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ON EAGLES' WINGS

MOUNTING up with wings as eagles,
Waiting on the Lord we rise;
Strength receiving, life renewing,
How our spirit heavenward flies!
Then our springing feet returning
To the pathway of the saint,
We shall run and not be weary,
We shall walk and never faint.

Oh, we need these heights of rapture
Where we mount on eagles' wings;
Then returning to life's duties,
All our heart exultant springs.
This our every burden lightens
Till, with sweet, divine constraint,
We can run and not be weary,
We can walk and never faint.
A. B. Simpson.

But they that wait upon the Lord shall
renew their strength.—Isaiah 40: 31.

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EDITORIAL

«And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.... And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.» Mark 1:35, 38.

JESUS is our example and pattern in everything pertaining to His work. He was the perfect missionary. In the words of Scripture quoted above, He has showed us the source of His spiritual power. First He «Talked with God about men, then He talked to men about God.» He was ever anxious to preach in the «next towns,» to bring His «other sheep.»

THE Indo-China Mission is trying to reach the «Other Sheep» with the Gospel. It was for that reason that Mr. Robinson was appointed to work among the Moi, that two missionaries were sent on a trip to Laos, that Mr. Ellison was asked to gather information about the Malays.

AS we were met in Annual Conference, our hearts were refreshed by the inspiring messages. Later, while the reports were being read, we were caused to «Lift up our eyes and look on the various parts of our field.» Our hearts were overwhelmed with the magnitude of the work, and with our own insufficiency.

RIGHT here the poem «On Eagles' Wings» by our beloved Dr. Simpson, is to the point. Realizing our own helplessness, we feel the need of «Waiting on the Lord» in order to receive His strength in exchange for our weakness; His wisdom where we lack wisdom. It would be useless to comment further upon this beautiful poem, or upon the verse which inspired it, but let us rather, wait humbly before the Lord and allow His Holy Spirit to interpret it to our individual hearts according to our several needs.

NEVER before was there so great a need for God's children to wait on Him for wisdom and strength. The opportunities for service and preaching the Gospel were never so great; neither was the opposition of the devil ever so fierce, nor the apostasy of believers ever so appalling as today. In view of these facts, let us wait on the Lord that He may strengthen us for faithful service during the few hours of labour which still remain before He shall return.

IN the homes of three of our missionaries, there is more sunshine than when we met for Conference. We would not have our readers think, however, that these homes lacked sunshine before, nor that the other homes lack it now. In Indo-China, almost every home has one or more little sunbeams.

The news reached Hanoi by telegram as follows:

«Tourane, June 16, Shiela Margery arrived today: Smith.»

«Saigon, July 9, Elizabeth Mary nine pounds: Stebbins.»

«Saigon, July 11, Announcing arrival William Alfred junior three kilos 270 mother and baby fine: Pruett.»

We feel sure that all the readers of the «Call» will join with the missionaries on the field in wishing health to both parents and infants. Let us not forget to pray for them, together with their brothers and sisters, that Jesus will make them to shine for Him until He shall come.

A letter from Mr. Snead was read during Conference. Our hearts rejoiced to hear that the Home Board intends, D. V., to send two or three couples a year to Indo-China until the quota is reached. Praise God! Let us pray that nothing shall be permitted to keep them back.

ALL those interested in work among the Camdodians will be happy to know that the Gospel of Mark is on the press and will soon be finished. The manuscript for John's Gospel is in hand. Other Scripture portions and some tracts are in course of preparation.

THE following is taken from the Minutes of the Annual Conference which met May 2-10, 1926: «Moved that one of the new couples coming out be appointed to Northern Laos.» We cover your prayers that God will choose from among those now under appointment to Indo-China, the couple that He would have begin this important pioneer work.

THIS Conference also requested that one experienced couple be transferred from South China to Indo-China to oversee the evangelisation of nearly four hundred thousand Chinese who live here. We have a couple in view, and desire the prayers of God's people that they may be enabled speedily to give a witness to all the Chinese within our borders.

A recent letter from Mr. Hammond announces that they have just opened a Cambodian chapel in the Cambodian quarter of Pnom-Penh, and had a fine attendance for the first meeting. The outstation work is also growing.»

