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A COMPELLING CALL !

THOU callest me to distant strands,
 To torrid climes and heathen lands ? —
 Too hard, my Father, Thy demands !
 Let me keep still and here abide,
 Nor follow with my Heavenly Guide,
 Perchance He'll pardon and not chide.

Alas ! His Word was in my heart —
 A burning fire that made me smart,
 Till I was eager to depart,
 And follow Him by rugged road
 To yonder land, sin's dark abode,
 Where weary wanderers bear their load.

So, Lord, I go, I cannot stay ;
 My life, my love, my all I lay
 At Thy dear feet which led the way.
 Lord grant that I may burn for Thee,
 May shine, may witness, speak for Thee,
 That Thou may'st reach these souls thru me.

His Word was in my heart as a burning
 fire... I was weary with forbearing and
 I could not stay. — Jer. 20 : 9.

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NOTES FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRAISE God for the blessed fellowship in the Lord at the recent Conference, and for the spiritual uplift thereby.

Praise God for the six hundred and fifty souls saved during the Conference year, for the spiritual progress of the native churches, and for the splendid increase in native offerings.

PRAISE God for the fine group of thirty students in the Men's Bible School and seventeen in the Women's Bible School.

PRAISE God for the wonderful sales of the Annamese New Testament, the first edition of five thousand being nearly exhausted, and a new ten thousand edition being printed.

PRAISE God for the many answers to prayer for healing, and for the life, health and strength given to the missionaries for the daily need.

PRAY that the missionaries, native colleagues, and Christians, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that their lives and ministry may show forth more of the fruits of the Spirit and of intercessory prayer.

PRAY that the closed Protectorates of Annam and Tonkin may be opened to the Gospel.

PRAY that the hundreds of thousands of aboriginal tribes-people, until now without the true light, may soon be given the message of free salvation.

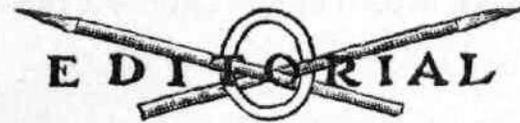
PRAY that at least five missionary couples be sent this year to make further advance possible among the still unreached ten or more millions of perishing souls in Indochina.

PRAY that our missionaries engaged in translating the Bible and preparing other Christian literature, in both Annamese and Cambodian, may have the Spirit's guidance for this most important work.

PRAY that funds may be sent for the purchase of necessary properties in the strategic centres, and also to provide for the spread of Gospel literature throughout the land.

PRAY for the Men's and Women's Bible Schools, that the faculty and students may be much blessed and all needs met.

PRAY that the native churches may speedily become self-supporting, that many of their members may be called of God to give their lives in service, and that they may truly be full of the Spirit, faith, and good works.



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PICTURE to yourself Jesus, standing there in Palestine, perhaps near a field of ripening grain. Swiftly, with His usual ready use of nature to explain things spiritual, comes the thought of the similarity of the whitened harvest field to the world of sinners lost, waiting for the reapers of souls to garner them into the Kingdom of God. But alas! the reapers are few,— how few who have the *woe* in their hearts, the burning fire which will not let them rest at their ease but compels them to go out and reap for the Master.

AT our recent conference we too, through the eyes of our missionaries, looked out on the harvest field here in Indochina. Thousands, yea, tens of thousands, eagerly buying and reading the Scriptures, booklets and tracts, but so few missionaries to follow up the message of the printed page with the burning Word of the Gospel. Three of our main stations left without a resident missionary, — surely we need to say to our readers, as Jesus said to His disciples, «Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.»

THE crying need, therefore, is for labourers, — labourers who are ready for self-sacrifice, counting not their lives dear unto themselves if by any means they may win some; in whose heart God's Word is as a burning fire, so that they cannot contain themselves but *must* speak for God. Such, like Jeremiah, will «go through with God,» preaching and prevailing, looking only for the reward from their Master. Pray ye therefore that GOD will thrust forth such labourers into the harvest field, and if God tells you to go or give, delay not, for the time is short, how short we know not, till Jesus shall come. — G. H. C.

BY this special Conference number we trust our readers will gain a comprehensive view of the whole Indochina field, and thus be the better able to follow the work on the individual stations as presented in the «Call» from time to time during the year.

INDOCHINA CONFERENCE OF 1924

“**B**EHOLD how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity ! » The sweet singer of Israel must have had a vision of our Indochina Conference of 1924 as these beautiful words of truth fell from his lips. Truly, hearts were never more melted in love, and united in spirit and purpose, than in this Conference. It seemed as though we were all just one living organism animated and controlled by the Spirit of the Living God ; His Presence was graciously manifested in all our devotional services, business deliberations, and fellowship with one another.

How very different was our Conference from some of the recent political gatherings so vividly recorded in the journals ! Schisms, discord, vain pomp and gaudy display, stiff necks, stony hearts, cruel criticism and bitter feeling, and unscrupulous ambition were the dominating features of many of these worldly conferences, as men and parties strove to « down » their opponents in the pursuit of their own selfish ends. The heated debates and stormy sessions at times produced such a pandemonium of noise and din that one often feared a riot ! What an utterly different scene greets our eyes as we shift our gaze to faraway Indochina and see twenty-one of the Master's consecrated laborers gathered together in unfeigned love, and unity of mind and heart, for prayer and consultation together concerning matters of infinite, eternal importance ! To the writer of this article, the dominating features of this present Conference were clearly the exaltation of our Lord Jesus Christ, a passionate desire to make forward steps in reaching all of these 20 millions of souls with the Gospel, a spirit of love, joy, unity and humility, and an absence of unholy, selfish ambition, obedience being given to the injunction, « in honour preferring one another. » Not only was there a « dwelling together » in unity, there was also a hearty « working together » under His blessing and guidance.

The opening day of Conference, Sunday, Sept. 1st, was devoted to worship, prayer and meditation. Our beloved chairman, the Rev. R. A. Jaffray, spoke to us in convincing and convicting power, burning into our very souls the desire to go on, on, and on all the way with Jesus our blessed Lord. One of the brethren declared that had an altar call been given, he would have been the first to go up. The fire from the heavenly altar was certainly applied in purifying power to our souls in

that first meeting. Our eyes had seen the King ! God was in our midst ! When He is present, harmony, unity and love are only the natural consequences of His Spirit's control.

Beginning with Monday morning until the end of Conference, the first hour-and-a-half of each morning's session was set apart for devotional services. These seasons of Bible study, prayer and praise were wonderful times of blessing, heart-searching, and enriching of our souls.

We were particularly favoured by having two distinguished visitors at our Conference, Miss Marguerite Jaffray from China, who accompanied her father on a tour of all our stations, and the Rev. G. W. Sheppard from Shanghai, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who spent a day-and-a-half with us discussing the very important work of Translating, Printing, and Distributing the Holy Scriptures. His words of advice and counsel were invaluable and deeply appreciated. His visit created a deeper bond of sympathy and fellowship between the two Societies. We shall long remember the Spirit-filled message that Brother Sheppard brought to us on « Christian Sympathy ; » our hearts were warmed and melted under the ardent glow of this message from the Heart of our loving Heavenly Father.

