## NOVEMBER 1, 1865.] THE ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER.

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> I remain, yours as ever, C. DOUGLAS.

#### LETTERS FROM THE REV. W. McGREGOR.

Amoy, 20th July, 1865.

MY DEAR DR. HAULITON,-As Mr. Popery. The head-quarters of the Romish Douglas is still in Formosa with Dr. Maxwell, Mr. Swanson is just now the only effective member of our mission in Amoy. I have not yet attempted to take any of the Sabbath services, my only public work of abandoning the Foo city, but will visit hitherto having been in the Hospital, where it as soon as the way is plain, and endeav- I have just begun to speak a little, and to conduct the services with the assistance of taken for the permanent occupation both however, have been kindly assisting us, the of Takso and Tai-wan-foo. Again, for the return of Mr. Talmadge having rendered them capable of undertaking more work than the supply of the stations under their special care.

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