CONFERENCE IMPRESSIONS

I CAN think of no words that will better describe my impressions of our Annual Conference, held at Tourane May 2-10, than to say with the Psalmist «The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.» To us new missionaries, comparatively unacquainted with the tremendous possibilities that this field presents, this gathering was a decided revelation. The sweet spirit of fellowship that prevailed throughout, the timely messages from our Conference speakers, the facility with which most of the business matters were decided, all these combined to make what one of the older missionaries expressed as «the best conference he ever attended.»

It was our rare privilege this year to have with us as our Conference speakers, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Williams of St. Paul, Minn, who for some time have been engaged in missionary work in the Philippines. Mr. Williams is a member of the Board of Managers, and in the Conference sessions gave us much helpful counsel. Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Worsnip of South China were also present, and their twenty-five years of missionary work in that field enabled them to offer some very good suggestions regarding mission policy.

The opening session of the Conference was called Sunday afternoon, Rev. E. F. Irwin presiding. Mr. Williams, speaking from the text «Thy Will be Done», brought us a message that stirred us deeply and caused us to realize anew the wonders of God's plan for the salvation of sin-sentenced souls. Jesus Christ, who is «The same yesterday, today, and forever» is still in the soul-saving business; it is still His will to sanctify, to heal, and to make us fishers of men. Dwelling on this last thought, the speaker described a picture of a farm scene—a group of tired farmers at the close of day are walking beside a great load of grain which is being drawn toward the barn by two weary horses. The title of the picture was «The Last Load», and this accounted for the look of peace and contentment that marked the faces of the laborers.

We were reminded that we, too, are laborers in the harvest fields of never-dying souls, and in view of the nearness of our blessed Lord's return it is gloriously possible that we will have the privilege of helping to bring in «The Last Load.» In the season of prayer that followed this message, and during the following day, which was also set apart as a time of waiting upon the Lord, our heart's cry was that we might be faithful to our trust, so that every sin-burdened heart in Indo-China

might have «one chance, at least, for hope of heaven.» Mr. Williams spoke each morning in the devotional hour, and these sermons were greatly used of God to speak to our hearts and to enlarge our missionary vision.

In addition to the regular devotional exercises two other services of a very inspiring nature took place. On the morning of May 7 four baby boys, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Ferry and Mr. and Mrs. Ellison were dedicated to the Lord. We heartily welcome this quartette of new missionaries and trust that they will be the source of much happiness and sunshine in their respective homes. In the evening of the same day an ordination service was held when Mr. Paul E. Carlson was set apart for the ministry of the Gospel. Rev. J. D. Williams gave the charge. After the ordination prayer the twelve ordained ministers present offered Mr. Carlson the right hand of fellowship.

It was not until the various reports were read that we fully realized how marvelously God had placed His seal upon the efforts of His missionaries in this land. As we heard of the sixteen hundred and fifty souls saved and baptized during the year, of the hundreds of enquirers awaiting baptism, of the thirty-three splendid young people, in the Annamese Bible School, who are preparing for the ministry, and of the five thousand five hundred dollars gold contributed by the native Church for self-support, we were repeatedly rejoiced, convicted and inspired. Dear readers in the homeland, in the light of these facts what shall be our reply to those who still ask skeptically «Do mission pay?»

These reports were encouraging indeed, but that which caused our hearts to overflow with praise to God was the report of the completion of the Annamese Bible. For some years our missionaries have been laboring faithfully in the translation of it, and they, with the printers, are to be heartily congratulated. This is perhaps the first time in the history of our mission that it has been our privilege both to translate and to print the Bible in a foreign language. A prayer of dedication was offered and we all joined in asking God to bless this precious Book as it finds its way into the homes of the Annamese. Will you too, join with us in prayer for a wide distribution of these Bibles so that we may say before the Lord returns «The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.» PAUL E. CARLSON, SAIGON.

MALAYS OF CAMBODIA

THERE are two distinct branches of Moslem people in Cambodia, viz., Malay and Cham. The languages of these two groups differ considerably, though there are many words similar; but their religion, general customs and dress are the same. They combine to form a single Moslem Problem in Cambodia. The chief occupations of these people are fishing, lumbering and trading. It is a very common sight to see a company of eight or ten of these men going from house to house with their packs of merchandise on their shoulders. We as Missionaries can learn from these people a lesson of system and methodical and patient visitation of every house with the Gospel portion and Message.

