

to the new doctrine. "God is in the midst of her, He will help her and that right early." The people hate soldiers who torment them and can't speak this language, fear war on account of thieves in the midst, and dread peace because of oppression of the mandarin. Ah, it is in a foreign country we learn to love our British flag! God is on our side, and if every chapel were destroyed, every Christian in this island killed, His work would go on and all His enemies might as well try to still these ocean waves as stretch out a hand to stop it. I am afraid you will be saying, "War in China, and they in the very midst of it; that must be dreadful!" No, it is *not* dreadful. we do *not* fear what man can do to us, but, oh, it is sad, sad, very sad, to think of the wounded and the dying (hundreds round us go suddenly with disease like cholera), the poor ignorant troubled people fearing they scarcely know what, and with no strong Refuge to which they can flee. There are many things far, far sadder than war.

We are so thankful for news of earnest fighting and winning in Canada. God help you this year. We trust that from Oxford College and the Girls' School will be scattered many to preach the Gospel and work for Jesus. Surely they will be upheld by your prayers.

Very gratefully,

ANNIE JAMIESON.

Aug. 23rd.—Chinese officials have promised to protect converts as far as possible. Dr. McKay and preachers have done all they can. Everything quiet just now. Still waiting; latest news, no decision. Every day we have answers to special prayers.

Aug. 26th.—Steamer two days ago, you will have news already. Prospects dark. Should France gain territory—*Roman Catholic priests*; should China win—all foreigners and their friends may expect ill treatment. Those on main-land are worse off than we. "*Fear not*, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Converts are building a chapel in Rap-tsú-lân in memory of Dr. McKay's father. They would listen to no objections and are putting it in the most dangerous place on the island, just where so many were killed. Thank God for their faith! Pray for all converts in China. A' Hoa just come in; he says they are making the chapel very strong and a handsome building.

Yours, joyfully looking up,

ANNIE JAMIESON.

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