The second Sunday of Conference, Sept. 8, the ordination of Mr. Wm. Alfred Pruett to the Holy Ministry of the Gospel was solemnized, Rev. R. A. Jaffray delivering the ordination sermon.

In spite of the fact that we are seriously handicapped for workers, some of our missionaries having to operate two main stations at once, we are nevertheless going to attempt, in humble dependence upon God, to reach two large untouched tribes of Indo-China with the Gospel, the *Mois* and the *Tais*. Investigations are to be made with a view of appointing couples to these tribes next year. We have faith to believe that God will enable us to accomplish this and thus prepare the way for the Return of our King. Hallelujah !

On the closing day of Conference, Sept. 10, we all gathered around the Lord's Table in a parting communion service. As the Lord's Spirit hovered over us and filled our hearts with Himself, it was a beautiful climax to what I think can justly be called a « Perfect Conference. » It seemed as though the Lord had drawn closer than ever to us to bestow a special benediction upon us as we parted from one another and went our several ways to begin another year of service for « The Lamb that was slain and who liveth forevermore. » — WM. ALFRED PRUETT.

LETTER OF GREETING

To our Homeboard

and to our Fellow-workers everywhere:—

“AS COLD waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country,” saith the Preacher. Therefore we the missionaries of French Indochina in Conference assembled in this land of the «Southern Peace,» in this little mountain-encircled city on the western shores of the Pacific, rejoice that we can send to you, our Board, and loyal supporters in the homelands, and fellow-workers in the whole, wide world, such good news from this far country.

GREAT INCREASE IN CONVERTS AND OFFERINGS

There has been advance all along the line of our thousand-mile battlefield. From Tonkin in the north to Cochinchina and Cambodia in the far south our converts have gloriously increased, about six hundred and fifty having been baptised since last Conference and inscribed on the pages of our books, as we trust the recording angel has written their names in the «Book of Life.» The enquirers have flocked in surprising numbers to the mission stations seeking to know the Way of Salvation. In one of our newest stations opened last December the missionary reports a real work of grace, seventy having been baptised. As we remember these hundreds of souls so recently steeped in heathen darkness and now illumined by the radiant light of Jesus' love, our hearts overflow with praise that we are counted worthy to have a part in this warfare.

Many of these converts have come from the outstations, several of which have been opened this past Conference year and manned or regularly visited by student-preachers.

Another most encouraging feature has been the greatly increased amount of native offerings, this year reaching a total of \$3,648. Thus appreciable progress has been made along the line of self-support.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Our Bible Schools have shown an encouraging advance in the number of students, the equipment for efficient work, and the degree of self-support. There are thirty students in the Men's Bible School, sixteen of whom are new students; in addition to these fourteen of our old students are out in the work. The Women's Bible School has an enrollment of sixteen, and has now a modest building of its own. The students come

from various sections of the country, many being entirely self-supporting, and others partially so. Our system is to alternate one year of study with one year out in the work, and already our student-preachers have proved themselves of incalculable value to the work of God. We praise God for the fine body of young men and women who are thus receiving thorough training in the Word and Work of God.

BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

The Publication Department has continued its good work of supplying our missionaries with Christian literature. During 1923 some ten million pages were printed on our Mission Press and this present year will probably see a large increase in this output. We praise God that He has always supplied all needed funds so that we have been enabled to sell at cost price and distribute freely some tens of thousands of books and tracts. We have just completed a three thousand edition of «Pilgrim's Progress,» and a five hundred edition of «Wholly Sanctified» in French. A new order has just been placed with our Mission Press by the Bible Society for 60,000 Annamese Scripture portions, 10,000 Annamese New Testaments, and 3,000 complete Bibles.

The translation work has progressed steadily. The translation of the entire Bible is now nearly completed and we trust it will be in the hands of the people before next Conference.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has most generously and heartily assisted our Society in giving the Gospel by the printed page to the fifteen millions of Annamese. We greatly appreciate the willing co-operation of the Agent, Mr. Sheppard, who came all the way from Shanghai—a distance of 2,000 miles by land and sea—to spend a day-and-a-half in consultation with our Conference. We feel assured that the closer touch and clearer understanding thus attained will prove to be of great mutual benefit to this department of the work.

GOD'S WORD IN CAMBODIAN

We rejoice that we are on the eve of giving God's printed word to a new people, the Cambodians, among whom no other Protestant Society is yet working. In this also the Bible Society is most ready to help along the same lines as in our Annamese work. Through two special gifts, one of \$1,000 gold and another of \$500 Mex. from a Chinese Christian, we are enabled to order fonts of Cambodian type, and make other preparations

to print the Cambodian Scripture portions and Gospel literature on the Mission Press. This will enable us to supply our missionaries with all necessary literature at a much cheaper rate than if printed elsewhere, thus making it possible to reach a far greater number than otherwise.

PLANNING EVANGELIZATION OF TRIBES

Our Conference has earnestly considered the possibility of reaching out to yet other peoples to most of whom the witness has not yet been made. There are in our Indochina territory several tribal races such as the « Thai » in Laos, the « Moi » in Annam and Cochinchina, and the « Tho » in Tonkin. To bring the Gospel to these people will involve real pioneer work and much self-sacrifice, for they are widely scattered, most of them dwelling far from the coast, in mountainous and malarial regions. We are therefore planning to spy out the land during the coming Conference year, and trust that by next Conference we will have one or more missionary couples to whom God's compelling call has come, whom we can appoint to these needy fields.

CHANGE OF CHAIRMEN

During this Conference we have been regretfully obliged to accept the resignation of Mr. Jaffray, who has rendered years of faithful service in acting as our chairman, and thus guiding our missionaries in their plans for the development of the work. Mr. Jaffray felt that the time had come for us to appoint a chairman from amongst our senior members and thus set him free for his service in China and elsewhere. Mr. Irwin was nominated in his place, and we pray that GOD may give him the necessary wisdom in his new position.

So in conclusion we praise God for His great mercies of the past year, for the faithful co-operation of the Board and Alliance constituency in the continued full allowances, and the supply of all financial needs. And for the future we praise Him that He is still giving us the « vision of the regions beyond, » not allowing us to halt in the onward march, but putting in our hearts the urge of the work, so that we can say, « Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel of Christ » to those who have not yet heard, and so help to « Open the gates that the King of Glory may come in. »

Yours till Jesus Comes,

*Indochina Conference,
Christian and Missionary Alliance.*

LETTER OF APPEAL

To our beloved Homeboard

and Co-workers everywhere.—

WE have been refreshed by God's presence during these days of conference, and rejoiced by His wondrous working during the year. Yet there has been an undertone of sadness as we have thought of what might have been accomplished had our missionary forces been more adequate. « The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. »

1.—At this conference it has been necessary to leave without resident missionaries three of our main stations where there are prosperous, established churches and outstations. Thus, our greatest need is for missionary reinforcements. While we approve the principle of using the minimum of foreign missionaries and the maximum of native workers, yet in addition to those appealed for at last conference and whom we understand have only now reached France, there is an immediate need for FIVE NEW MISSIONARY COUPLES. This will enable us to man our present stations and open new work in Cambodia, Cochinchina, Laos, Annam and Tonkin when opened, and also commence work among the numerous tribespeople.

