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A LETTER FROM TRINIDAD.

Miss Copeland, one of your mission teachers, in a letter to a young friend in Nova Scotia writes from

SAN FERNANDO, Jan. 25, 1888.

"Such rain as we have had! The crop season generally begins at Christmas, but this season it could not begin until this week on account of the quantity of rain. There was

A VERY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

on the tenth of this month, that frightened everybody. It was the first that I really could say I felt, but it was awful in the truest sense of the word.

It was at nine o'clock in the morning. We were in school and we saw the map-stand swinging backwards and forwards. The whole building went from side to side. The water came splashing out of the cisterns in the yard. All the houses around could be seen moving. We had just finished prayer and the children were lifting their heads when I felt myself going. There I was with about one hundred children around me. Jacob took out his watch and timed it. It lasted for a minute. No other minute in my life ever seemed so long. If I had tried to run outside there might have been a panic. The little ones of course were ignorant of their danger, but I was expecting every moment to see the roof fall.

It has been the subject of conversation ever since. Many of the poor people who are living without God in the world fell down on their knees in the streets and cried for mercy.

The scene in the market place at Port of Spain is said to have been something very unusual. Crowds fell down and began counting their beads. Does it not seem strange that persons who never think of their Heavenly Father when everything goes well with them, will at once cry to Him when they find themselves beyond the aid of man, and are in terror of being swallowed up at any moment.

But we are all thankful for life preserved to us. There was a thanksgiving service in all the Churches in Trinidad last Sabbath by order of the Governor."

DR. MACKAY AND FORMOSA.

On the the 21st of March, 1844. in Zorra, Oxford County, Ontario, was born a boy baby who has since won many heathen to the Savior. He was called George Leslie Mackay, and is now our missionary in Formosa.

One thing about him should be of SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE, and that is, "He does not remember the time when he did not love the Savior." It is far better to be Christian children than to sow wild oats.

As he grew up he thought he would like to be a minister, and went to school and college, completing his studies when he was *twenty six* years of age.

He now thought that there was more need of ministers among the heathen than at home, and wanted to be a missionary, and when our Church agreed to send him and asked him where he would like to go, he chose

FORMOSA,

an island off the coast of China, and belonging to the Chinese Empire. Formosa is about 250 miles long and 90 miles wide and has a population of about three millions.

Leaving home he landed there March 9th, 1873,

JUST FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

The Presbyterian Church in England had a mission about eight years before this time in the Southern part of the island,