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Advisory Committee

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The Advisory Committee was called to order at 9 a.m., Friday, November 13th, 1915, by the superintendent, Mr. Hess.

After the minutes of the last committee meeting were read the superintendent read a letter from Mr. A. H. Birkel, in which he tendered his resignation. After some discussion this resignation was accepted with great reluctance and deep sorrow.

Mr. Cadman brought up the matter of Fai-Foo. It was thought best not to rent another place there at present as the railway is not open, but that the workers be encouraged to take preaching and colportage trips to that place.

Mr. Cadman also spoke of Mr. Lo, the colporteur, who because of looking after our property during vacation did not make sales large enough to warrant the Bible Society paying his entire salary. It was decided that hereafter colporteurs be not engaged in any such capacity as to hinder in any wise the sales of the Scriptures. Mr. Cadman was authorized to pay \$10.50 from Mission funds.

The question of paying the Annamite lady teacher for teaching French to Miss Morgenthauer was taken up and it was decided to pay \$5.00 per month for this purpose.

Mr. Cadman spoke of the Typhoon at Tourane on September 27th and the blowing down of the bamboo chapel. It was authorized to use the wood on the property for the re-building.

Further Mr. Cadman was authorized to make the best arrangements possible to either put up new ceiling boards or lathe and plaster to replace the present ceiling in the house at Tourane. Also the places in the roof that were broken by the typhoon are to be repaired.

Mr. Cadman reported on the sale of half of the stone on the Tourane property for \$20 and the transaction was approved.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The question of the church at Haiphong was brought up and it was voted to make a donation of \$70 to the French Society as a recognition of the benefit to us by being permitted to live in the church. This sum is in addition to the monthly rental of \$10.

Advisory Com. Minutes

~~Nov. 7th. Monday?~~

Met in Hanoi/Haiphong  
Hess made statements in Haiphong on Hanoi of  
anti-French nature. Supposedly  
touched off anti-Mission activities of French

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Mr. Hess present at Com.

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The question of opening a station at Haiphong rather than at Hanoi was taken up and it was unanimously decided that Haiphong should be opened. This decision was arrived at because of the resignation of Mr. Birkel and the prospective furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Hosler.

The renting of a house was next in order and it was voted to rent a house which all had seen at \$23 per month, on condition that the owner will build a road from the paved street to the yard of the property. This the owner promised to do if we will engage the house for six months or longer.

Mr. Hosler is authorized to open a street chapel and to rent a room for \$8 for this purpose. He is authorized to purchase the necessary pews, chairs, tables, lights, etc.

The next order of business was the ~~question of furloughs~~ question of furloughs. It was deemed that on account of the more tropical climate it might be necessary to shorten the term of service on this field. For this reason it was thought best to appoint Mr. and Mrs. Hosler for furlough in the late spring of next year. This appointment for furlough was unanimously carried.  
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The question of Mr. Hess going on furlough was then brought to the attention of the committee. Mr. Hess suggested that as Mr. Jaffray would <sup>act</sup> as Chairman during his absence from So. China, it seemed the best arrangement to have Mr. Jaffray act also as superintendent of the Annamese Mission during his furlough. As there is no objection to this arrangement Mr. Hess will be free to make this arrangement.

SATURDAY MORNING - 1916.

The question of Mr. Birkel's resignation was again discussed and it is to take effect according to Mr. Birkel's request. The Treasurer will grant to him the same favor of allowances in advance as is granted to missionaries returning on furlough, namely:--one full and one half allowance in addition to the one due at the time of his departure from the field.

The committee considered the matter of expenditures on the stations. It was voted that no expenditures shall be made exceeding \$10 without first obtaining authorization from the Mission, and that all quarterly statements be read before the Advisory Committee and each station book be audited by the treasurer.

The question of translation work was taken up and it was thought impossible to take any forward step toward work on account of the unexpected events that have taken place.

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Sat. A.M

It was unanimously agreed to ask the B. & F. Bible Society to forward the unused portions of Mark, Luke, John and Acts for our use so as to help in the work of evangelization and to give the missionaries further time to prepare acceptable revisions.

Mr. Hoeler was also asked to prepare typewritten copies of the hymns so as to have uniformity in the singing.

MONDAY EVENING 16th November

A letter was read from the home Board dealing with the question of Mr. Soderberg's return to the field. The committee does not feel that it is necessary to inform the board about this matter inasmuch as the superintendent and ~~foreign superintendent~~ are already acquainted with the facts of the case. It is however the general opinion of the workers on the field that from the standpoint of language and health it would seem inadvisable for Mr. Soderberg to return to the field.

The matter of travelling expenses was then taken up. It is deemed necessary to provide funds for this pressing need. The sum of \$6 per month was granted for each station to be used for the express purpose of evangelistic work.

Mr. Hoeler was authorized to buy a wardrobe for \$6, a looking glass for \$10, and six pieces of rattan furniture for \$12.

Mr. Hoeler was requested to write to Mr. Worsnip at Lungchow about a Bible woman for Tonkin. If Mr. Worsnip thinks he has someone who might act in this capacity, then Mr. Hoeler was authorized to go to Lungchow to make necessary arrangements.

The question of a printing press for the Annamese Mission was fully discussed. There is a very evident need for such a press to print simple tracts and folders for the work. The unlooked for change in the personnel of the mission has, however, put the matter in a different light. On this account Mr. Cadman was appointed to prepare estimates of press, type, workmen, etc. Also to collect manuscripts of small tracts that may be ready for printing.

ADJOURNMENT

*P. Hoeler*