



Been cruelly devastated by the Imperial troops, who have spread over the District like a flight of locusts, a terror instead of a protection to the ill-fated Inhabitants.

We gave last month the tidings which had reached us of a visit paid by Mr. Smith to a hitherto unvisited district to the south-west of Swatow, Whither he was accompanied by one of Dr. Gauld's medical assistants. We Now publish a long and interesting account of a journey made by Mr. MacKenzie, at an earlier date, to the city of Jan ping further to the north than Our missionaries had before penetrated, and where he and his assistants met With a most favourable reception. We commend this letter to the attention Of our readers, as an evidence of the open door there is for the entrance of The truth ; and a further testimony to the need there is of more labourers. Dr. Gauld again urges this point, and reports that he has not yet succeeded In obtaining a site for the Swatow Hospital.

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LETTER FROM THE REV. W. C.  
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Pekin, Jate Sth, 1865.

MY DEAR SIR,---When I last weete.  
About two months ago, I was on the point  
Of leaving Peking to visit a small country  
Town 180 miles to the south, where it was  
Reported that a number of persons had  
Become interested in the Gospel. I re-  
Turned from that place after an absence of  
ilve weeks, twenty-three days of which  
were spent at the town alluded to, the rest  
of the time being occupied in going and  
returning. We found the number of per-  
sons interested not large, and, except in the  
case of ore or two individuals, the interest  
seemed very superficial. However, I did  
not regret having gone down. The town  
visited is in the centre of a very populous  
country district; and in the towns and  
villages around ?? a radius of six miles  
we had from day to day good opportunities

of making known the Gospel message.  
Had the weather not been becoming too  
Warm to admit of walking and picnicking  
In the open air, I might have remained  
Longer ; as the case stood, however. I  
Thought it my duty to ??? to this place.  
Where I was anxious to get printed  
The "Pilgrim's Progress," in the Man-  
Darin colloquial, which I was occupied  
In preparing during the winter months.  
I am now employed in revising it, and

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(D.V.) it will soon be put into the printer's  
Hands.

I have nothing of special interest to  
Communicate regarding the progress of the  
Gospel in Peking. Matters go on quietly ;  
And there is great need of a special out-  
Pouring of God's Spirit on the hearts of  
Both preachers and people.

I need not allude to what is doing at  
Amoy and Swatow, as you receive full  
Details directly ; and I shall only add my  
Usual request for an interest in the prayers  
Of God's people.

I am ever yours truly,  
WILLIAM C. BURNS.

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LETTER FROM THE REV. C.  
DOTGLAS.

Tai.wam.foo, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

MY DEAR MR. MATBESON,---We have  
Not yet been able to rent any place in this  
City; and we gave reason to believe that  
There is some sort of combination against  
Our obtaining premises within the walls.  
Some scheme to suppose that we belong to

The Church of Rome ; and so we suffer  
From the bad name which Popery has  
Gained for itself in China. Some of the  
People have strange suspicions about the  
Projected hospital, finding it hard to com  
Prehend the notion of such ???  
??? But, indeed, it is not ???  
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To ??? for ?? of ??? ???