Throughout Cambodia there are a number of large settlements, though there are smaller groups scattered everywhere. Some of these larger settlements are Kompong Loung, Kompong Cham, Pnom-Penh, Battambang, Kompot and Chaudoc. They live largely along the principal waterways, though there are many Chams living in the forest at considerable distance from the rivers. There are probably from twenty-five to thirty-five thousand of these people in Cambodia according to the *Annuaire*, though complete data is not furnished.

These people have inhabited CAMBODIA for generations and have taken a more or less active part in the history of that ancient Kingdom. At one time a Malay was king of Cambodia. Owing to their long residence they know the Cambodian language like the Cambodians themselves; except that it is the rare exception for a Malay to read Cambodian character. This is due to the fact that they are Moslems and of course never study in the Cambodian Buddhist temples. Some of them are able to read Malay Arabic Scripture portions we have in stock.

It seems to be very evident that these people can be effectually evangelized through the Cambodian language. It is not necessary to appoint a Missionary to devote his entire time to the Mohammedans of Cambodia. The same plans we have already formulated for evangelizing Cambodians can and should be carried out in connection with the Moslems as soon as we have the necessary workers. Native chapels should be built in various strategic centers. Thus we shall be able to reach both Cambodians and Malay by the same means, in the same places and in the same meetings, for frequently there are many Cambodians living at no great distance from the Malayan Settlements. — D. ELLISON, BATTAMBANG.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MISSIONARIES' REPORTS TO CONFERENCE*

MOI WORK

Mr. Robinson writes:

WE praise God that He has made it possible for us to visit the Moi, and get acquainted with them. As yet, we have done little more than get acquainted with them. The phrase, «reach the Moi if possible,» is very easy to write, and much easier to say; it rolls so easily off one's tongue. One would think that it was a foot race, in which it didn't matter a great deal whether we lost or won, instead of a race for life,—a race for eternity. Brethren, the only way to reach the Moi is to live among them, and study their languages and their ways. We can never get satisfactory results from making periodical visits to their jungle home. That «the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation» is gloriously true, and we praise God for it, but it must be presented to the Moi in a language that they clearly understand. We have explained the Gospel to them in Annamese, and they have apparently heard willingly. One hundred and ten have prayed thus far, but I cannot baptize any of them until I am sure that they fully understand the Truth we teach.

SUSPICIOUS OF FOREIGNERS

At first the Moi were very much afraid; they scattered at our approach like a flock of startled sheep. I invited myself into the chief's home and talked with him in Annamese. I asked him if he would call his people together as I had something important to tell them. «I could never do that,» he said, «for they are all terrified with the thought that you are here to arrest them and carry them off to Saigon. At any rate, the only time to find them all at home is in the evening, but it would be out of the question for you to think of staying here until evening, and then have to go back through the jungle at night.» I told him that I was going straight back to Loc-Ninh, a small village on the border of the jungle, and that I was going to bring my valise, so that I could meet and talk with his people, and then, if he was willing, to sleep there at his place. This seemed to surprise him a great deal, but he agreed to our spending the night there. That was the beginning of the work among the Moi.

* Reports from the following missionaries have not yet been received: Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Stebbins and Mrs. Ellison.—Ed.

THE FIRST MOI PRAYER MEETING

That evening they built a large wood fire in the centre of the room, and the Moi began to come in and crowd around the blaze to see this new kind of foreigner. They listened eagerly and their faces brightened up as we explained to them the «Way of Salvation.» Afterwards we explained to them what prayer was and how to pray in Jesus' name. I shall never forget the prayer meeting that followed! Their wild looks, their loose unkempt hair, which hung down partly hiding their faces, and their long crooked knives, that gleamed savagely in the fire light were a sight that would «subdue the stoutest heart.» But the greatest thing about it was to see those poor hungry hearts, so long lost to truth and grace and decency, calling, for the first time, on the only true and living God. It was like a thirsty traveller coming upon an oasis in the desert.

THE DIRE NEED OF THE MOI

May God put the burden of prayer for the Moi on the hearts of each member of the Conference. In all the whole wide world you will not find a people in a more hopeless condition. *They cannot think clearly, they cannot remember what they have been taught, and very few can count. They know time only by long or short periods. They speak of something happening a long time ago or a short time ago, or of going a day's or half a day's journey. All these things taken into consideration with the fact that they have no written language makes it imperative that we go to them at once! We cannot afford to delay any longer. We are late as it is, and the Lord is coming very soon. It seems sometimes as if we could hear the sound of His footsteps on the threshold.*

WANTED! A VOLUNTEER

I praise God for my appointment this year to the savage tribes of Central Indo-China, and I want you to stand with me in prayer for a single young man of spiritual vision to be set apart for pioneer work among the Moi, in the near future. Someone has said that there is danger and death in the jungle, from savage men as well as from savage beasts, but we know that for these savages «there is danger and death in delay.» God help us friends....., but how could we dare invoke our gracious Lord if we fail in our duty towards these needy people at our gates??

