

Notwithstanding the formidable character of the task, he soon overcame it; for not many months pass by until we find him speaking to the people in their own tongue of the glorious Gospel of Christ.

It is not possible to give any detailed account of the good work which, with God's blessing, Dr. MacKenzie was able to perform in alleviating suffering in the wards of the Hankow hospital. Suffice it to say that he always made medicine the hand-maid of the Gospel, seeking, through the administration of medical relief, to advance the cause of Christ, and thereby carrying out to the very letter the words of Scripture. "And He sent them to preach the Gospel and to heal the sick." During the first year of his labours a total of one thousand, one hundred and thirty-seven patients were treated in the wards of the hospital, while nearly twelve thousand out-patients attended the dispensary. It is not to be wondered at that his fame as a physician, and especially as a surgeon, spread throughout the entire city, affording him at times exceptional opportunities for putting in a word for the Christ he loved and served so well.

The results of Dr. MacKenzie's labours in this city, both physically and spiritually, were all that could be desired, and to human eyes it seemed as if a future of happy and successful labour lay before him in the field which he had chosen; but God's ways are not as our ways, and daily the angels of Providence are saying to His children, "arise and depart, for this is not your rest."

Life is full of sorrows and mysteries, but sometimes "our Father" allows His perplexed children to see, even in this world, how He can "turn life's sore riddle to our good." He shows us how His plan of a man's life is far nobler and higher than ours can be, and that He can make the disappointments that shatter our programmes the stepping stones to higher service.

So it was with Dr. MacKenzie; to his mind there appeared clear indications that God had work for him to do in another part of the Celestial Empire. In a brief article like this there is no time to follow the steps by which he came to that conclusion. After pathetic touches relating to his departure from Hankow, and some breezy passages concerning his journey to his "Northern Home," we find him settled in Tien-Tsin, which was to be the scene of his most remarkable achievements both as a physician and as a missionary.

There was nothing very encouraging in this field of toil when he arrived; the outlook was anything but hopeful. The institution, *i.e.* the medical dispensary, was destitute of funds and things generally were in a very depressed condition. "We prayed much