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Dear Mr. Jeffrey,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 11th inst. just to hand. I have credited your account with the five dollars for the "Call." Yes, I shared with you the dislike for that Annamese face, but Mr. Thuoc is an artist and explained that it "was to life" and at the right perspective we also would look like it. It was quite true! The trumpeter is exactly what is used for the triumphal processions.

I quite agree about the Ferrys being appointed to something, and it was spoken about in Committee, he to take charge of the outstation work.

I have just had a long letter from Mr. Olsen but he only just mentions the purchase of the house. He is surely keen about keeping his present appointment.

Am very glad to hear about Mrs. Smith gaining weight and being able to return to Annam. It would have been a great pity to have lost them from the work.

No, I did not find it difficult to keep sweet over Mr. Irwin's letter. By now I am well accustomed to being treated as a schoolboy. I wrote out the rough copy of the report in French and gave it over to Soulier to rewrite with any suggestions he might wish to include. I then glanced over it very casually and sent it to Tourane and Saigon without any editing whatever. I had no time for that. Knowing the psychology of our missionaries pretty well by now I added a few words regarding what Soulier had inserted, and both Mrs. Cadman and I smiled when we found that the to us really objectionable paragraph was cut out. You see, it took the responsibility away from me in turning it again over to Soulier. If I had cut it out he might have taken offense! I have now received the suggestions from Irwin and Olsen, and last evening went through the thing very carefully for printing, and the proof is now in Soulier's hands for literals. This is the history of the matter, as far as I am concerned.

As to our keeping a neutral policy. Why, that is just what I have tried my best to do! In helping Mr. Soulier as my Christian duty which nobody on this earth will stop me from doing, I made it distinctly understood by Martin and Monet that I was acting individually and that our mission was not sanctioning it. The fact is that M. Monet finds it very hard to keep out of affairs, as Mr. Jeffrey found out in his very short stay here.

I have just received a long letter from Mr. Sneed in which he gives me advice regarding Monet, he having received a twenty page letter from him against me. By the way you will notice I am not doing the writing. Mrs. Gadsden and I are praying over as to whether I should sit down here and tap off the full account of JUST WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE, and send same to those to whom Mr. Duong and M. Monet have written and other interested parties. You know I have the right to defend myself, if necessary. As I wrote to Mr. Stebbins last night, he tells me to mind my own business, being influenced by just what he has heard from others, just hearsay. Mr. Irwin told me some information about myself at Conference which was a surprise to me!!! However, keep sweet! Dear Brother, take my advice and let the matter drop. M. Soulier is leaving here the end of this month for France. There has been the usual deep duplicity in connection with him, and he parts with my fullest sympathy. However I have strongly advised him to let the matter drop, and TRUST GOD to show forth his righteousness. Because of this letter, and also to prevent a scandal, I deem it best to refrain from writing about matters.

I am glad to say that our work among the men is picking up again, and we have some enquirers. The young ladies find it still very hard to interest the women and win them. As you know by personal experience, Hanoi is much harder than Tourane and therefore do not too quickly condemn the missionaries here and assume unconsciously that they lack spirituality and power. I am convinced that once the country work is opened to us that the results in Tourane will be insignificant in comparison to Tonkin. Now kindly take these paragraphs sweetly, the same as I have been taking several letters lately!!

Now to get down to matters worth while. As you know I lent a Mr. Thong to Soulier to help him get started in his work in Bacninh. He has led his brother to the LORD, a Mr. Te. He is a very fine young man, and very intelligent and educated in French. He seems to be having a real spiritual experience, and has for the last two months gone on in the LORD under the teaching of M. Soulier. Last month Soulier let him go, as he has been paying him from his private funds since engaging him last Aug. I have taken him on as the young ladies' teacher, with the idea of seeing how he makes out, and for him to get into more intimate touch with our work and methods. The young ladies are delighted with him and do not like the idea of his leaving them soon to go to Tourane.

Knowing the "mauvaise langues" will talk, I have absolutely refused to buy anything from Soulier's Mission, and the same would apply to Mr. Te; but really morally he belongs to us just as much as to Soulier, and the latter let him go so that we could take him on. Therefore I consented to perhaps strain a point, and after he is through attending our enquirers' classes we will baptize him. Mr. Thong is his brother-in-law. Now this latter also wants to go to Tourane to study. He comes well up to your average, and has a good knowledge of French. His only fault is that he is rather "moux." It is possible he may develop and become more aggressive. He will make a good student.

Both these young men are married, but so far have no children. I have spoken to the young ladies about their support and Miss Frost spoke as to whether there is any means of Mr. Te being supported from that fund which I hear a certain S.S. sent. They have taken a strong liking to Te.

We are unable to assume more financial responsibilities at this time. I might try and support the two wives up here, but even then will have to find out just what can be done for them. They would make fine biblewomen. Therefore kindly write just what you are prepared to do about this matter. I know that you will be delighted to have these two intelligent and educated young men studying with you. Write also as to when you would need them in Tourane. Whether you are willing to pay their trips down and back, etc. I would do all this, but as I have written above we are already heavily committed elsewhere, and receive nothing from friends for this purpose.

Now I think this is all. You must excuse the haste in putting this letter together, but I have tried to get it off before seven o'clock prayers with the preacher. Therefore kindly excuse mistakes and my not re-reading what I have tamped off so quickly. Trusting that GOD is richly blessing you in your work, and assuring you that I deeply appreciate the touch of kindness as shown in your writing about my taking Mr. Irwin's letter sweetly,

Sincerely Yours in HIM,

W.B. Good

P.S. Write right away about Li' and
Tháp. Even telegraph so I can know what
to tell them & make necessary arrangements.