare workers from other stations. At present they have a Siamese pastor and an elder working in this vast district. Dr. Taylor plans to make a visit once a year, and more often if possible.

Mr. Pruett and I were present to see the baptism of the first Laotian convert in that city. His name is Chao Souvannaphalom. This young man's father, before his death, was second king in the realm. The young man has spent five years in France and is now interpreter to the local French official.

We also met a Christian Annamese family, Mr. Dieu, his wife and four little girls. Mr. and Mrs. Dieu were converted through the ministry of Swiss missionaries in Southern Laos. Mr. Dieu has worked in the French Post Office at Luang-Prabang for six years. His wife teaches in the French School. Mr. Dieu and Mr. Souvannaphalom provided for our entertainment and comfort. The latter gave the use of a house where Dr. Taylor, Mr. Pruett and I stayed. They provided some of our food, and Dr. Taylor was our host because he had his cook with him. When we left, they gave us food for our journey. Never before have I personally known any Asiatics to be so generous in their giving. I have been told that the believers in Mytho (Cochinchina) are just as liberal. I believe Mr. Dieu gave more than he could really afford.

WITNESSING TO COUNTRY PEOPLE

Mr. Pruett accompanied Dr. Taylor on a visit to some nearby villages. They were absent two nights. A meeting was held each evening. The music attracted the people and a goodly number remained to hear the Gospel message. Some of those who listened urged the missionary and the native evangelist to come again. We hope that this is an indication that many Laotians will accept Christ when they understand the Gospel story.

HUNGRY HEARTS

While Messrs. Taylor and Pruett were in the country, I remained with Mr. Dieu. We spent six days in Luang-Prabang, during which time we had happy fellowship with the few believers. There is no Roman Catholic Church and no priest in the city. Several Annamese Catholics heard that missionaries had arrived from Hanoi. They came and wanted to confess their sins to us. Some said they had not seen a priest for three years. We had a fine opportunity to explain to them Salvation by Grace through simple faith in CHRIST. Mr. Dieu begged us to stay a month or two to teach them. When we said we could not stay, Mr. Dieu and Mr. Souvannaphalom requested that the Indochina Mission send missionaries to reside permanently in their midst.

Different estimates were given as to the population. The number of people in Luang-Prabang city was given at from four thousand to ten thousand. Of that number there are about three hundred Annamese men, and about one thousand Annamese, if women and children are counted. The kingdom of Luang-Prabang has a population variously estimated at from two hundred to three hundred-and-fifty thousand.

HOMEWARD BOUND

In order to reach Hanoi before Christmas, we took passage on a house-boat at Luang-Prabang, and drifted down the Mekong River to Vientiane instead of travelling overland. This proved to be an advantage because we were able to see another part of the country. By far the larger proportion of the Laotians live along the water courses. It is very difficult to travel through the jungle and over the mountains. Lao villages are usually situated on the bank of a stream; often where a tributary joins a big river. On the other hand, the Kha and Miao tribesmen prefer to live near the tops of the mountains. To reach the Lao people the missionary would need a small boat, or better still a motor boat. In this way he could reach a large number, but he would need to use a horse to reach the others.

During the trip down river both Mr. Pruett and I had fever, but Brother Pruett was ill much longer than I. Being so far from home and being surrounded by strange people, we were forced to cast ourselves upon the LORD. He proved HIMSELF abundantly able and raised us up in answer to prayer. The illness proved a blessing for we searched our hearts and were drawn nearer to God. We felt that He was preparing us for further service.

A SEEKING SOUL

The very night we arrived at Vientiane a young man came to the hotel and asked us to tell him about the Gospel. He had attended one meeting in *Pnom-Penh* and he wanted to hear more. The next night he came again and, when leaving, he asked us to send him a New Testament and tracts. He was very earnest, and we hope he will learn to know God and tell others about him. It was necessary to wait two days in Vientiane for the launch which was to take us to *Tha-Khek*. Several times, as we walked along the streets, Annamese soldiers or civilians asked us to give them tracts, but we had none left. Since then a New Testament and tracts have been sent to a few whose addresses we had. I believe a colporteur would be able to sell many Scriptures and portions in that city.