*«We owe to every child of sin
One chance at least of hope of Heaven;
And, by the grace that brought us in,
Let help and hope to them be given.»*

BATTAMBANG

Mr. Ellison writes:

Cambodian Bible School

A large part of the last year has been devoted to the formation of and teaching in the Cambodian Bible School. Praise God for the privilege of preparing men for the blessed and holy Ministry of the Gospel of God's Grace. There have been five students throughout the year. Four of these have been self-supporting up to the standard we required at that time. One student has been entirely supported by the Mission. Of these men, three are now working as student-evangelists for one year, while the other two are expecting to continue their studies next year. Needless to say it is a real problem to teach the Bible with only the Gospel of Luke in print. Praise God for that one portion, and let us all make it a matter of special prayer that this next year we may have at least two more portions for study in the Bible School.

Course of Study

The subjects taught have been the following: Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible, Gospel of Luke, The Life of Christ, Old Testament History, Prophecy and the Prophets and Gospel Messages. Mrs. Ellison has taught Bible Atlas and Singing.

The Outlook

Next year we trust that there may be a considerable increase in the number of students. There may be two or three students from Battambang and a number from the Cambodian Border work at Chaudoc. This will necessitate a considerable increase in the accommodation for the students. We trust that ere long permanent buildings may be erected instead of the native structures now being used.

Station Work

Regular station work has had to suffer considerably this past year because of the Bible School, which takes up a large part of the time. Nevertheless, we have joy in reporting thirty-two baptisms during the year; of whom twenty-four are Cambodians. These are almost all the result of previous years' work. The total present Church membership is thirty-seven, of whom twenty-five are Cambodians and twelve are Annamese. Native offerings for the year have amounted to one hundred and eight local dollars. This amount has been given entirely by Annamese Christians. One small native chapel has been built and given to the work by the Cambodians at Donteo.

AN AGRICULTURAL PEOPLE

Cambodian work is almost entirely in the villages. We have three regular weekly meetings in the town, but as yet there is no sign of a break. All the Cambodian Christians live outside of the town. The twenty-four who have been baptised this year live about six or seven kilometers away, in the village of Donteo. Two weekly meetings are held in the native chapel built by these Christians. First a children's meeting with an average attendance of seventy-five to eighty. Afterward, from thirty to forty adults gather to hear the Gospel. We believe God is going to bless this work, and that many souls will be won for the Master.

UNOCCUPIED TERRITORY

The field is great. Our parish is at least two hundred and thirty kilometers long. According to Dr. Turnbull in an article in the «Alliance Weekly» some time ago, there are five millions unevangelised in Eastern Siam, bordering on our work. I feel that we as a Mission should investigate the condition of the field to the immediate west and north of Cambodia.

The Lord is calling us to a deeper life of prayer, together with the Ministry of the Word. We come so far short of what we ought to be, and what we want to be. Our hearts cry out to God for more of His Fulness, for more love, more zeal, more power; yea that Christ Himself may be more perfectly formed in us so that we may become more effectual in the service of God for the winning of precious souls.

PNOMPENH

Mr. Hammond writes:

ON the main station we have been greatly handicapped owing to the lack of funds to rent a suitable Cambodian chapel. However, we have been holding Cambodian services in the Annamese chapel, and, with the aid of the Annamese evangelist, we have had fairly good attendance. Many have prayed, but few have remained faithful. At present we have only five or six, who are faithful attendants. We have a special note of thanks for a Cambodian worker, who has just finished a year's study in the Battambang Bible School and who will help spread the message of salvation among his own people in Pnom Penh and surrounding districts. Another student-evangelist will help us in the Cambodian border work. These two men and another, who will assist in Battambang, need our faithful prayers for they are still very young in the faith and have much to learn.

The Annamese work has been going through some severe testings, but God is blessing and souls are being saved. Praise His Name!