2.—In view of our adopting the above-mentioned principle of the minimum of foreign workers and the maximum of native workers, it is necessary that one missionary oversee numerous outstations over large sections of the country, therefore we respectfully request that special transportation facilities be provided. To this end we would reiterate that, if possible, THREE AUTOS be provided, and at least one of these at the earliest possible moment, as it is urgently needed. One motor boat is also needed to meet a great need where other suitable transportation is not available.

3.—These same conditions require that our native staff be multiplied, therefore of necessity the number of students in our Bible School must be doubled and even trebled. Although most commendable progress has been made along the line of self-support in our Bible School, yet it is absolutely necessary that the monthly grant be increased for this purpose.

4.—Funds are needed wherewith to purchase properties in Sadee, Haiphong, Pnompenh, and Battambang. We are trusting God to supply the need for the two latter properties through special sources. Funds are also needed to increase the accommodation for students in the Bible School.

Encouraged by the wonderful blessing resting upon the Lord's work in this land, we earnestly ask you to join your faith and prayers to ours that the above needs may be supplied during this year, and thus the work continue to increase in blessing, to the winning of countless souls for the glory of Jesus, our Lord and Coming King.

Respectfully Yours in the Glad Hope,
Indochina Conference,
Christian and Missionary Alliance.

A FEW WORDS OF APPRECIATION!

THE Alliance Mission in French Indo-China has steadily gone forward under the wise and able leadership of our former chairman, the Rev. R. A. Jaffray. It has been evident to all that God called Mr. Jaffray and equipped him by His Spirit to be a blessing not only in China but also to give of his rich experience to the newer work in French Indo-China.

The Indo-China missionaries were unanimous in their desire that Mr. Jaffray continue to act as chairman of the Indo-China mission but, at our Annual Conference which convened recently, Mr. Jaffray stated that while he appreciated our desire and although his own desire would be to continue to act, yet he felt strongly that the time had come when we should elect a chairman from among the missionaries in French Indochina.

The Conference was very reluctant to accept Mr. Jaffray's resignation, but since it was evidently God's leading we were able to submit graciously. We trust however that we shall continue to have the benefit of Mr. Jaffray's wisdom and experience in at least an advisory capacity.

Our new chairman is the Rev. E. F. Irwin, who has been sub-chairman during the past two years and who has spent ten years in service in Indo-China. We are confident that He who has called Mr. Irwin to this new responsibility will also be with him at all times and for all circumstances. — D. I. JEFFREY, TOURANE.

Annamese Delegates to Executive Committee

IT WAS with much praise to GOD that at the recent executive committee meeting we were privileged to have three delegates from the Native Conference assist in the deliberations connected with the native churches and brethren. GOD grant that this co-operation may become increasingly closer.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MISSIONARIES' REPORTS TO CONFERENCE

COME meet with us as we gather in the quiet evening hour, after the more serious business of the Conference is over, to hear the reports of the workers. Here in this home and room the Indochina mission had its birth in 1911. Now once again in 1924 we gather here with hearts full of gratitude to GOD as we think of the blessings and advances of the passing years. May your hearts also be enthused, as you read the extracts from these reports, to become co-workers with us in going on to yet greater things till JESUS comes.

SAIGON

Mr. Robinson writes:

THANK God first of all for His great love and keeping power during the year that is past; for the health and strength that He has given; for the blessed assurance of His presence all the time. Praise God He is our Strength and Song as well as our Healer.

The work of the Lord has advanced at Saigon in spite of the testings and hindrances which, it seems, must needs follow the changing of missionaries, especially when a newcomer tries to take charge of the work of a senior who has built up and established the Church and thus won their respect and love by years of labor. Our experience at Saigon has given us a better knowledge of the Annamese people, and I praise God that we have grown to love them and to gain their confidence.

We have had twenty-one new members added to our roll since last Conference: ten in the Chinese Church at Cholon and eleven in the Annamese Churches at Saigon and Laithieu. There are five others waiting for baptism whom we have been holding off in order to prove them, but we are now convinced that they are truly sincere.

The number of Christians on the different stations at Saigon is as follows: — Tân-Khinh 7; Laithieu 11; Cholon (Annamese) 5; Cholon (Chinese) 60; Saigon 35; a total, of 118.

We are thankful for the services of Mr. Do at Saigon and for the way in which he has helped to restore the straying sheep of the flock. He has a systematic way of visiting the Christians and calling on those who have prayed for the first time to the Living God, and winning them until he brings them

to the Saviour's feet. He is an excellent man for team work, and so far has proved himself to be just the man that was needed to work with the missionary in that difficult section of the Indo-China mission field.

During the past two months there seems to have been a much greater interest in the Gospel, and crowds come to all the chapels connected with the Saigon station and outstations to hear the preaching of the Good News. We are expecting a big advance next year on this part of the firing line and we want you all to remember us very specially in your prayers.

The work among the children has not been neglected for we have ten promising little fellows in our Saigon Sunday School and many others are becoming interested. At Laithieu we have the beginnings of a Sunday School and we feel sure that this work will prosper. At Saigon the preacher's wife teaches, and at Laithieu the work among the children and women is under the able leadership of Mrs Chan, wife of the evangelist, assisted by the daughter of one of our oldest and most faithful Annamese Christians, *Thây-Bip*.

It was found necessary to open a new outstation at Tân-Khinh, which is about fifteen kilometers north of Laithieu, because a number of the Laithieu Christians lived there and found the fifteen kilometers rather a long tramp. This new chapel is to be run as a kind of outstation from Laithieu by the evangelist, Mr. Chan, who is doing splendid work.

We also praise God for the Chinese Pastor and his flock who have shared with the Annamese brethren their splendid chapel at Cholon and have willingly helped in the work. The Annamese in turn are co-operating with the Chinese brethren and are willing to share with them their Chapel at Saigon which is situated among Chinese-speaking people. We ask your prayers for this work, and also for the work that is soon to begin among the *Mois* of Thudaumot.

SADEC

Mr. H. Curmen Smith writes :

THE Lord has graciously blessed in the work at Sadee these past few months, and (including the two outstations) one hundred new converts have been baptized since the end of March. A good many others have prayed and some of these are also ready for baptism. The native evangelist was a real

blessing to us as well as to the Christians and the Lord honored his ministry while at Sadee. The most encouraging part of the work to my mind is the way in which the Christians themselves bring in their relatives and neighbors.