AN OPEN DOOR

There are in the city of Vientiane three thousand Annamese besides the native Laotians. During our stay, I was impressed that there is a great opportunity for evangelistic work in that city. From October to April one can be sure that very little or no rain will fall. About one hundred and fifty kilometers of automobile road have been completed. During that dry season a missionary with a bicycle could visit all the villages on either side of that road. He could also use a boat and reach many of the villages along the river and its branches. It might be possible to travel on the river during part of the rainy season from April to October.

Dr. Taylor said he was sure the American Presbyterian Mission could not send workers to Vientiane. At present that mission has two Siamese workers in Luang-Prabang, but to date no missionary has been appointed to reside there permanently. Please remember that Luang-Prabang is four hundred kilometers from Vientiane by road and about five hundred kilometers by the river route. It took Mr. Pruett and me thirteen days to go overland on horseback and eleven days to float down the river. We do not know how soon CHRIST will return. Many of GOD'S faithful servants feel that HIS Coming is very, very near. But thousands in Laos have never heard of JESUS and His love; — No! not even once!!

SHALL WE ENTER ?

- I. Please pray that God will bless our Presbyterian native brethren in their ministry in the vicinity of Luang-Prabang. Like us they are short of workers.
- II. Pray also that God will reveal to the Indochina Conference, which meets in Tourane at the beginning of May, 1926, whether He wants us to appoint a couple to Vientiane to learn the Laotian language and begin evangelistic work. It seems that we cannot spare anyone from our present work to send them to Laos, but we do desire to do the MASTER'S will.

In Acts 8 we read that Philip was in the midst of a revival, yet God told him to leave that fruitful ministry in order to lead one man to Christ. Again in II Cor. 8: 1-5 we read that « Beyond their power they were willing of themselves. » May the SPIRIT of GOD HIMSELF speak to our hearts, making us willing to go « beyond our power » in our effort to carry a knowledge of CHRIST to the Laotians. — R. M. JACKSON, HANOI.

FRESH TOKENS OF GOD'S WORKING IN THE ANNAMESE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

IT HAS been the writer's privilege since returning from furlough in August, 1925, to have had, with others, a part in the work of the Annamese Bible Training School. Looking back upon the school year we feel that in spite of our own shortcomings it has been a year of blessing to both students and teachers. The school opened last September with an enrolment of twenty-five men, all Annamese, representing the three Annamese provinces, — cooks, masons, barbers, painters, farmers, etc. Thirteen of these returned for their second year studies, while twelve were new students. The work they have done, whether in classroom or study hall, has been very good, over two-thirds of them having passed their examinations with honors. Though some of the students found the rules of the school a little bit too strict to begin with, they all nevertheless have honestly tried to keep them for the Lord's sake.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

A spirit of unity and oneness of purpose has pervaded the student body throughout the whole year. Little acts of kindness and mutual helpfulness that have come to our notice have proved that the Gospel in the hearts of men creates a true spirit of brotherhood among them, no matter of what color they may be. To illustrate: One student divided his wardrobe with his room-mate who was unable to have his coat washed because he had but one. Another student was getting two piastres a month for incidentals. Learning of a student who did not have enough to pay for a hair-cut, he decided to share his two piastres with him.

REVIVE US, OH LORD !

At the opening of school last year the Lord laid on our hearts to pray definitely that the spiritual life of each student might be directed into right channels at the very beginning of the school year, and that if there were sins and hinderances in their lives, they might be removed. The Lord answered prayer and gave us a gracious revival. It began one Saturday morning at chapel service. After a short message on consecration, opportunity was given for prayer and testimony, and more than half of the students, one after the other, rose to their feet and confessed their sins, some confessing sins of hatred and pride, others of anger, untruthfulness and impurity of heart, etc.