OUT-STATIONS

The out-station work is more encouraging. At Takeo we have well attended services both for the Annamese and the Cambodians. Since opening this out-station, some twenty Annamese have come to know the Lord, and several are preparing for baptism. Lately seven young Cambodians, students in the government school, have prayed and are regular attendants at every Thursday meeting.

Four different free tracts have been translated and printed. The work of translating the Scriptures goes steadily on. Mark is on the press and John will be very shortly. We are now working on Acts.

Our vision for the coming year is to open a Cambodian chapel in Pnom Penh and two new out-stations, one at Takmau and the other at Kompong Luong. Pray with us that funds will be forthcoming.

Mrs. Hammond writes:

AMONG those recently saved are two women. One was telling me last week of their unhappy home before Jesus came into their lives. The husband would come home drunk every night, unmercifully beat her and frighten the children. Now, her face beams as she tells of the change wrought. Happiness reigns because Christ has become head of their humble home. Will you not pray especially for the other woman, who is standing true to Him? Because of her stand for Christ, her husband has left her and has not returned for over a month. She refuses to go back to the worship of Buddha.

The Cambodian border work is real encouraging, and brings songs of joy to our hearts. Those who have been baptized are growing in grace and in the knowledge of Him. Their simple, childlike faith in Christ for all things is sweet. Every illness is promptly taken to our great Healer, and He answers every time. Many and varied have been the healings. Praise God! About half of the sixty baptized since last Conference are women. Several of them are old, having spent years in the pagodas reciting prayers and trying to gain merit for the life beyond. Now they spend their time witnessing for Him and singing His praises. They love to sing. Heretofore, no Bible classes have been held in their midst because of the great distance from Pnom Penh. We do praise God for the car He has given us recently. It is now possible to make visits every two weeks and thus teach them.

MYTHO

Mr. Ferry writes:

THE YEAR'S WORK

THE Lord has wonderfully blessed us during the past year. Six hundred and twenty three have been added to the Mytho Church through baptism. Although a good many of them had to go through tests before they became Christians and were baptised, they remained true and the Lord greatly blessed them. Our offerings at Mytho have been very good; the Christians having learned the art of giving. Not only do the members give, but many give as soon as they have accepted the Lord; they do not wait until they are members before they give. Our offerings for the year have amounted to two thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars. This is all native money.

During the year two hundred and ninety Testaments have been sold, and about two thousand scripture portions, also many thousands of tracts were distributed.

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

While the Lord has greatly blessed us at Mytho, the devil has tried hard to discourage the Christians. He tries all sorts of ways and means to tempt the Christians, therefore our church has had its trials and tribulations as well as a revival.

SELF-SUPPORT

In 1925 we opened the work in Bentre. It was just a year ago for it was in March. The Lord has greatly blessed there. At present there are two hundred and twenty-two baptized Christians, and about one hundred and fifty awaiting baptism. When the station was opened, the church in Mytho paid for all their expenses, but now the church is self-supporting. Their present chapel is too small and the Christians there want to buy land and build their own chapel. We praise the Lord for the way this work has progressed and for the Christians there.

Mrs. Ferry writes:

IPRAISE the Lord for the many scores of women who have been united to the church through baptism this past year, also for the many, who have accepted Christ and who are now awaiting baptism. Many of the women are so earnest and long to know more of Him, who gave Himself for them. The work among the women is very interesting indeed and the meetings are well attended. The children's meetings are also well attended.

I also praise the Lord that many of our women can pray oh! so earnestly. Even some of the little wee tots can pray for they are taught by their praying mothers. One little fellow only about five years old can not only pray, but also knows some of the catechism by heart. It is also inspiring to listen to some of the older children pray. They pray so earnestly and simply. To listen to them one would imagine they were used to praying all their lives when in truth they have only know the Lord a short while.

For the most part our members are witnessing ones, hence the Gospel is being spread. Some of our folks are in business. In this way they are constantly meeting those, who have never heard and are so happy to tell them about Jesus and His Power to save. The Lord's work is constantly on their hearts; they never tire of telling the old, old story.

It is a common sight to see the shore in Mytho lined up with little sampans. They represent our Christians from the different villages. Some of the folk start out a couple of days in advance in order to get to the meeting. Many of them come by foot, starting out the day before and walking all day and night. It is needless to say they are tired and weary from their long, hot journey, but they are glad to do it because they love Jesus and want to know more of Him.