GOD'S HEALING POWER

One case of healing in Tan Khanh has served to show the power of God to the people in that village. One of the villagers was a leper. His wife came in contact with the Gospel and she immediately accepted Jesus as her Saviour. Hearing that Jesus had healed a leper when on earth, she believed that He would also heal her husband. The man was in a pitiful condition, had been unable to move from his bed for months, and could eat very little food of any kind. It was not long before he also accepted Jesus. Soon after this he was so much better that he could go about his house, and inside of a month he attended a Sunday morning service. He has since been coming to church and, as a result of what God has done for him, almost thirty people from that village have been baptized.

GENEROUS OFFERINGS AT OUTSTATIONS

The work in Caolanh is in good condition. Regular services are held during the week and on Sundays. At almost every meeting souls are being saved. The members of this church have built their own chapel and the offerings have greatly improved. We are hoping that before another year the Caolanh church will be fully self-supporting. The work was begun in Caitauhalast November and there are fifteen baptized Christians. The work has not been very encouraging, but recently greater crowds have been attending and a good number saved.

WONDERFUL COLPORTAGE WORK

Colportage work has been an important factor in the Sadee work. Not only have the colporters canvassed Sadee but they have also gone into the surrounding provinces where we have as yet no work established. During the year we have had a good many inquirers from these provinces. A number of Cambodians in the province of Rachgia are very much interested in the Gospel, and we were indeed happy to have at least one book in Cambodian to give to them.

* Editor. - Mr. Smith with characteristic modesty has not reported the most wonderful sales of the Scriptures and Christian literature which we have ever seen. In less than four months over twenty thousand five-cent Scripture portions, as well as hundreds of New Testaments and thousands of booklets and tracts, were sold by his well organized band of colporters.

Mrs. H. Curwen Smith writes:

BLESSING IN WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S WORK

THERE have been several healings amongst the women for which we praise God. One old woman of eighty was almost blind and had to be led about by her little grand-daughter. We prayed for her and the next Sunday she came to the service alone. Her sight is not fully restored but she can see well enough to come a long distance to church, and now her whole family have also accepted Jesus as their Saviour. God has been doing a real work among the women and leading them on to a deeper Christian life.

The children's work is largely among the street children as the majority of the Christians live so far away that the children cannot come alone. However some of these little children have brought their parents to listen, and we believe that through the children some of these grown folks will be saved.

CANTHO

Rev. H. A. Jackson writes:

✓ THE theme of our work this year has been «holiness». I have repeatedly told the Annamese that I am not working for a big church but a clean church. Mr. Jaderquist was right when he told us at Nyack that God could do more with fifty clean church members than one hundred luke-warm ones. For that reason we have been moving on steadily but *slowly*. It has been truthfully said that it is easier to lead a soul into the new birth than to bring it up in the Christian life. Our work in Cantho has been much on the individual plan. I have purposely kept in touch with each church member, visiting them in their homes or at their work, and made it my duty to understand their struggles.

OUTSTATIONS OPENED

It would be injustice on my part if I did not pay a tribute to *Thay Ngo* for his untiring services in Cantho during the past year. *Thay Ngo* is indeed called of God to preach among his people. Our church is stronger today because of his boldness and honesty. He hates sin and has fearlessly preached against it, not to his popularity, but to the cleaning up of church members. *Thay Ngo* is an example of self-denial, and is worth much more than what he has cost the mission. With *Thay Ngo's* assistance and cooperation we were able to open an outstation at *Cairang* last October and another one in *Omon* last

January. Since we have been granted a second preacher I trust that we shall be able to open *Traon* just as funds permit.

SCRIPTURES IN MANY LANGUAGES

Colportage work continues in our province, but not on an extensive scale. One of our old colporters has gone on to be with the Lord and another is now in the Men's Bible School. We have been thankful to all concerned for the prompt shipments of portions and Christian literature in French, Annamese, Chinese and Cambodian languages. We have also received a shipment of Scripture portions from Madras, India, and with this addition of books in Tamil I think we can put the Bible, or part of it, into the hands of any who might chance to be passing thru Cantho. If we reach all nations with the Gospel we are doing no more than carrying out the Great Commission.

MEMBERSHIP AND OFFERINGS

The present membership of our church is eighty-nine; of these four have taken their letter to the *Pnom-Penh* church, and three have passed on into eternity. Praise God that the glorious Gospel of His saving power arrived in Cantho in time to save these three!

The total offerings of the church since last September amount to \$307.50. These offerings should be reported in three divisions: regular church offerings \$189.10; for Bible students \$89.60, and for the poor, funerals, etc. \$28.80

Last month's (July) church offerings enabled us to attain our stage of self-support according to the scale adopted by conference last year. This report includes native offerings only.

We rejoice that there are four men and three women who are attending the *Tourane Bible Schools* this year.

CROWNING JESUS LORD OF ALL

Finally, I would once more lift high the Name of Jesus and crown Him Lord of All. He has been our Captain throughout the past year, letting us down into the valleys of trial that He might carry us over the mountains of victory. God has performed miracles in Cantho. We have seen Him save the sinner and transform his life completely. We have seen Him heal the sick when all lost-hope save those whose faith gripped God as did Abraham's. The Lord Jesus has wonderfully comforted those in distress and is indeed an all sufficient Savior. I am truly thankful to God for the past twelve months at Cantho. I praise Him for letting me labor on, and I would be here in *Indo-China* when He comes.

Mrs. Jackson writes:—

ZEALOUS WITNESSING BY THE DEACONESSES

DURING the past few months the women, especially the deaconesses, have been taking more responsibility of the work upon themselves, and going out to visit the sick and discouraged without being reminded that this is their part in the work. One little woman, a deaconess, is a goldsmith's wife, and whenever going out to sell gold takes tracts along with her, hoping for an opportunity to witness. I have sometimes gone with her and have been surprised to see what little difference it made to her whether people bought her gold or not, just so they listened to the Gospel message.

SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY

I am glad to report that the women have taken a much greater interest in the Bible study classes held on Friday p. m. and Sunday a. m. than last year. The attendance has increased too until now there are twelve to sixteen in regular attendance. We have gone through Genesis and the Life of Christ. Mrs. Irwin's S. S. lessons have been a great help in the study of Genesis. Every week I have written the text out and given it to each woman to take home. When I found some of them carrying these little slips of paper with them every place they went and getting folks to read the verses to them, my heart was made to rejoice for, — God's Word will win it's own way!

TEACHING THE CHILDREN TO SING

The children's work on the main station has been very encouraging in that the rough element has dropped out, the Christian children attending the meetings regularly. Some of them have become interested in learning to sing, due to the fact that one of their number, *Thay Do's* little boy, came back from Tourane and sang all by himself in several of the services. Crowds of children attend the meetings held for them on the outstations, but I fear they come mostly for the cards given out. The Cairang meetings were started in a private home in October, and were the means of attracting so many adults that evening services were started for them the following month. The children's meetings in Omon have had to be discontinued because of lack of funds for travelling expenses.