With tears streaming down their faces they got right with God and with one another. A similar meeting was held in the evening of the same day with the same blessed results.

Indeed a spirit of revival has been manifest in our midst more or less throughout the whole school year. Not infrequently students have stood up in a meeting or come to the writer personally to tell how that through hearing a sermon or through studying the Word of God in class, God had convicted them of some hidden sin in their lives. It has been a great joy to pray with such and see them arising victors over old sins and habits of long standing through the delivering power of the blood of Christ, and to watch them «grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.»

MISSIONARY ZEAL

While the students realize that the primary purpose of their training is the evangelization of their own people, they have also shown a marked interest in the work of preaching the Gospel in other heathen lands. This interest has taken form, expressing itself in a students' missionary pledge. The amount of this pledge has now nearly been paid in, and the students have designated it for the support of a Chinese student in the Alliance Bible School in Wuchow, So. China.

VISION FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

During the past year a number of students have also taken part in the evangelistic work in connection with the Tourane Church and Station. We are hoping next term to organize the students into evangelistic bands, sending them out in groups to evangelize the hundreds of Christless villages in the district surrounding the city of Tourane and in the province of Quang-Nam.

BRETHREN PRAY FOR US!

We would specially request our friends at home to pray for the work of the Annamese Bible Training School. Pray for new students to enter school this next Fall. Pray for the twelve that are going out in the work this year, some for the first time. Pray that they shall be faithful to Christ and the truth they have learned. Pray for the Bible School teachers, native and foreign, that they may be specially anointed of God, and enabled to commit the precious heritage of the Four-Fold Gospel to the men whom God shall choose and send to the Bible School in the coming days, that they in turn «shall be able to teach others also.»—JOHN D. OLSEN, TOURANE.

COMMENCING A MISSIONARY CAREER AMONG THE CAMBODIANS

OUR hearts were filled with joy and thanksgiving as we set foot on the land of Indochina, and realized that we were in the field to which God had called us. The Lord gave us a blessed time in France during our ten months' stay there, and we had the privilege of giving our testimony in several places. Again as we were on the boat, the Lord opened the way to give out His Word, and we had the precious experience of seeing several of the crew accept Christ.

Mrs. Hammond had come to Saigon to meet us, and after spending a pleasant day there at the Missionary Home, we took a motor bus up to Pnom-Penh, the center of our future work. It is not the kind of a motor bus ride one would expect back home, but a ride that is strictly typical of Indochina, where the natives crowd into a half-broken-down bus, like so many animals in a box car. After being jammed in this bus from about 5:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., the city of Pnom-Penh finally came into sight. We experienced a new thrill as we stepped off the bus, realizing that our long journey of about a year's duration was terminated, and that we were actually in needy Cambodia.

HEATHENISM AND MODERNISM

Our first impressions of Cambodia were strange, for I must say we have never seen such a mixture of heathenism and modernism before. By modernism, I do not mean modern doctrine, but modern living conditions. Pnom-Penh is a city with beautiful streets straight and wide, and many fine buildings. There is a fine water system, and also electricity. Along with all these conveniences and comforts, Pnom-Penh certainly is a heathen city in the fullest meaning of the word. Many of the natives live in thatched houses which are built up on stilts, and their living conditions are anything but sanitary and clean. One sees everywhere on the streets yellow robed Buddhist priests. There are a number of Buddhist temples where Satan is well fortified behind the scenes, leading these poor people to a Christless eternity. The devil has full sway among these people, and Cambodia can well be termed «Satan's back yard.»

AN ITINERATING TRIP

One of our first thrills in missionary life was experienced when we went on an itinerating trip with Mr. and Mrs. Hammond to visit several of their outstations. We left Pnom-Penh

early one morning, traveling down the Bassac River on a small Chinese boat. We went as far as Chaudoc, nearly a day's trip, where we met Mr. and Mrs. Jackson. The next morning we all started out in an old Ford bus to visit some small villages where some of the Christians lived. After traveling as far as the road would permit, we walked across some fields and finally arrived at the first station. The place was nothing more than a few thatched houses hid away in the thicket.