It is such a pleasure and privilege to look into the faces of these dear ones and realize that some of them, who were bowing down to other gods a short time ago, are now worshipping Jesus and rendering homage unto Him, to whom be praise and glory forever!

Another interesting feature is to see the women as well as the men with their Testaments during service. They are so eager to look up the passages that are read and referred to. It makes one's heart glad to see them with pencil in hand jotting down passages of Scripture, and to watch the earnestness which is written on every line of their faces.

SAIGON AND SADEC

Mr. Stebbins writes:

ON OUR return to the field we settled in Saigon and have carried on the work in Sade. Since March 1926, we have been overseeing Cantho and Longxuyen with their out-stations. The last Annual Conference made Longxuyen and Cao-lanh out-stations from Chaudoc. In the future they will be overseen by Mr. Pruett.

NATIVE LEADERS

The spirit in the work among the native preachers and Bible women, also colporteurs, is excellent, and I have greatly enjoyed the spiritual fellowship with these native brethren. They are our spiritual children, and most of them are still very young in Christian service, but I praise God for the marked growth in spiritual leadership among these native workers. Since my return to the field, this evident blessing on the native leaders, has greatly increased my faith in the future of the Native Church in this land.

SAIGON STATION

To make several detailed reports of the various stations, I can say for Saigon that the work is encouraging in many respects. I wish to offer a special note of praise for the conversion of a well educated Annamese, who has been miraculously delivered from the opium habit, his wife healed from a six years serious illness and his son delivered from pernicious anemia. Binhtri, the out-station, is going steadily forward, and though much persecuted, the Christians are firm in faith, and souls are being added to the church.

SADEC, CAOLANH AND CANTHO

At Sadee, Caolanh and Cantho steps are being taken by the native Christians to erect their own church buildings, and we believe that within another year the mission will not have to pay rents for the work in these places. After red hot persecution and real opposition by local native officials at Caिताuha, God has made a way where there seemed to be no way. An old man eighty-one years of age gave his home for a chapel, and God has started a revival, in that place, which I think will result in the salvation of hundreds of souls this coming year. Recently a man over sixty years old was instantly delivered from opium smoking and now goes everywhere with a smiling face telling of the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

VINHLONG AND LONGXUYEN

At Vinhlone, Anthaidong, Omon and Longxuyen there is a splendid spirit. It looks to me that, if we are faithful in prayer, the number of souls saved this year will surpass anything that we have seen in the history of the church in French Indo-China.

THE GOSPEL CAR

The new automobile is a great addition to the work, and there is no doubt that with it a missionary can greatly extend his missionary activity and reach many places otherwise impossible because of lack of time. I believe every station should

have an automobile just as soon as possible with the great object of getting this message out in every corner of this dark land just as fast as we can. I believe the time has come when we should go forth in the villages and cities and endeavor, this year, to make the Gospel known everywhere.

TOURANE

We regret that written reports from Mr. Irwin and Mr. Olsen are missing, but we will quote from their letters and former reports.—Ed.

Mr. Irwin writes, July 23rd :

WE need more Sunday School Lesson helps. Our Sunday School attendance is increasing steadily, and we have been enabled to open two new Sunday Schools since Conference. One of these is at Tamky, where the Lord has opened for us a new out-station, and given us about seventy Christians in less than a month. Official authorization has been granted us to open an out-station there. Mrs. Irwin and I paid a visit to the home of a lady, who had heard the Gospel while at Faifoo. She gathered her friends, and we preached all day to a houseful of people. When we returned to Tourane, we left Mr. Thanh, the Faifoo evangelist, to gather up what fruit he could. He came home with the good news that fifty-four had accepted Christ. One of the wealthier men gave us a large brick building, in which to hold services, and one of the Bible School Students goes down there each week-end by the Mail-bus. We have a Sunday School and a Bible Class there. Praise God!!!

Mrs. Irwin gave an oral report speaking of the women in the Tourane church, who go out by twos, visiting in the homes and witnessing to the power of Christ to save and to keep. Mention was also made of the six Sunday Schools connected with Tourane Station and out-stations. Native Christians have taken the Monthly Lesson books and taught classes in the various chapels. Thus the members of the church are receiving systematic Bible teaching.