A Bible study class was started for the older Christian children in June. The little girls come early Thursday morning and sew. The boys come in time for the Bible study, and then

we have a music lesson together, to the amusement of the neighborhood!

ESTABLISHING THE FAMILY ALTAR

For over a year we have emphasized the necessity of establishing the family altar in every Christian home. Just after returning from our vacation we established one in our own home for the servants and have insisted upon their presence every day. I believe we have derived as much blessing from this daily half hour as they have. The days go so much more smoothly than before, and there seems to be time for everything during the rest of the day.

In closing I want to testify that God has remained faithful, and that His abiding presence has been the sweetest reality of my life during the past year.

CHAUDOC

Mr. Jackson further writes:—

SINCE June first I have made three trips to Chaudoc and have corresponded with the preachers, thus keeping in touch with the work in general. I praise God for all the visible results in spite of the many handicaps..... There are sixty-four members at Chaudoc and its outstations, thirty-five of whom have been baptized since last conference. But Chaudoc has been practically shepherdless since Mr. and Mrs. Grupe left for furlough last April. *Thầy Tư*, now a student in the men's Bible School, was a young, inexperienced and untrained Christian left alone to carry on the work of the Church in that province. He is really to be complimented, however, for the way he held things together, and has put some of the older workers to shame by his life and testimony. But Chaudoc needs a resident missionary, or at least part of a missionary's time.

BINH LONG CONVERT GIVES CHAPEL

No new outstations have been opened during the past conference year, but regular services have been held for the Annamese at Chaudoc, Binh Long and Tân Châu, and for the Cambodians at Núi Cam. Binh Long is by far the most encouraging part of the Chaudoc work. Crowds attend the services held there. The chapel was a gift to the mission by a Christian. I might add that I have never seen a layman put more of himself into the Lord's work than this man at Binh Long.

Owing to the loss of two successive rice crops, the people of Chaudoc have been reduced to dire poverty and have had to

scatter in order to find food. Therefore, although there are twenty church members living on the main station, only a half-a-dozen can be located. There are thirty-six Christians at Binh Long, seven at Núi Cam, and one at Tân Châu. These with the twenty at Chaudoc make a total of sixty-four.

The total native offerings for the past conference year amount to \$147.35. Owing to the poverty of the people and the absence of the missionary, this station has not attained its stage of self-support. Pray that there may be a spirit of sacrifice on their part, and that they may know from experience the joy of giving.

MYTHO

Mr. Ferry writes :

AT THE last Conference we were appointed to the Saigon Home, and to take up the work in Cholon. Although there were good attendances at the meetings in Cholon, only one man accepted the Lord. Most of my time was taken up with the various duties in connection with the home. At the last committee meeting held in February the committee decided that we be appointed to Mytho.

In Jeremiah 33 : 3, we read : « Call unto Me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. » This is the verse I took as a motto.

SPLENDID WITNESSING BY CONVERTS

We were in Mytho but a couple of weeks when an old man, aged 69, came to inquire. He said he heard there were missionaries at Mytho and thus he started out around 3 a. m. and, after travelling on foot all day, he finally reached our house at 4 p. m. He eagerly drank in the gospel and immediately accepted Christ as his Saviour. There was such a fervency as he repeated the prayer after me and, when he arose from his knees, he had such a radiant face ! He was so happy that he had rolled his sins over on the cross and that he was indeed free through the precious blood of Jesus. Both Mrs. Ferry and myself could hardly keep back the tears at the man's true simplicity and fervency. How happy we were to point him to Jesus ! He stayed overnight at the preacher's house as he could not start back before daybreak ; but we know he rejoices now in a Risen Saviour. There are others too who have come to us from long distances, travelling all day or almost all day to get to our station.... Several weeks ago one man came from

a distant village, and he went back and witnessed. A couple of days later two or three other men came from the same village and they also went back and witnessed. In a few days still more came from that village, — thus we see God's working !

At the present time we have two outstations. We originally had three but combined two villages into one. We hold meetings at these outstations every other week. We also hold services at Mytho. The attendance is on the increase and we haven't enough benches to seat the crowds. A revival has surely begun ! There is rarely a meeting held without a number confessing Christ as their Saviour.

CONVERTS BUILDING OWN CHAPEL

Since coming to Mytho we praise the Lord for the baptism of seventy converts. About 300 have prayed. In one of our outstations, where we have 31 Christians, they are planning by the time we return to have their own chapel built. This chapel is being built by an old man who owns his own grounds. Each Christian there has pledged to furnish a bench apiece.

Since our coming to Mytho 120 New Testaments, 4000 Bible portions, 800 portions of Christian literature, and 250 catechisms have been sold, and 3,500 tracts distributed.

We surely want to thank and praise the Lord for the way He is working in Mytho and the surrounding villages. No doubt some of you have been praying for a revival in Mytho. God surely has heard and answered prayer. Pray for us as we go back to our station that the Lord will use us more than ever in winning souls for him.

Mrs. Ferry writes :

THE LORD'S LEADING

AT THE committee meeting in February we were appointed to Mytho. From the very first day we arrived in Mytho to the present the Lord's leading has been evident, for hardly had we been in the house a couple of hours than we had an inquirer, and the Lord has been showering blessings upon the work ever since. Truly a revival is going on ! We can surely say : « Praise God from whom all blessings flow. »

I have had the pleasure of making a number of trips to the outstations with Mr. Ferry and the native preacher. The women are always happy when they see me as they can ask questions they dare not ask the men folk. After each meeting I gather the women together and we have a precious time talking about the Lord and explaining the gospel.

I am so happy to say that for the most part our Christians seem earnest and sincere. At one of our outstations they get together at least once a week in the evening and have a prayer meeting, after which they study the catechism. They have started this of their own accord. They do all they can to help one another along. Those who can read help those who cannot, and whenever they have spare moments they study their catechism. It is surprising the way some of the women know the catechism and can repeat page after page by heart.

I have a regular weekly class for the women in Mytho which is always well attended. There is scarcely a woman who can read but grasps the truth quickly, and I am so encouraged with them. Sometimes the attendance is about thirty, but it varies as the women take turns with their children and husbands to guard their houses.

FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH

While we have the joyous side to the work, we also have the sad part. Just before we left for Conference, one of our women passed away. She had been sick for about a year before she accepted the Lord, and was gradually getting worse. Toward the end she went out of her mind and would say very strange things, so much so that people tried to persuade her to go to some other village and worship there so that she would be cured. But she would not forsake God, and stood true to Him. We are so happy that she had a chance to accept the Saviour ere she departed this life, and that now she is with the Lord. Her husband is also a Christian and, though his wife has been taken, he seems happy in the Lord.

In closing I wish to express my thanks to the Lord for His keeping, and for His goodness and mercy to us this past year.

PNOMPENH

Mr. Hammond writes :

IN LOOKING back over the past year since we last met here we find much over which to praise God and rejoice, for He hath done «the exceeding abundantly above all we could ask or think.» His name be blessed forever!

