

the mission premises, consisting of chapel, dispensary, and private dwelling-house at Swatow.

From another source we learn that Mr. Burns, at Peking, is translating the well-known little book for children entitled "Peep of Day," and that two new editions of his translation of the "Pilgrim's Progress" have been called for. Dr. Lockhart's letter from Peking, with the information that ten Protestant missionaries are now engaged in mission work in that city, is full of encouragement.

LETTER FROM DR. MAXWELL.

Pechua, Feb. 3rd, 1864.

AT Pechua I have been settled for ten days until yesterday, with no English accent or idiom to impair my progress, and I am really well satisfied with the progress I made in that period, and with this first unloosening of my tongue in what is now I trust to be my second native language, or something nearly as dear, for Christ's sake and for the work's sake he has called me to. I speedily became attached to the brethren at Pechua and they to me, and we are able to render each other, you may believe, some mutual service, they by patient speech and endeavour to help, I by medical skill and other little ways which please them. Except the cold at this time of the year, which the unglazed windows do not keep out, and with which there are no fires or stoves inside to fight, I am quite comfortable in all other arrangements.

You have evidently expected to hear from me about my first impressions of the work here, and of the people with whom I shall have to deal, for the Formosa people I suppose are much like those living in Amoy and the neighbourhood. Well, I am not disappointed; I expected to see the fruit of a long, earnest, prayerful labour, and I see it. The Lord has indeed prospered this mission in a wonderful way. Not only is this manifest in the numbers who, through the instrumentality of the Mission agency, have been led to embrace the truth as it is in Jesus, but quite as much in the numbers who, in many places, are desiring to be instructed in the way of life. In the neighbourhood of some of our country stations this earnest desire amounts to a beseeching that teachers be sent to them, to tell them of the doctrine of Christ; and one thing to be greatly prayed for is this, that the Lord might be pleased to fit a large number of our younger converts for earnest evangelical work. Many of them are indeed in the field, but they and we all need to be filled with that one Spirit who will make us to be wholly given to Christ's work day by day. I have only been to Khiboy and Pechua, however, besides the station at E-mung-kang, and the Amoy stations of the American and

L. M. S. brethren. I cannot, therefore, speak except to a small part of the great field of your mission. As for the people who have not been touched by the Gospel themselves or by some exhibition of its fruits in their neighbours, they for the most part detest foreigners. At Pechua I rarely show face without more or less contemptuous epithets being applied to me, and sometimes much ribald abuse. This is a very small matter, however, and Pechua is certainly worse than any place I have yet visited in this respect. Moreover, so long as it does not hinder the preaching of the word, there is an element even of attraction toward us in this bitterness of pride and wrath, which may bring them more within the sound of the Gospel than a cold, callous, *dispassionate* appreciation of us might effect.

More than this I cannot say at present. My own desire, moreover, is to Formosa, where there is yet no missionary gone; and though I may have to be planted there alone, yet, knowing the language, I can see no reason why that should hinder me. Even therefore should Mr. Burns see cause to believe that it is the Master's will that he should abide a long time at Peking, I cannot see that this should hinder my journeying to Formosa along with some native preacher to second me with help and companionship. But this is yet some months hence, and mayhap there may be other grounds to consider then.

LETTER FROM MR. MACKENZIE.

Swatow, Feb. 26th, 1864.

MR. SMITH intended to have written to you by this mail from Yam-tau, for which place he left this six days ago. Yesterday afternoon, however, word came from him that he had been prevented making out the journey to Yam-tau, and that his way had unexpectedly been opened up to a large and important village, by name Tung-ow. He is there now, and has been enjoying good opportunities of preaching. Our new premises, we hope, will be ready by the warm weather. We expect to have a commodious chapel, with dispensary, as well as suitable apartments for our present number.

On the first Sabbath of the Chinese

the 10th, 11th, and Feb. 7th, we had a number of baptisms, two adults and several children. One of these is the son of a man who himself was baptized when a year and a half ago; the other is the son of a man in Taiwan. While we will rejoice over every new convert to Christ, yet we feel especially gratified and encouraged when the Lord is pleased to add to himself those who are members of the family of his people; hence we are most glad at the baptism of the two now mentioned. The former of these is a girl sixteen years of age; he has been in our service for some months, and has, though not exposed to the truth in such measure as were there two or three, without any dependence on us, to be yet less more thoroughly under our attention, and, as far as could be ascertained, to have indeed believed on the Lord. He was formerly a heathen, and, at a late age, was indeed a glowing sight to see him later and see arising together at the side of the Lord on the afternoon of the day when the latter was baptized.

Since the two lately deceased, there are few or no other candidates for baptism in the name of those there is one, but of whom we hope soon to write that he has been baptized.

It is indeed true that late have been two trials which have, we trust, been a praise of God and to the increase of the faith of those tried. For the native Christians, and for all of us, we extend our prayers.

MEMORIAL OF THE PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES IN TAIWAN.

For the "London Missionary Magazine."

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TO DEAR FRIENDS,—I send you this mail, at Swatow, to inform you that I have the Chinese Hospital accounts for the English mail that leaves in a day or so. By the same opportunity I also send to report to be printed at Shanghai.

The sum is now closed by us, and we are now in old Canton.

In your papers of October I see some very observations about the exclusion of the Chinese missionaries from the city of Amoy. The missionaries cannot gather much in the street is true; but they can be speaking also they wish, so long as they are in proximity; and there are now in this city the following ten missionaries doing the work as they have ability:—London Missionary Society: Rev. Joseph Allen and wife, and Dr. Lockhart.