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Rev. D. I. Jeffrey
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Dear Mr. Jeffrey,

Many thanks for your letters of the 16th, 23rd and 25th inst. which were much appreciated.

I have looked up the minute referring to deductions from preachers' salaries. The trouble is in the wording of the minute, and my trenchant criticism of a previous letter would have been avoided by saying that the Mission made a grant to the Bible School of \$2 monthly for each student-evangelist while employed by the mission. Then all arbitrariness and questions of morality as now would be avoided. You will notice that I have with pleasure credited you with \$18 due the school for the time Mr. Ngoi was employed by the mission. In no way do I feel called upon to take up the cudgels on his behalf. Another worker might have been different.

But in looking up this matter I find that the conference of 1922 was more generous in salaries to Hanoi than 1923, which by the deduction lowers the salary by one dollar, thus being entirely against our general decision to add twenty per cent to salaries. Again I cannot appreciate why Saigon gets \$25 and Hanoi \$15. It is a grave injustice which must be rectified next conference.

As to the term theological seminary anyone who compares a Bible School curriculum with a standard seminary fully appreciates the wide difference. Bible School teaches: "Thus saith the Lord," the theological school teaches about the "Science of God," and in its moralizing and philosophizing creates "modernism." No, I feel that it is a matter of false pride for our students to refer to themselves as theological students, and here in Hanoi our people would call them sharply to task. As also our newspaper editors.

Your remarks about the Bible Revision are out of order as far as we are concerned. We have never reported our mss. as ready for press, and your minute was premature. Under no circumstances would we let any mss. pass for press till it had been thoroughly revised and discussed to adopt best authorities. The minute should have read that further revision of each others mss. was unnecessary. In fact in going through what I have of the minutes of the conferences and ex. com. I find several mistakes, grave ones, have been made, perhaps from copying or editing. French law is that the chairman and secretary of the assembly sign the minutes at the close of the meeting, in the presence of the assembly. By doing this exactness is assured. Our meetings (church) are always signed at the close of the meeting and it is this copy that is accepted as legal only.

Yes, I think the rules and regulations are very good and cover all necessary ground very nicely. It is time this question of the support of married couples should be decided upon definitely. I have these rules here on my desk and am considering them from time to time.

Yes, I felt the loss of Dr. Thomas very much as sixteen or more years ago I took the Penta. under him in Toronto. He was one of the finest men and teachers I have ever met.

Yes, I have already compared some of the "Call" addresses. There may be a few doubles, but not many I am sure. I believe I have been sending to Mr. Smith, but I will put him definitely on your list.

We have heard indirectly about Mr. Phan, and were not surprised. He never mentioned or wrote an apology for his bright letter to us. It is the worst I have ever received from an Annamese. I turned the matter over to Mr. Olsen, fully expecting that he would require Mr. Phan to write some sort of apology, but nothing was ever heard, and Mr. Olsen mentioned the matter casually at the ex. com. meeting. I made a mistake in letting the matter go, and poor Robinson has suffered from it. However I intend that this present trouble shall not be "glossed" over with a smile and a prayer. Our mission will eventually suffer as in China. Now is the time to start right and avoid future troubles.

Many thanks for what you write about Tiep. He has surely been blessed in Phnompenh, and the Hammonds seem to have been a great blessing to him. I am afraid that he will be spoilt by being helped too freely in all his troubles financially. His great weakness is extravagance. If I had know others were helping I would not have sent him any cash as I had made him a present when in Phnompenh last time.

Mr. Thai left in very good spirits. I am sure you will like him. He has surely developed spiritually and has learned what real prayer is. He has one grouch, and that is that we have worked him too hard. Well, he has had the easiest job on the property, and does not yet know what real work and effort is. Now teach him. Make him study hard. May GOD make him a blessing to you and he to you.

Now this is all the letters call for, and in covering the ground I have given you what news there is.

We have five people staying with us indefinitely. Four of them are teachers from Canton Christian College, and one is a lady missionary from Canton. We expect two more today. It makes a lively house, but Mrs. Cadman and I just keep on with our own work all the time. We surely enjoy having the folk around. The railway ~~XXXX~~ to Yunnanfou has been interrupted for several days and will be most likely for a week longer.

We are arranging to go to Baie D'Along in two weeks, to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Duong, and most likely baptize a convert there. Now must close with kindest regards from Mrs. Cadman and myself. I will not reread letter which I have written rather speedily.

Yours in HIM,

W. B. Reed