Our work in the capital city of Cambodia has not always been a smooth-sailing work. It has had its ups and downs, and times of blessings and times of persecutions like all other places. But we rejoice in the fact that every time we have been down the Lord has raised us up, every time we have been

persecuted the Lord has added to our number abundantly; insomuch that we pray God to let us fall in the estimation of the people, if need be, and let us be lower than the dust that He may lift us up and show forth His glory.

CAMBODIAN SERVICES BEGUN

A good share of the year has been spent in language study, and we praise God that He has enabled us to advance quite rapidly. In spite of the lack of books to study, etc., we have been able to make fair progress so that we opened services for the Cambodians in our home last March, and have had the joy of seeing several souls come to the Lord.

We waited and prayed for the time when our Cambodian worker would return from Bible School to help us, but alas! he returned out of victory, thinking of nothing but how much money he could get out of us and of what good things he could put into his stomach, so finally we had to suspend him. Since then we have been carrying on the work in the strength and wisdom that the Lord has supplied us, praying that He would also supply us with the native workers.

Just a short time ago I made a trip to Takeo, and there found many hungry hearts both among the Cambodians and the Annamese. I sold over one hundred copies of our Cambodian «Gospel Summary,» and the people seemed to be generally interested. After conference we hope to follow up this initial step and perhaps open a work there.

PREPARING THE SCRIPTURES IN CAMBODIAN

During the year we have baptized three Cambodians, making a total of five, but Mr. Heng's arrival and influence carried two of them away, our teacher alone remaining faithful. We solicit your prayers that these will come back wholeheartedly to the Lord. Many Cambodians have been in to inquire about the Lord and several have prayed....

Praise God for the gifts of money which have come in for Cambodian type. This will facilitate our printing problems immensely. In our study periods and spare time we have translated *Luke and part of Matthew*, and we trust that these can be printed as soon as complete and Mr. Ellison, our teachers and myself meet to go over them and make final corrections.

ANNAMESE WORK PROSPERED

The Annamese branch of our work prospered greatly under the faithful ministry of *Thay Tiep*. He was a live wire and never rested from his work of telling the Gospel. The little

flock grew rapidly and all seemed to be very earnest. We saw real works of salvation in their lives and evidence that the Holy Spirit was working mightily among them. Men gave up their cigarettes and women their beetle-nut, and it was very evident to all that they were new creatures in Christ Jesus.

During the year we have baptized twenty-two Annamese. Seven of the former converts have been unheard of for over six months so this leaves us a total membership of twenty-three Annamese, including three who have been transferred to our books from Cantho.

We expect God to do great things in Cambodia. As yet the true Light hurts the peoples eyes, as it were, for they have been in darkness so long, but when they become accustomed to it and see its purity, we know they will come into it also, and rejoice in it with us. We trust that another conference will see a great awakening among these benighted souls, with many of them abandoning their idols and turning to the living God to Whom be all the glory forever and ever. Amen!

Mrs. Hammond writes:

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. » First of all I want to praise Him for the past year for it has been one of great spiritual blessing and joy. Although the persecutions were often most bitter and misunderstanding great, yet He has revealed Himself in a mighty way. The greater the persecution the greater the flood of blessing! Never in my life has my heart been so flooded with the love of the Lord Jesus as it is now. He has shown me how to see others thru His love, — and it is precious!

OUT OF DARKNESS IN TO LIGHT

God has mightily blessed in the salvation of precious souls. Besides men, many women have found the greatest joy, the Lord Jesus.

One young woman desires to come to the Women's Bible School this year but must finish French school first. About a month after this woman was baptized the persecutions began. Before her conversion she was a Roman Catholic and, as she began witnessing to her companions, naturally they became most bitter. For three weeks or more she was in the balance not knowing who was teaching the truth. She would come to us and ask the meaning of the Scriptures, and then return to

the head priest and tell him. How we prayed that her eyes would be really opened to the truth! The crisis came and she leaned towards Romanism, but at our suggestion she asked the priest for the real Bible. She spent many hours comparing the French Bible we sold her with the one loaned her and found no difference. How brokenhearted she was when she found she and many others had been so long deceived. Now all her spare time is spent telling the gospel story! Some one said to her, « I should think you would be afraid to tell the gospel story in this wicked city. » Her face lit up as she said, « Afraid? Why? I love Jesus and why should I be afraid! » Surely God works in marvellous ways!

One young boy of fourteen has been used to bring his whole family to the Lord. Besides this he explains the gospel to his chums and prays with them. His life has been consecrated to God for service and he expects to become an evangelist.

God willing I hope to begin definite work among the Cambodian women and children when I return to Pmonpenh. Pray most definitely for this work. *Cô-Heng* has expressed a desire to help in the work but her husband will not let her.

In closing I want to say that I am most happy to have a part in the great harvest field of the world. I am sure there are great things in store for us as we faithfully buy up the opportunity and press forward into the regions beyond. Nothing is impossible with God!

BATTAMBANG

Mr. Ellison writes:

FIRST CONVERT AND EVANGELIST

DURING the first month at Battambang God gave us our first convert, Mr. Sott, who is now the officially appointed evangelist. Suffice it to say that it was not through the medium of the Cambodian language that he was won, but through the French tongue. Coming from Pnom-Penh he was a perfect stranger both to us and to Battambang. He had heard some children say that we had an organ which we played each evening and permitted them to come and listen. He came to see for himself, was soon interested in the Gospel, and some little time later confessed Christ. We were led to ask him several weeks later to pray about giving his life to the Saviour for service. This he did and, with the consent of his wife, he embarked on a new life which we trust will be much used of God for the salvation of many precious souls.

MISFORTUNE FURTHERS CAUSE OF GOSPEL

Days of Seed Sowing were soon followed by days of testing. The devil never leaves God's work alone when he sees it is making progress. Shortly after this a number of men who had been coming to our home quite regularly from a distance of over seven kilometers, were arrested and charged with gathering together with the intention of evading their taxes. A month later all were released except one who seemed incorrigible. This event scared everybody who was at all interested in the Gospel so that they dared not show themselves in our locality. Nevertheless the Lord sent others along, from different directions, and so there was scarcely a day when the word was not given forth. This scare has passed over without any serious results, except to teach the folk what our words failed to impress upon them, that we are not here to help them evade their duties toward the Government, but rather to uphold the laws of the land. Thus we can say that the result of an ugly episode has been good and beneficial, though it has also slowed up our work to a considerable extent.

The opportunity for preaching the Word while simply remaining in our home being thus lessened, we turned to the only natural thing to do, viz: going to their homes instead. Thus a number of villages have been visited, as well as many homes in the neighborhood. Several longer trips have been made to Sisophon, Mongkol Borey, and Chanda Sva, towns on the road leading to Siam. Gospels and tracts have been sold and distributed in all these places, and the Good News been spread abroad to some little extent. We believe there is fruit for us in all of these places, if we but have the perseverance to gather it. Already there are indications of the Lord's working in the hearts of those who had never before heard the name of Jesus.

