

have exerted a very happy influence in exciting a more general interest in Foreign Mission work. He sailed from St. Francisco in the beginning of December, and after spending a few weeks with the brethren of the English Presbyterian Mission in China, he and his family reached Tamsui in safety, to the great joy of Mr. Mackay, about the end of January of the present year. In a letter received from Dr. Fraser, dated a few weeks after his arrival, he says:—"Mackay was delighted to see us, and no wonder. I suppose no one will ever, or can ever know through what he has come during the last three years. He will never tell the story with his own lips, but piece by piece I am picking it up from one source and another, and marvelling that he is alive and of a sound mind. It is easy to talk of moderation, and to make up one's mind before leaving to do just so much and in such a way, but in a field white unto the harvest it is not so easy to follow pre-concocted plans." The work, he says, has so enlarged, that it is quite beyond Mr. Mackay's strength. "The converts have to be instructed and established. The worshippers, more or less regular, have to be conversed with and taught. The helpers have to be trained. The chapels have to be visited in turn, and requests come from the people at this place and that for a chapel and helper. Again I say, what is one to do? Instead of Mr. Mackay being equal to the work, there is quite enough for four or five earnest workers to do in the north of this Island. I beseech you to use your efforts to secure another missionary, or, if possible, two more, to come to our help here next autumn. Let us enter in full force, and take possession of the land, while there is an open door." Rev. G. L. Mackay, after waiting long for a fellow-labourer to co-operate with him in his work, expresses great joy at the arrival of Dr. Fraser. It was high time that assistance should be sent to him. The work has, through the Divine blessing, been steadily growing under his hands. A few extracts from the last letter received from Mr. Mackay will give a better idea of his work than any words of your Committee can convey:—

"Last Friday," he says, "I went to San-teng-po, and on Saturday a large number of our hearers from other stations arrived. I spent the whole day examining enquirers, and saw my way clear to admit nine of our San-tang-po worshippers. On Sabbath morning about 200 assembled, and after spending the greater part of the forenoon at a Conference meeting, I received the nine by baptism; and in the afternoon all our converts, thirty-seven in number, sat down at the table of the Lord. I felt thankful to God, because all our converts have been faithful until this day. And our little band is increasing too. Let God be praised. I sat down first with five, then with twelve, then with eighteen, then with twenty-eight, and this last time with thirty-seven. Dr. Fraser arrived about noon on Sabbath, and was present at both services. He addressed the communicants in a very appropriate manner, by urging them to watch and pray. I translated what he said, and the people seemed exceedingly glad. He also visited Pat-li-hun, Go-Ko-Khin and Chin-nih with me, and said a few words at each place. After I had translated what he said, the hearers were delighted, and thanked God for bringing another labourer into the midst of them. We have now, at the arrival of Dr. Fraser, six chapels, and in two or three weeks the seventh will be finished. I sent a helper to labour amongst the people there some time ago. Next month we will have seven chapels and a helper at each. The helpers have proved themselves earnest and faithful thus far. They have shown themselves able to maintain their ground with Confucianists, Buddhists and