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## LETTER FROM DR. J. L. MAXWELL.

Takao, Formosa, July 21, 1865.

MY DEAR DR. HAMILTON.—The work which Mr. Douglas and myself had been graciously permitted to commence in Tai-wan-foo has been violently interrupted, and for a time at least we have been constrained to leave that city, and betake ourselves to Takao. Our regular work in Tai-wan-foo began on the 10th of June. On that day we opened the house vacated by the Commissioner of Customs for Formosa, and kindly gifted to us by him for the rest of the year; we opened it for the double purpose of preaching the Gospel and healing the sick. For the first ten days there was abundant labour both for us and for our Chinese helpers; the sick came in goodly numbers, averaging during these ten days some fifty or sixty daily, and so long as the dispensing of medicines went on, *i.e.*, from 9 a.m. to 2, 3, and 4 p.m., there were large and more or less attentive audiences

in the front hall of the house, listening to the truth of the Gospel from Mr. Douglas or the Chinese assistants. Opposition to our presence and labours in the city was first manifested in the form of false and most injurious reports concerning our work, systematically circulated throughout the city. These reports, which were even posted in writing on the walls contiguous to the head Mandarin's office, declared that we killed large numbers of people, and secreted their bodies in the upper apartments of the house; that we admitted patients only to fatten and kill them; that our medicines, which apparently did good in the first instance, would ultimately bring about some frightful evil in the system; that when we went out to walk, it was to excavate dead bodies; that a young candidate for literary honours, who had been seen following us at a respectful distance, had suddenly disappeared, and continued to be missing; and other such-like matters, too numerous and too wonderful (!) to be all

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