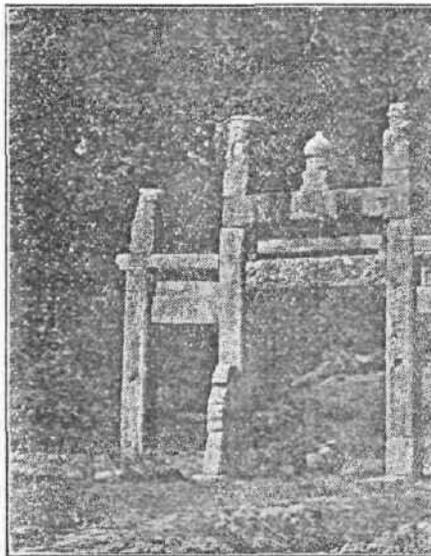


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We take great pleasure in compiling from the South China Alliance Tidings of August a brief summary of the steps that have led to this new forward movement.

A deputation of our missionaries from South China, Messrs. Jaffray, Hosler and Hughes, visited the city of Touraine at the invitation of the agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society in that place. This town is a seaport in the province of Qwang-Nam, about half way between Saigon and Haiphong. From this point they visited Haiphong and Hue, the capital of Annam, also Hanoi, the capital of Tongking, and finally crossed the river to Quang Si in China.

They had an opportunity of seeing much of the country and they found many providential encouragements which seemed to indicate that the pillar of the Divine Presence was leading to that field. Among these was the fact that Mr. Bonet, the agent of the Bible Society, offered to sell or rent his property to them and transfer his entire work which would carry with it the good will of the officials and the people with whom he has had the best of relations for eight years. They were introduced to the official resident who expressed his pleasure at the prospect of their coming to the field. They were also brought into touch with the public officials, bankers, shipping agents and representative men of all classes and found nothing but encouragement.



Annam is a protectorate of France which includes many large provinces, as Tongking, Annam, Laos, Cochin China and Cambodia. It is much larger than France and has a population of 22,000,000 people, and is entirely without Protestant missionaries.

Our missionaries in South China make this appeal.

Annam is one of the very last lands in the world to be reached by the Gospel. Its evangelization will surely hasten the Coming of the Lord. The result of the deputation, in a word, is that a door is now opened to commence work in that land. What has seemingly been denied the Church heretofore, is now offered,—the privilege of preaching Christ to these millions of souls. The question remains,—Shall we enter in?

In view of this series of Divine leadings and special encouragements received within the last few weeks from various sources, the Mission Board of the Christian and Missionary Alliance has decided to answer this urgent call and cable our missionaries in South China to go forward.