

There are two requests which my brethren
And myself would earnestly make of our
??? at home : the one is that ???
And frequent intercession be made for us
In ??? with this movement in For-
mosa. Our labour will be vain indeed if
The Lord do not graciously pour out Air
Blessing upon it ; and would that our dear
??? at home might have it in their hearts
To seek a large blessing for Formosa. The
Other request is that earnest ??? be
Made to find a second labourer for the work
In Formosa. Mr. Douglas expects to be able
To remain with me for two months, but the
??? of the Amoy Mission are so great,
That it is scarcely possible that he can be
Spared for a longer time. It is urgent, there-
fore, now that the work is fairly to be entered
Upon, that another labourer be found. The
Lord grant that such a one may be found as
He himself may be pleased to honour in the
Work.

Your letter of April 6 was received yes-
terday. We are very thankful to find that
The feeling of the committee regarding For-
?? is such as to leave us free to act ac-
cording to the of our judgment. We
Trust that we are being guided by our
Heavenly Father in the present decision.

Yesterday's mail brought us the painful
??? of the death of our beloved friend
Mr. Doty. Four days ago the ship ???
New York he had breathed his last. Fur-
ther than this we have no news ; but we are
Well ??? that his end would be ?????
Peace.

I am.

My dear Mr. ????

Ereer yours affectionately,
J.L. MACELL.

LETTER FROM THE REV. WILLIAM
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Amoy, 26th May, 1865.

Mr DWAR MR. ??????---Other
Letters from members of the Mission will
Have informed you that to-day ?????
And Dr. Max well leave for Formosa, the
???????? of ??? work in the interior
Haring hastened Dr. Maxwell's departure
For his future field of labour. I am sure
Many ??? prayers will follow them, and
The rception thoy met with during their
Last visit was ???? as to lcad us to hope
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That, by the blessing of God, the Mission in
Formosa will be a prosperous one.

About ten days ago we ??? startled by
The information that the Taipings had ??
Drmly ??? Chang Chew, and that it had
Been entered by the Imperial forces. A
Few days latee we were imformed by an
Offcer of the foreign customs that ?????
Phu had been retaken by the Mandarin
Troops, who, ?? the walls, had taken it
By storm, and that ?? it was a
"gallant affair." A few days, howecer,
Brought the information that before it was
Reeaptured the ??? had left it. They
???? all to have moved off westward, but
Why they thus suddenly left no one can
Tell. It cannot have been that they were
Pressed by the Mandarin forces, for up to
The day before they left Chang Chew their
Outposts were fire ??? from the city and

The Imperialists had not failed to surround
Them for a long while. The city was a'so
well fortified and well-stocked
(large stores of provisions being found
When it was entered), and the country to
The west and south was entirely under their
Control. Some think that the blockade of
The coast. Preventing them from receiving
Any advantage from its proximity
while it afforded a bare of operations
For the Imperialists, may have induced
Them to remove to a locality where they
Could fight on more even terms. Another
Suggestion is, that, not finding the people
Of the country joining them so readily as
They expected, they have gone to some part
Of the country more ready for revolt.
Another view is that this movement may
Be influenced by the progress of Taipingism
In other parts of the empire ; and this view
Is supported by the fact that we have information
from Mr. Burns that they are in
Great force in Homan, while Shanghai
Papers report that they have defeated San
Ko-lin-ain in Shan-wei.

Of course many stories are being put in
Circulation about the cruelties of the Tai-
Pings when in possession of Chang Chen.
But it must be remembered that these come
From Mandarin sources, and therefore through
The foreign custom-house pass into circulation
in the foreign community. While a
little investigation often shows them to be
Quite unfounded. For example, it was
Reported that the Taipings left Chang Chew