WITNESSING TO MANY NATIONALITIES

At Battambang the privilege has been given of speaking about Jesus to Arabs, Afghans, Hindous, Siamese, Chinese, Annamese, Malays, as well as one Laotian and a Birman. We thank God for this opportunity of reaching so many nationalities. The greatest need we have is a staff of native workers who can be placed in all the principal towns as permanent workers. Let us make this need a special matter of prayer, that even as God has made the Annamese Bible School a reality, so may He make it possible for Cambodia.

During the year we had the joy of baptising four people, two Cambodians and two Annamese, the firstfruits of an abun-

dant harvest, we trust, for there are a number of sincere enquirers who have not yet been baptized.

Mrs. Ellison writes:

AMONG the Cambodian enquirers the number of women is comparatively small. The Cambodian women will be much more difficult to reach than the men. One great reason for this is that they are more devoted to Buddhism and heathen rites of ancestor and spirit worship than the men. Another reason is that only a few women have studied characters, and as a result speak a vernacular of their own. This, with the chewing of betel nut, makes it difficult to understand them, but constant practice will I trust overcome this.

AN UNFLINCHING TESTIMONY

We praise God for Mr. and Mrs. Sott and the way they are growing in the knowledge of Him. Her short Christian experience has not been without trial and persecution, but these have spurred her on to follow more closely. In April her brothers and sisters met together to worship the spirits of their dead parents. They tried every persuasion to get Mrs. Sott to join them, but failing in this they threatened to disown her. She stood firmly, saying: « I could worship with you and not tell my husband, but I would know and God would know that I had sinned against Him. You all know how He let me be very ill last week, because I went with my mother-in-law to a Pagoda (not to worship but just to see the crowds). You know too how quickly He healed me in answer to prayer. He is a Living God I worship. I cannot come with you. » We are glad for these lessons of separation which she has learned. She is witnessing among the neighbors and has promised to help me in house to house visitation work after Conference. She is learning characters in order to read the Bible when translated.

CARING FOR THE LITTLE ONES

I might also mention the little ministry of love the Lord has opened in caring for sick children. The parents bring their children freely to us, whereas they will not go to the French Hospital. We are praying and trusting that this will help to open up many homes to the Gospel. Our home is open at all times to the children, and some nights we have as many as twenty children who come from the pagodas nearby. To these we have been quietly talking about the Lord Jesus and His love, also teaching them to sing in Cambodian such simple hymns as, « Jesus loves me. »

TOURANE

Mr. Irwin writes :

CONTINUED progress has characterized the work on Tourane station during the Conference year. Our two Churches have greatly increased in membership; many of the Christians have been deepened in their spiritual experience; and the Gospel has been carried farther out into the closed districts of the Protectorate than ever before. Christians from the Tourane and Faifoo Churches are to be found in nearly all of the larger centres from Nhatrang to Quangtri. Our membership at Faifoo, particularly, represents scores of villages covering the entire province of Quang-Nam and part of Quang-Nghia. The Christians are very zealous in witnessing for Christ, and we have many inquirers from distant districts where someone who has heard the Gospel in Faifoo or Tourane has gone back home to spread the Good News of Christ.

There have been 288 baptized during the year. This makes a grand total of 810 who have been baptized on this station since the beginning of the work in 1912. During these twelve years 99 names have been struck off the Church roll. Less than fifty have had to be excommunicated, and only about thirty others have been lost track of. The membership in good standing today at Tourane is 323, and at Faifoo about 380.

The native offerings in the Tourane Church have increased from 360 piastres last year to 603 piastres this year, and that at Faifoo from 120 piastres last year to 220 this year. Thus the total offerings for the station have almost doubled during this conference year. The figures for 1923 were 480 piastres and for 1924 they are 823 piastres.

Two Sunday-Schools have been regularly conducted, one at Tourane and the other at Faifoo. The enrollment at Tourane numbers 180, and at Faifoo 185. The schools are divided into three classes: a men's Bible class, a women's Bible class and a children's class. The adult Bible classes have been particularly encouraging, and have, we believe, been a means in God's hands of deepening the lives of the Christians.

There is a boys' and a girls' primary school at Tourane, with an enrollment of 17 and 27 respectively. Daily Bible classes have been conducted with the children, and several have given their hearts to Jesus during the year.

Mrs. Irwin gave a verbal report speaking of the daily Bible classes for the women of the Tourane Church, and also of the

preparation of the manuscripts for the monthly Sunday-School lesson booklets which have been so helpful on many of the stations.

MEN'S BIBLE SCHOOL

Mr. Jeffrey writes :

YOU ARE all more or less familiar with the history of the Men's Bible School during the past year because it shares part of the life of each station, but there is still room for added testimony as to God's goodness and guidance.

CONTINUED INCREASE IN STUDENTS AND SELF-SUPPORT

It is a cause for thanksgiving that each successive year brings in new students, and this has been due to the strong support given by the various stations.... You may be interested by a comparison of the number of men, from the beginning, who have taken the regular course, which is as follows:

First year, 10 students:	— Tonkin 2,	Cochinchina 0,	Annam 8
Second year, 16 students:	— Tonkin 2,	Cochinchina 3,	Annam 11
Third year, 26 students:	— Tonkin 3,	Cochinchina 7,	Annam 16

Now at the beginning of our fourth year we have an enrollment of thirty students, 14 of them being new men. The various sections of the field are represented as follows: Tonkin 2, Annam 12, Cochinchina 16. In addition to these thirty men there are fourteen of last year's students in the work as student-preachers, while half-a-dozen more in other occupations are witnessing to the gospel.... Had it not been for stricter regulations we would have been swamped with applications. As it was we refused fifteen or twenty who could not come up to the scale set for partial self-support, or who were rejected for other reasons....

It is also interesting to note that this year Cochinchina has taken the lead, not only in the number of new students sent in, but also in the matter of self-support. Over \$600 have come in for self-support, nine-tenths of it from Cochinchina.

DIFFERENT AGES AND DIVERSE CLASSES

I dare not take your time by discussing finances, time-tables, courses, the arrangement of classes, or by suggesting many things that we need or would like to have, all of which things are hobbies of mine; but in closing I would ask you to remember a few things concerning the men who are studying in order that you may not forget to pray often for them. In our School this year, we have old men and young men, from twenty years to over forty years of age; we have clever men and slow men. It

takes much tact and care to take them all through the same course of study. Happily I have been able to get a better balance by dividing a number of classes into junior and senior years, but the two-fold problem always faces one, viz: How to maintain a high standard of instruction. Prayer, I believe, will enable us to keep both.

Then we have all classes of men: teachers, doctors, farmers, barbers, clerks, cooks and with it all the problem of amalgamating them into one group of men who love God and one another with all their heart. This problem, I believe, will also be solved as we consistently pray. Again very many of the men this year are recent converts, some of them having been saved only a few months. In one way these men with their fresh enthusiasm are a great help, but in another way, some of them not being settled, it puts a heavier pull on the School. But the heavier our pull the greater the need for dependence on God, and after all this is the place where it is good to be.

