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New Awakening in Tourane.—Letters from Mr. and Mrs. Irwin and Miss Russell are of a very encouraging nature. The new volume of united prayer, which began at the Conference of this field in September, is already bringing results through the gracious working of God's Spirit. To quote from one of Mr. Irwin's letters:

"God is still working in a miraculous way here. We are holding four regular preaching services, and the people are coming in crowds whenever the weather permits. There are already eleven new candidates for baptism, and more are coming in almost every day and professing to forsake their sins and heathenism to follow Christ. We invite those who are sincere inquirers to come to the house and ask any questions they may have, and we take them and pray with them and have them pray for themselves. It keeps me pretty busy, and I do not get much time for study, but it is blessed work. Yesterday, for instance, there were a number of men here all morning inquiring about the gospel, and I spent the entire time in the chapel preaching to them and answering their questions. Then after dinner another crowd of fifteen came in. I preached again until I was tired, and then the native preacher took his turn. Then my new teacher preached a while. He is one of the new converts, converted before he knew that we even

wanted a teacher. In this way we were kept busy until after five o'clock. Among those who came in the afternoon was the principal of the Franco-Annamite School here. The new converts are all men who can read, and mostly bright young men employed in French offices. Pray much for them, and for the others who are inquiring, and still others who we believe are yet coming. It is a miracle that God should work thus, for all of us are so very weak in the language and make many absurd mistakes in speaking."

A Rare Opportunity.—Among the features of the situation to be most thankful for, and which are unmistakably of God, is the extreme friendliness of the French officials in Tourane. The opportunity came providentially for Mrs. Irwin to exchange French-English lessons with the daughter of the Resident (the highest local French office-holder). Surely this is God's working. The whole situation calls for fervent praise to the Lord and for continued prevailing prayer that this blessed beginning shall go on until God's full purpose is wrought out.

Pray for Laborers.—We would lay upon many hearts the prayer that the Lord of the harvest will thrust out His own chosen laborers into this most needy field. We are looking to God for His clear guidance as to reinforcements for Indo-China. We need to find the right men and to know the right time to have them go forth, in view of the delicate situation created by the War.