

but the North, where he landed, was wholly heathen.

Dr. Mackay decided to settle at

TAMSUI,

an important town. There he began his work, and there is his headquarters yet.

When he landed he could not speak the language, and the people hated him and would not be friendly with him. He tried to get a place to live and at length

RENTED A STABLE

with an earthen floor which in wet weather was covered deep with water.

Here he began his work. So soon as he had learned a little he wrote the ten commandments in Chinese and put them on the door of his cabin. This was his first missionary work.

The leaders of the people now began to persecute him, and many times his life was threatened. But he kept at his work, and at length had the joy of seeing his first convert,

THE FIRST FRUITS

of our mission in Formosa. This was Giam-Cheng-Hoa, a funny name is it not. This man is now a minister and one of Mr. Mackay's best native helpers.

So soon as Mr. Mackay could speak the language fluently he began to travel through the country, telling everywhere he went of the true God and a Savior from sin.

One thing that helped him was that he

COULD PULL TEETH.

The poor people had no doctors who could do this and they often suffered much from tooth-ache. And when Dr. Mackay used to pull their sore teeth and free them from suffering they began to like him better, and would listen to him when he told them of Jesus.

THE MOST DIFFICULT PLACE

to get a church built was at Bankah, one of the largest towns of the island. At length he got a little church, and a mob of several thousand gathered and tore it down and threatened to kill him. But he would not leave and soon he had ano-

ther chapel built in place of the one they had destroyed.

Thus he labored and taught and prayed, visiting different parts of the island, taking with him on his journeys those who were to be teachers and preachers that he might instruct them on the way.

Ten years ago, five years after he arrived there he married

A CHINESE LADY.

one of the converts, and she has helped him much in his work since that time.

THREE OTHER MISSIONARIES

have at different times been laboring with Mr. Mackay, viz., Mr. J. B. Fraser, now preaching in Ontario, Mr. Junor, now doing missionary work in New York, and Mr. Jamieson, who with Mrs. Jamieson is now laboring on Formosa.

Fifteen short years have passed since the mission in Formosa was begun, and what do we now see according to the last Annual Report. We have now there

THIRTY-EIGHT CHURCHES,

with a native preacher in each, 2,546 baptized members, a college with twenty students in it, a girls school, a hospital where last year 3,448 new patients were treated, making 15,968 that had received help there since it was built.

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORK,

and you young people who stay at home and help, have your part in this glorious work just as well as those who go to carry the tiding of joy to the perishing.

A PARABLE CONCERNING A SNAKE.

A PUZZLE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

A farmer once found a rattle-snake in his fields. Having caught it and gagged it, and put it in a bag, he carried it home, and called his neighbours together, saying, "Behold, I have captured a snake, and it is big and strong; now, therefore, what shall I do with it?" Then one man rose up and said, "This is a very harmless looking reptile. I think he might be allowed to go wherever he pleases." An-