

Tourane Annam,
December 16th 1924.

Rev. W.C. Cadman,
Rue de la Citadelle,
Hanoi. Tonkin.

Dear Mr. Cadman;

Since replying to your letter of the 10th inst., this afternoon, I have not felt satisfied that I did right in refraining from mentioning one matter that has been on my heart. And since Thay Thua has been in to see me about the same thing I feel that I had better mention it.

In your letter you mention that the Hanoi church Committee had taken up the matter of Mr. Thai and that they were going to write Co Chu. Thay Thua tells me that Co Chu has received the letter and that he has read it, but Thua feels very badly that the charge has been made that the Tourane Church postponed the wedding, which is not true of course.

You will note that in my first letter this afternoon, I have suggested that personal friends of Thay Thai take up the matter of the marriage. And I wonder if it has been the wisest thing for your Committee to write this letter. I am quite convinced that your Committee's motive is praiseworthy but there is a danger of their action being misunderstood. The postponement of Thai's wedding was entirely a Bible School matter since I had been asked to conduct the ceremony, and the whole responsibility devolved on me personally. I quite agree that it was necessary for your Committee to consider the interests of the Hanoi church, but it does not look quite right for them to deal officially with this matter, especially as it involves Tourane and folks might think that they were going over our heads down here.

I did not intend to mention this matter until I had a chance to talk with you, as it is chiefly a subject that concerns the principles of Annamese church government, but since Thua had the same uneasy feeling that I had, I am constrained to mention it,

with best regards in His service,