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LETTER FROM THE REV. C. DOUGLAS,

Amoy, Sept. 21, 1865.

MY DEAR MR. MATHERSON,—Just two days ago I arrived here again, after being absent nearly four months, twice the length of the leave of absence given me by the mission here. It had been prolonged on our request from Formosa, but it was indeed an excess of generosity on the part of the Amoy brethren, for during the latter part of my absence Mr. Swanson had several attacks of illness through over-work, though the American Mission had been giving all the help they could. I also found Mr. Macgregor laid up with a feverish attack, but he is getting over it now. Mr. Swanson is by this time quite well again, and Mr. and Mrs. Cowie have just returned from their health-seeking visit to the North, looking much stronger than I have seen them before in China. You must not, however, think that we have any superabundance of labourers, for the work is so extending in the country around, especially about Bay-pay and Liang-bun-si, that it

will take the whole of us to do anything like justice to it.

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Believe me, yours as ever,
C. DOUGLAS.

LETTER FROM THE REV. G. SMITH.

Tai-han-To, Sept. 8, 1865.

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