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CHAPTER I

THROUGH TONKING TO THE CHINESE FRONTIER

WHEN the Messageries Maritimes mail boat deposited three quarters of its passengers at Saigon before continuing its route to Hongkong and Japan there was great eagerness shown by army officers and Government officials—and perhaps even more by their wives—to know the post to which they had been ordered. Our long discussions on board concerning our probable destination were ended here.

My husband found that Haiphong was to be our future residence and that he was to serve in the military hospital there. We had hoped to go to Hanoi the capital, but as we were at least in Tonking which has a far better climate than Cochinchina, our desires had been partly realized and we were satisfied. Our best friends who had wished for Haiphong were sent to Hanoi! Such is fate!

Congratulations and commiserations had been more than sufficiently indulged in, when the next day we took leave of the friends who were to remain in Cochinchina and embarked on the Annexe steamer for Tonking. Along the coast of Annam we again deposited co-passengers and by the time we arrived in Haiphong the number which had started together from Marseilles had reduced itself to about a dozen.

The cool bright weather which greeted us in Haiphong sent up my spirits and I found every thing and every body delightful.

What a relief after the damp heat of Saigon.