

Missionary Work in Annam

ANNAM.—We greatly magnify the name of the Lord for His leading regarding the opening of Annam, that land with its 22,000,000 of neglected people, which has remained fast-closed these many centuries.

Last year the Conference set apart Mr. Hughes and Mr. Hosler to study French. They did faithful work under the tutorship of Mrs. Anderson, wife of Rev. H. E. Anderson, of the English Wesleyan Mission. These dear people are deeply interested in the opening of Annam, and surely have a part in it, since much time and talent were so freely given.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Jaffray, Hughes, and Hosler went to Annam in June to see what the prospects were for opening up work there. They found an open door and conditions for entering that far exceeded our highest hopes.

In the latter part of August Brother Hosler proceeded to Annam, leaving Brother Hughes, who was then ill, to follow later. Our beloved brother passed away soon after, thus leaving Brother Hosler to enter alone. He went direct to Tourane city, which place he is now occupying. Many attempts have been made to enter this land, but this is the first one to succeed, and we greatly rejoice that God has given this work to us to do.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, through their faithful agent, Mr. Bonnet, has labored in this field for seven or eight years, and has won for the Gospel of Jesus Christ a good reputation, and it was through this man we got this opening. He has been called to labor in another part of the country, and Mr. Hosler has rented his house. Mr. Hosler has already baptized one convert, the fruit of Mr. Bonnet's labor.

The Lord allowed this opportunity to come at a time of great financial stringency, consequently we felt that the extra money required to meet it should be over and above the regular money contributed for the already established Alliance work. This amount was soon sent in to the Board in response to an appeal, and some more money was sent direct to the field. This we take as an earnest of the amount required to buy a Receiving Home for our Missionaries, which is needed on every mission field. We still lack about \$1,200 for this purpose. Mr. Bonnet is willing to sell his home for a reasonable amount.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

OUR NEEDS.—

1. New recruits for our work in South China.
2. More missionaries for Annam.
3. Money to complete the amount required for the purchase of a Receiving Home in Annam.
4. Money to buy a site and erect a building for a Men's Training School in Wuchow.

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