WOMEN'S BIBLE SCHOOL

Miss Frost writes:

I WAS not a little surprised when at last conference I was asked with Miss Ailshouse to start a Women's Bible School, but after prayer and consideration I felt the Lord was leading me to take this step, so in the fall of 1923 the need for giving Bible training to the Annamese women brought us from Hanoi to Tourane.

MODEST BEGINNINGS

The beginning was small and not without its difficulties and problems, but God blessed us and helped us to make the best of what we had. To begin with we had only three boarding students. We used two of the servants' rooms to accommodate these women. Aside from the three women above mentioned there were four married women, wives of preachers, and one single woman who took most or all of the classes. At the beginning of this year three more women applied to enter. The charcoal room was cleaned out for one of these women, but the other two had to be asked to wait. These with other conditions made us realize the need of a building for the women. A wife of one of the preachers also arrived in January to take the classes, so the last five months our enrollment numbered ten.

Most of the women have been willing and anxious to learn, and at the end of the school year we were much gratified when

we examined them to find they so well remembered the things they had been taught. They were able to recite from memory many Bible verses which I am sure will be a blessing to them as they go and live and witness among their own people.

Aside from teaching the Bible we have taught those to read and write who did not already know how. At the end of the year most of them could read the Bible and some could write.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Our gracious Lord who supplies all needs has given us a fine building for the women for which we praise and thank Him. This building contains not only sleeping rooms for single women and married couples, but also has two fine class rooms and a fine, airy, dining-room.

We are expecting sixteen women this year, mostly wives of those studying in the Men's School. As this number includes women from the age of sixteen to fifty, some who know how to read and write and some who do not, some who are fairly bright and some who are not, you can see that it is going to be somewhat difficult to arrange classes. We need your prayers that we may be given wisdom. Our hope and prayer is that the Word may become to them the real Bread of Life, and that they may be «Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.»

Miss Ailshouse writes:

TRULY words are inadequate to express the joy which was mine day by day as I explained some of the simple yet helpful stories of the Bible to the women. I was brought to realize that it was quite impossible to impart them that which I myself had not already experienced. Only as the Bread of Life was broken to my own heart could I with liberty and power break it to the women. Many times while in class I was encouraged with the interest shown by the women in wanting to know the Bible. Although naturally stupid, yet the Spirit of God moved upon and opened their hearts and minds to grasp the precious truths of His Word.

HEARTS AND LIVES TRANSFORMED

You no doubt would be interested to know just how the Word of God has gripped the lives of some of these women. One day *Co-Heng*, one of the first fruits from Cambodia, was rather severely tried by her husband. She had been meeting defeat from time to time because of trouble in the home, but this day when she was told by her husband that she was too

stupid to study and that it was all useless, she was again quite disheartened and on the verge of quitting classes, for that was what she always did before when trouble arose. However this day there came into her heart a desire to read God's Word and, while she was reading, the Lord gave her a promise that «He was with His children always.» This took her to her knees in prayer. She experienced real victory for, when she came to class, her countenance was changed. Instead of a scowl there was a smile! She testified to the class, and praised the Lord for giving her victory in that trying place.

Then there was the wife of *Thay Quoc*. Last fall when *Thay* was looking forward to coming to Tourane for another year's training in the Bible school, his wife decidedly opposed him. She frankly refused to accompany him to Tourane. It was only after much prayer and persuasion that she finally consented to come. But after arriving here she was certainly far from happy, and for a time it looked like she would not remain with her husband if he continued to study the Bible.

The change in that life has been absolutely wonderful! Why? Because the Lord spoke to her heart. From a life of discontentment she has been brought into a life of peace. She now writes us letters telling about the blessings of the Lord, and always seems troubled that more do not attend the meetings. At the beginning of school she did not want to study Annamese, her heart was far from that desire; but before school closed she was able to read as well as write Annamese. And she loves to read the Bible!

Last year was a splendid year, but we expect this year to be even better, for we know the Lord is leading us in this new work for Him.

HANOI

Mr. Cadman writes:

THE Lord's work has gone ahead, slowly but surely, during the past conference year. There has been an increasing opposition, mostly on the part of a few newspapers and politicians seeking political capital. However, «If God be for us who can be against us,» therefore by faith and prayer we can say with Paul, «The things which have happened... have fallen out rather for the furtherance of the Gospel.»

The Hanoi church has prospered, in spite of the restrictions, and there have been fourteen baptisms, the membership now being around fifty. Of these, however, fifteen are absent

from Hanoi, some in the Lord's work and others in government or business positions. The offerings last year were over \$150, and this year (1924) \$250 have been pledged.

The Boys' Primary School has been blessed. There are now two Christian teachers with a roll of sixty students and an average daily attendance of forty-five. This school is fully self-supporting. Bibles classes are held daily, and the homes of the scholars visited. Many of these young hearts are thus being trained in the way of the Lord.

The translation and publication work have made steady progress, the number of books in Annamese showing an encouraging increase. We hope to be through with our part of the Old Testament translation by the end of the year, and start printing the whole Annamese Bible on our presses.

We praise God for meeting every need of the press. Its equipment and output is steadily increasing. We hope to put up a new building, thus doubling our floor space so that we will have sufficient room to install the Cambodian side of the work. We have an urgent need of another and larger press, the present presses working an average of seventeen hours daily.

HAIPHONG

SINCE the return of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jackson on furlough, the Haiphong work has been connected with Hanoi. Mr. Jackson left everything in excellent shape, and we praise God that, with the exception of one member out of thirty, all have continued faithful and are growing spiritually. This one exception, the native evangelist, Mr. Ngoi, who had not yet attended Bible School, did good work with Mr. Jackson; but when the latter left he was not sufficiently established in the Lord to withstand temptation alone on the station. He has had to be dismissed and refused permission to attend school. Let us pray that he may sincerely repent.

Mr. and Mrs. Quoc have since taken charge. They regard themselves as being just as much missionaries as we are! They are truly a consecrated couple, and are always an inspiration to me when I visit Haiphong every two weeks to take the Sunday morning services. Although there are no additions to the membership, yet we can expect much fruitage under the leadership of Mr. Quoc. Let us pray for him and his ministry.

In closing Mrs. Cadman and I wish to record our praise to God for health and strength sufficient for the daily need, and for the deep consciousness of God's abiding presence.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA



ALLIANCE STATIONS :

- Tonkin (pop. 6,850,453)
 - Hanoi
 - Haiphong
- Annam (pop. 4,933,426)
 - Tourane
- Cochinchine (pop. 3,795,613)
 - Saigon
 - Saïdec
 - Cantho
 - Claude
 - Mytho
- Cambodia (pop. 2,402,585)
 - Phnompenh
 - Battambang
- Laos (pop. 818,755)
 - Kouang-Twan (pop. 182,371)

Directory of Missionaries and Native Colleagues

TOURANE :

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