

Mr. MacKenzie having responded, Rev. D. B. Blair led in prayer, giving special thanks for the work done by the two brothers, who had returned from their fields of labour, and for their preservation amidst many perils among the heathen, and commending them to the protection and blessing of the Great Master whom they and we serve. The Board spent some time in conference respecting the New Hebrides, and especially Fate, eliciting information on various points from Mr. MacKenzie. A committee was appointed to confer with Mr. MacKenzie respecting his expenses in returning, his proposed stay in the Provinces and the way in which, if sufficiently strong, he may be able to advance the cause by meeting and giving information to our congregations. A letter was read from Mrs. Donald Morrison dated January, 1881, stating that she had by illness been unable to teach for more than a year and would gratefully accept the offer of aid contained in the resolution of the Board, which the Secretary had forwarded. It was then agreed that £50 stg. be paid to Mrs. Morrison for the present year in addition to her widow's allowance. The Secretary at the suggestion of Rev. K. J. Grant asked that the Foreign Bursary Fund be placed at the disposal of the Mission Council at Trinidad to be used as they may see best for furnishing for their work Messrs. Lal Behari and Joseph Annagee, soon to be ordained, the amount at present in fund being \$145. This was agreed to. P. G. MACGREGOR, *Secy.*

Formosa.

LETTER FROM REV. K. F. JUNOR,

Tamsui, 4th June, 1881.

I received your welcome letter containing enquiries about the *Record* which had not been coming very regularly for some time past, and was greatly missed. I have written very few letters, as you may know I have not much time at my disposal outside of absolute necessary correspondence; however you have Mr. McKay among you and what more do you need? My letters would be paltry things beside his rich information. I did however write one or two long letters and intended to continue them but I fear they went astray. Perhaps it is however just as well. They contained somewhat serious strictures on the dark things of Chinese life. So since they did not reach or see the light, I did not bother continuing the bright side. The dark side is very dark; but there is a bright side. The light coming from the Gospel will in time also flood this great land. We are on the eve of great events, to all appearances, in this

empire. The Gospel is spreading itself over the land like the light, bringing hope. If some of your rich Christians were here long enough to see, there would be no lack of funds for this Mission. There are a hundred things I could point out to them, the blessing and profit of which they would see at a glance and for the establishment of which they would rejoice to use their money. The hospital work alone, and the whole work in a certain sense, is supported freely even by Chinamen, not because they love it but because it commends itself to them. Look at the Hospital report and tell me if they, as heathens, are not liberal—\$10 and \$20 subscriptions. I have not time even now for a long letter, for I am in the midst of the work of the "Assembly" of the north Formosa Church. I have all the preachers assembled and we are having a most glorious time. The hope that I intimated in my last year's report has more than realized itself. The apparently severe course I took last year in dealing with matters has had a most beneficial effect. My heart is elated almost above measure that the Lord has so guided us. All my fears, as to the benefits of the plans adopted at the beginning of the year are passed away. The preachers themselves seem to have fallen quite in love with them, although involving much more labour. I am grateful beyond expression. I hope and trust that when Mr. MacKay comes, and we are looking forward to a treat when he comes, we shall not only not have lost ground (which was to have been expected) but that we shall have gained. How grateful I feel that Mr. MacKay's visit has done so much good! It is only what I expected however. Now we are to enjoy the gain, and you to have the loss of his fervour and zeal. May God establish the influence of his visit. Now let the Church gird herself for a great work. China is opening up. Go in and reap the harvest. Don't hesitate. Don't fear. Don't doubt. I tell you Christian men and women here is a field worthy of your greatest efforts. Other Churches are crowding in the labourers. Don't believe that Missions are not a great success in China. Its false, false. If they were not a grand success—all the same they are a mighty need. Oh the horror of this black disgusting polluting heathenism! K. F. J.

Missionary Ships.

THE FOLLOWING is from the *Missionary Herald*, Boston:—"The earliest known missionary vessel was the 'Duff,' a ship purchased by the London Missionary Society in 1796, and sent to the South Seas under the command of Capt. James Wilson.