

A Month in Advance.

In compliance with a very general wish expressed at the Conference at Peterborough, a few pages are set apart, beginning with this issue of the LETTER LEAFLET, for matter bearing upon the prayer topic for July. It is hoped that information thus given a month in advance will in some small measure supply material or suggestions for next month's meeting where other literature on the subject may not be available. See page 49.

The New Binder.

The new binder for the LETTER LEAFLET, supplied at the request of the Annual Meeting, is now ready and may be had on application to Mrs. Telfer. Price 8 cents each, including postage.

International Missionary Conference.

The meetings of the International Missionary Conference will be held in Queen's Hall, Glasgow, on the 24th and 25th of June. Delegates may obtain further information on their arrival in Scotland by corresponding with Miss McGregor, Free Church College, Glasgow.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

FORMOSA.

The Christian Church in North Formosa has been passing through dark and troubled days. Since the New Year travelling has been so much blocked that "it is impossible," writes Mr. Gauld to Rev. R. P. Mackay, "to get any but the vaguest reports of the progress of events. Commerce is at a standstill for the present, and the work of the missionaries greatly hampered. The College and Girls' School are still closed." Dr. Mackay writes under date, March 12th: "The people are in an unsettled and anxious state. Many innocent men are reported as having suffered death. Three preachers and many converts are among the slain. One feels grieved at heart to hear of old students and familiar faces being cut down on the supposition that they abetted the rebels, when the truth is, they narrowly escaped destruction by the insurgents, being regarded as spies for the Japanese. Verily Christians here have passed through great tribulation! It must be said that it is difficult for the Japanese to distinguish loyalists from rebels as they cannot speak the language, and are more or less at the mercy of villainous Chinese interpreters. Christ's Church is in affliction here now; but fear not, God is in the midst of her. Japan rules Formosa; but Jesus *over-rules* it and the boundless universe."