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During the early part of the year the prospects of our new Mission in Annam appeared unusually encouraging. Besides our first station in Touraine, steps had been taken for the opening of the work in Haiphong and Hanoi, much larger and more important centers. But during the summer suspicion unhappily fell upon our missionaries owing to sensitive conditions due to the war as possible German spies. The kind and effectual intervention of the American Consul saved them from serious consequences, but their work was suspended and they were obliged to leave with the exception of Touraine where the missionaries were permitted to remain but not to engage in active work for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Hosler have, therefore, returned on furlough, and Mr. Birkel has retired for the present from the mission. Mr. and Mrs. Cadman, Miss Russell, Miss Morgenthaler, and Mr. Irwin continue at Touraine pursuing their studies and preparing for future work when the opportunity returns. The firstfruits of the mission have already appeared in six native Christians and three baptisms, and Mrs. Cadman has written in a recent paper a graphic picture of "Our Ba," one of the new converts who is already a witness and a worker. With the close of the war it is hoped and believed that these promising openings can be immediately occupied with an outlook of hopeful opportunity. Our latest advices are to the effect that a recent visit by Mr. Jaffray to Annam has been successful in removing most of the

difficulties and suspicions, and that the work may be resumed at an early date. Let us not forget to pray for this great land of more than 20,000,000 people, whose only missionary agencies at present are the humble beginnings of our Alliance Mission.

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