Mr. Travis writes :

SINCE Feb. 3rd till about April 25th most of our time has been spent in language study. Some time was lost while tested in body and while making a few drives with the car, but it was really all gain. The trials in body have brought us nearer to Jesus, and the trips in the car have given us a bigger vision, especially of the five millions of people in the great province of Annam. Surely our hearts have been melted and burdened as we have seen the doors that so recently have been

opened wide, and the precious souls literally pleading for a messenger to come and tell them the sweet story of Jesus. We felt somewhat disappointed at first, when we learned of being appointed to Annam, for we thought it was practically a closed province, but now instead of any disappointment we are rejoicing in God's appointment for He has shown just recently, how He can open doors to His harvest fields as the laborers come. May we be faithful till He comes.

MEN'S BIBLE SCHOOL

«And the things that thou hast heard..., the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.» (II Ti-mô-thé 2:2).

Mr. Olsen writes:

THE Indo-China Alliance Mission, early realizing the great import of the truth of the above statement, has faithfully sought to carry it out in practise by concentrating its efforts more specially on Bible school work. It is our aim as a mission to use a minimum of foreign workers while using a maximum of native agents. Hence the reason for our Bible School.

PRESENT FRUITAGE

The investment the Alliance has made in Bible school work in French Indo-China has already paid glorious dividends. The almost phenomenal growth of our work, especially during the last five years, has in a large measure been due to the work done by our faithful native preachers and evangelists, who are all (with one exception) the product of our Bible Training School. In 1920 the Mission had but one native preacher, and the number of baptized Christians was less than two hundred. This year the Mission has twenty-two regular native workers in active service (not including the colporteurs), and the number of baptized Christians has passed the three thousand mark. We fully believe that the further healthy development of our work in French Indo-China is largely dependent upon a healthy and steady increase in our staff of native workers. To make this increase possible, we are praying God to show us His perfect plan for the Bible School, and to enable us to train the men He sends us in the most spiritual and efficient way possible.

EVANGELISTIC BAND

About the first of July, Mr. Olsen bought an automobile with money that had been sent to him especially for that purpose. He desires to organize one or more evangelistic bands among the students in the Men's Bible School. The car will be used each week-end to carry the students to towns and villages which are at a considerable distance from Tourane. Probably

two students will be left to preach in one village and two more in another village along the the road. On the return trip, the men will be picked up and taken home. In this way the students will have an opportunity for practical experience and many people, who do not now know the Savior, will hear of His wonderful love. Please pray that God will reveal His own plan, to Brother Olsen, and then bless the band as its members endeavor to spread the Good News far and wide. — Ed.

HAIPHONG

Mr. Pruett writes:

ABOUT three weeks after our return from Laos, my wife and I went to Haiphong to settle and begin our belated work there. This was the fifteenth of January 1926.

As we review the past three months and a half spent in Haiphong, our hearts have nothing but praise to God for the way in which He has shown Himself strong in our behalf, helping us in all phases of the work: home settling, language study station work, etc. We divided our time as best we could among these three.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

As concerns Evangelistic work, our meetings have been usually very well attended, marked interest being shown, and good order always prevailing. We have done some house to house visitation, and have usually found open hearts and homes ready to hear the Word of Life.

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

During the three short months that we have been there, thirteen men have prayed, ranging between sixteen and fifty years of age; many more would have been willing to pray had I urged them, but some I considered not yet ripe for that. I have not baptized any since being there, but I am hoping that several of those who have prayed will soon be ready. I can't say much for the finances of the Haiphong Church; most of the members are very poor, and hardly able to keep soul and body together, hence they can not contribute as generously as otherwise they would.

BODIES HEALED

Since we've been in Haiphong, there have been two instances of healings told by the native Christians. One was the healing of the Colporteur's wife, who had been unable to walk for more than six months. After definite prayer for her, she was able to be out to the following Sunday morning service. The second instance was of an old gentleman who has just prayed.

He was unconscious for several days, until found by some of our Christians, who took him to their home, cared for him, and prayed until God raised him up.

Haiphong is a great field with unlimited opportunities, and we are looking to God to do marvellous things there.

HANOI

Mr. Cadman writes:

UPON returning to Hanoi from the last Annual Conference we were determined that this, our last year before furlough, should count more than any previous year, therefore to do this that more than ever it must be «No longer I, but CHRIST.» We were led to take up the subject of the HOLY SPIRIT in our Sunday services. GOD blessed first ourselves, and then many in the church for whom we had been praying for long years. Several of the Annamese definitely accepted the HOLY SPIRIT, and the Hanoi Church has since made abundant witness that their acceptance was sincere and real.

