

Again, we have to face a religion which, on account of its mixture of truth with error, is one of the most difficult that has ever been encountered by any missionaries. We need wisdom that we may obtain a hearing, and that we may speak the right word at the right time, in the right place; that we may use the right methods, and yet herald the Gospel truth abroad.

There is no doubt the French people of this Province are becoming year by year more open to discussion, are forming their own opinions, are thinking and acting for themselves, and therefore I believe the way is opening for us to do work along lines that we have hitherto not been able to take up. Our missionaries will need to consider the feasibility of pushing out from their own little circle to regions beyond, sometimes to the neglect of services at home, and to encourage the members of their church, to do the same sort of work.

I hope to live not only to see the French people assert their freedom to think and act for themselves in matters of religion, independent of their Priests, but to see a genuine turning of the people to the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Saviour.

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