

away from the displays of heathenism and the inquisitive gaze of outsiders, with our usual hearers present, we had a precious communion. I believe the Master was with us. I never enjoyed a sweeter communion in America, Scotland, or my dear native land. Several of the hearers seemed moved, and all appeared serious and thoughtful during the services. If any heart was touched, if any soul was awakened, to Jehovah alone be the everlasting praise and glory.

At a place called San-teng-po, several miles to the east, the people have just completed a small neat chapel, *entirely at their own expense*. I told them that if they really wanted to serve the living God, to put their trust in the Lord Jesus, fear neither persecution nor death, and build a house to the Lord. I visited them a few weeks ago, and was delighted to find the parents teaching their children the everlasting gospel. A number of small boys met me on the way, and all were able to sing our beautiful Chinese hymns; the very youngest, three years old, could sing. The little girls are kept in dark rooms, and do not appear with their brothers as in western lands. On Sabbath I observed father, son, grandson and great grandson sitting on a bench together, singing the praise of the Lord. Thus in the midst of opposition and corruption, the Lord is blessing his own work."

Mr. McKay adds, in a postscript to his letter, that since writing the above, he had had a glorious meeting in his house at Tamsui, which he has to use as a chapel. It is worthy of note, as indicative of the converts and the hold which the truth has taken of them. "The 4th day of the first Chinese month is observed by all the idolaters, from north to south and from east to west. It is the day on which they welcome back the spirits. This year it fell on the 20th inst. The converts in the country fled from the displays of the idolaters, and came down the river in junks, and brought all their little boys, about the size of Sabbath school children in Canada. My house was crowded from early in the morning until late at night. The whole day was spent in explaining the everlasting gospel, in singing and praying to the Lord our God. I enjoyed the meeting exceedingly."

Mr. McKay expresses great joy at the prospect of the speedy arrival of a medical missionary to co-operate with him. So strongly has he been impressed with the value of the healing art as a handmaid to the gospel, that with the aid of the resident medical man of the English community, he commenced hospital work more than a year ago. The foreign residents of Tamsui also aided him in the work by liberal contributions to its support. Mr. McKay regards the hospital as, all things considered, quite successful. Up to the time of his writing, 1428 persons have received attendance and heard the Gospel.

It is with much pleasure that your committee have to report that they have secured, subject to the approval of the Assembly, the services of Dr. J. B. Fraser as medical missionary to Formosa, a gentleman whom they regard as possessing in a very high degree the qualifications for the position. Dr. Fraser is a son of Rev. William Fraser, of Bond Head, one of the honoured clerks of this Assembly. After completing a full medical course, and practising medicine for two years, Dr. Fraser decided to study for the Gospel ministry; and he has just completed a more than ordinarily successful course of theological study in Knox College. He will be prepared to leave Canada for China with his family some time in autumn. Relying fully on the approval of the Assembly to the step which they have taken, your committee have requested Dr. Fraser to secure the requisite outfit for his work; and they trust also that arrangements may be made for his visiting, prior to his departure for the foreign field, as many as possible of the congregations of the Church.

It is the pleasing duty of your committee to report that the Foreign Mission is at present in a satisfactory position. The receipts indicate a growing interest in the work of the evangelization of the heathen, and the balance on hand warrants the Church to go forward more boldly in the work. From the following statement of receipts and payments it appears that there has been an increase in the income during the year as compared with that which preceded it of \$1,562 06,