PUBLICATION WORK

PRAISE GOD for the fact that HE has now given the Annamese the BIBLE. Manuscripts are in hand for Genesis and Daniel, arrangements also being made for Romans, all by Mr. Jaffray. These, with the Cambodian work, will, we trust, help to keep the presses running during our absence.

We praise GOD also for the continued financial help from the Milton Stewart Funds, of which our dear Brother Blackstone is the trustee. During the past year, this extra money, additional to the profits from our Bible Society work, has enabled us to equip the press with an extra building, and buy more Cambodian type.

Mrs. Cadman writes:

BIBLE TRANSLATION

THE work in Hanoi,—at least my share of it,—does not furnish material for glowing reports. Several hours a day, poring over books and manuscripts is not very exciting or inspiring. Still it is very necessary work, and we trust we shall some day be permitted to share in the joy of the harvest home, when all Christ's jewels shall be gathered in from every quarter of this land of our adoption.

Our main work has of course been the completion of the printing of the Annamese Bible. We do thank God for His help and guidance all through the years since we first began our share of the translation work, and we rejoice that He has given us the health and strength to complete the work assigned to us.

COUNTRY TRIPS

The frequent Sunday trips into the country have been a pleasure and an inspiration. We trust that these visits to various villages, and the fifty odd converts won, will prove to be the opening wedge into the hitherto closed districts of Tonkin. May God soon enable us to go in and possess the land for Him.

Mrs. R. M. Jackson writes:

MOST of the women in the church are in business. Few of them have any one, whom they can trust, to look after their stores. Therefore, they find it difficult to attend meetings. We have had some very blessed times with the few who have been attending. One woman says she must wait to attend the women's meeting before taking her regular, weekly trip in the country to sell her goods.

FAITHFUL NATIVE WORKER

Recently, we had the great joy of explaining the way of salvation to a dear old lady, who asked what she must do to be saved. She and her family have become much interested in the Gospel through the witnessing of our faithful Biblewoman.

UNSAVED WIVES

In many cases we find that unsaved wives are hindering the spiritual progress of their Christian husbands. As in our own country, a saved wife and mother usually means a saved family. We must make a special effort to win the women of this land.

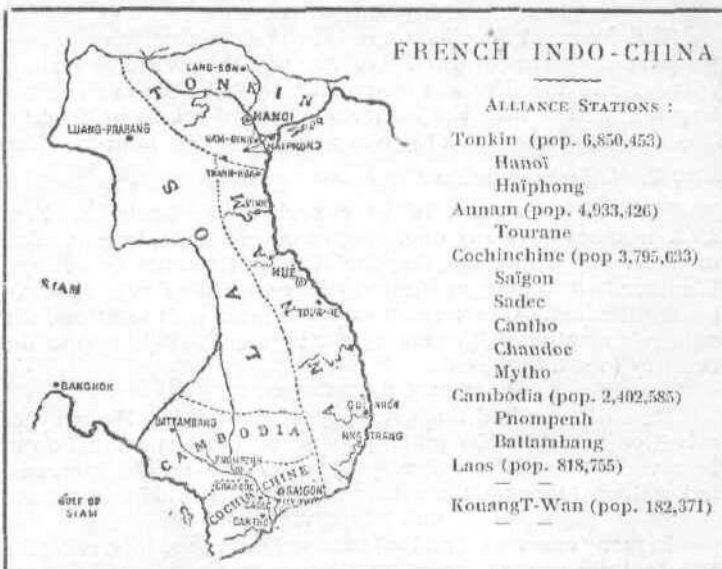
CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

The Lord has been blessing in the children's meetings, too. At first, it was rather discouraging; so few would come, and usually different ones came each week. The attendance is increasing, and now many come regularly every Sunday.

Mr. R. M. Jackson writes:

THE fine group of boys and young men that God has enabled Brother Cadman to reach and interest with the Gospel is a constant cause for thanksgiving. Some of them rarely miss a meeting, and several say that they want to go to Bible School when they are old enough. Thus we have a number of prospective evangelists if Jesus tarry. One fellow, about seventeen years of age, was persecuted because he would not worship before the ancestral tablets at New Year's time.

We praise God for a group of earnest hearts in the Hanoi Church, but our greatest desire for the work here is that God will send reviving fire until every member of the Church shall be in the center of God's will.



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