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Items from the Field

A personal letter from Miss Edith M. Frost, Tourane, Annam, French Indo-China, says:

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"It is nearly a year since my arrival in Tourane, and a most blessed year this has been. It has been a short year. In fact every day and hour seems far too short. Learning two languages makes one feel as if every minute must count and the time flies all too fast. I have enjoyed the language study very much. It is wonderful how the Lord makes the things that we think are going to be so hard seem easy. Not that the language itself is easy, for it is exceedingly difficult, but not being naturally a student, I imagined it was going to be very difficult and monotonous to have to spend all my time studying language, and instead I find it a delight.

"I feel as if I had known the Annamese all my life. I have learned to love them and I long for the time when I can go among them and tell the wonderful story of the Saviour who died for them.

"We are very conscious of the awful power of the enemy. We are on his territory and he is not going to give up easily. It means a fight of prayer and faith. Every day I feel more the call to prayer for I realize we are going forward only as we pray, but praise God, He who is the mighty victor has called us to labor here and He goes before. When we feel the awful power of darkness we feel very weak and temptations to discouragement are many, but time and time again comes the thought that all He has required of us is to be faithful. His words, 'All power is given unto me . . . Go ye therefore . . . and lo, I am with you,' have been the promise I am standing on and I have found His grace is sufficient.

"Oh, how I pray that I may be faithful and not fail Him; I know and love Him more than ever before and how I do praise Him for bringing me to Annam. I have been very well. I wish I might say as much for the others. Nearly everyone on this station has been severely tested in body.

"We do not forget to pray for the work and workers at home. We read anxiously the reports that come to us through THE ALLIANCE WEEKLY. I cannot help but believe that this is one of the most, if not 'the most' needy field, not because I feel that my field is the most needy, but we are only sixteen missionaries when the new missionaries arrive and the Cadmans come back, among twenty million people.

"In closing I want to praise the Lord again for His blessing and faithfulness and not only for these but for Himself and because He is the same way out here in heathen Annam as at home, only nearer and dearer. Praise His Name!