

Mission. We were at anchor nearly every night at some mission or trading station. It would have taken us nine or ten weeks to have gone to the south and back again in the *Dayspring*.

We saw a grand gathering of natives at Tongoa, Mr. Nicholson's station of six hundred people, all neatly clad, seated on the slope of a hill to hear a few words from the deputation. They sang two hymns very well, and paid marked attention to all that was said to them. It cheered us to see them, showing what the Gospel can do, even among these poor low creatures. Mr. Annand was at this same place some sixteen years ago, and they were then all painted savages. The missionaries have been there eleven years. We had the pleasure of settling another missionary and his wife on Epi on our way home from the meeting. There are now two on that island.

Dear Friends, we were informed this month by our agent in Halifax—Mr Morrison—that you have kindly forwarded a hundred dollars to assist us in our work here. Please accept our hearty thanks, and be assured that it will be laid out to the best advantage in furthering the Lord's cause here. I wish that I could report more rapid progress in our work, but we have just to toil on patiently. These people will not drive, it is quite against their nature. May the Lord bless and guard you all for the help you give us, and we would ask you to continue praying for us and the people. We need your prayers much, dear friends.

With our united kind regards and well wishes to you and the other members.

Prospects of Future Work in Honan.

LIN CHING, NORTH CHINA, October 24, 1890.

MRS. MACKENZIE,—Your kind letter expressing the sympathy of the Society and your own was received a short time ago. Sympathy is very sweet at such a time, particularly when one is far from friends and surrounded by unsympathetic heathenism. We are very fortunate though in having so many dear Christian friends about us who have done all they possibly could to lessen our trouble. I need not tell you how sad our hearts were for a time, although we knew our Father had taken her in love, and some day would tell us why it was for her good and ours.