FIRST NATIVE MEAL

Instead of starting right in to hold our service, as we would very much liked to have done, we were forced to follow Cambodian custom and sit down to a native meal. The table was situated on the «ground floor,» under the house, which was built up on stilts. On the table was spread an endless variety of food but, knowing the natives' failing when it comes to cleanliness, I would rather have enjoyed going hungry on this occasion. This was the day Mrs. Peterson and myself were initiated into the «chop stick circles.» I must say, picking up food in a manner such as this is a mighty clumsy proposition; however, I hope to be more of an artist at this after a few more trials. One of the things that impressed me most was the fact that no manners exist at a Cambodian table. The rule is to do things in the most convenient way. If you start eating an egg that has not been cooked soon enough, it is very polite to just let it drop under the table where it is immediately seized by one of the animals of the compound.

SEVEN YOUNG STUDENTS ACCEPT CHRIST

When the meal was over we started our service, and had a blessed time. It did our hearts good to hear those natives singing some of the good old hymns, and to watch them as they listened so attentively while the Gospel was given out. After the service, four knelt in prayer and accepted Christ as their Saviour. We left this place rejoicing in Him, and went to another village for a Gospel meeting, where we had another blessed time. We praise God for His presence with us, and for the work He has already started among this needy people.

On the way home, Mr. Hammond and I stopped at Ta-kéo for other services. At the afternoon meeting seven young students accepted Christ. How we did praise the Lord!

May we all continue to pray much for the work in Cambodia, for there are yet hundreds of thousands on their way to Christless graves, because no one has yet given them the Gospel. — F. C. PETERSON, PNOM-PENH.

THE WORK AT BATTAMBANG

THE work at Douteo progresses gradually, but here in town things seem to stand still as far as services are concerned. Help us pray for a break. Bible School classes continue regularly each day. Three of the five students will be ready for their first year in the work at the close of the term. The other two need further study, as one is too young to be sent out and the other has not had a full year of studies. How glad we shall be to have native helpers! — Mrs. D. W. ELLISON, BATTAMBANG.

OVERCOMING OPIUM!

Thanks be unto GOD, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:57.

A MAN is never too old to be saved from his sin and his evil habits. Ong Phong, an old man at Cai-Tau-Ha, heard the Gospel in our native chapel several months ago, and soon afterward he prayed, but he did not get immediate deliverance from opium, which he had smoked for a great many years. When I met him, he had not yet been told that Jesus came not only to take away our old sins but also to deliver us from the power of sin. While I was telling him of our living Jesus, his face lit up with a new light. Immediately he expressed a desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and to be delivered from the opium habit. I prayed with him, and in faith he handed his opium pipe to me, saying: «Mr. Stebbins, I am all through with this habit; by His grace I shall conquer.» God took him at his word and gave the victory. Now he is filled with joy which bubbles over. It is contagious! All who are in his presence feel it. His wife, who has been slaving for him, making extra money for their living, is now filled with great joy because of her husband's deliverance, and she too has followed Jesus. Joy unspeakable and full of glory has come to this, another Annamese home, to people who for so many years have sat in darkness, and in the region and shadow of death. — I. R. STEBBINS, SAIGON.

OUR HONORARY CHAIRMAN

THE Rev. R. A. Jaffray left Hongkong for a well-earned furlough the 13th of March. After a few days visiting relatives in California, he leaves for Nyack to rejoin Mrs. Jaffray and Margaret, the latter being a student in the Missionary Institute.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA



ALLIANCE STATIONS :

Tonkin	(pop. 6,850,453)
Hanoi	
Haiphong	
Annam	(pop. 4,933,426)
Tourane	
Cochinchine	(pop. 3,795,633)
Saigon	
Sadec	
Cantho	
Chaudoc	
Mytho	
Cambodia	(pop. 2,402,585)
Pnompenh	
Battambang	
Laos	(pop. 818,755)
KouangT-Wan	(pop. 182,371)

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