

FROM FORMOSA.

Interesting Letter From Rev. John Jamieson.

The following is a copy of a letter sent Rev. J. Jamieson, formerly of Goderich, to the convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, of the Presbyterian Church:

MY DEAR SIR,—I have no doubt but you will be at this time anxious to know how affairs are with us in Formosa. For some time past the quiet routine of mission work and mission life has been disturbed by the rude alarms of civil war. You will of course have seen by the public prints what has already been done by the French warships in the contest with China. While the struggle was confined to the Tonquin straits, we could speak of it and read its report without much discomposure, to when the roar of the cannon comes to be heard almost at our own doors it is quite a different thing. No sooner did we think the matter was amicably settled, than hostilities broke out afresh, and without much warning the port of Kelung, some ten miles distant from Amoy, was bombarded, and since then Amoy Chow also has been taken by the French. So far at Amoy we have seen one of the French ships, but no one can tell the time when they may come to attempt an attack. The Chinese have been making preparations to oppose their entrance to this port, torpedoes have been laid at the mouth of the river, also several junks filled with stones have been sunk, and there is a report that they intend soon to block up the passage entirely. While those events have been taking place around us, we have been endeavouring as well as possible to care for the interests of our mission, but of course not a little anxious as to what the future may bring. A time of trouble such as this is fraught with danger to converts, preachers, and chapels; for the Chinese are a people easily excited, and if once roused to violence, no one can tell to what lengths they may go. Also the greater part of the people make no distinction between French, English, German, or any other European nation, but class them all as barbarians. So far we are glad to report all as quiet over our mission field. There have been threats of violence against converts, and one man reported that he had even seen Dr. McKay's head cut off, but fortunately these have so far ended in words. Dr. McKay caused proclamations to be posted up in all the towns and villages where we have chapels, stating that the missionaries have nothing to do with the war against the French, and that the head men of the villages would be held responsible for the safety of the mission property. Those proclamations have already done much good in pacifying the people. We are glad to say that the Chinese officials have shown themselves willing to assist us in taking these precautions.

In regard to the mission work proper, it of course suffers considerable interruption, owing to the unsettled state of affairs. The preachers at the various stations have been advised to be as circumspect as possible in their intercourse with the people, and to avoid whatever would be likely to make disturbance. So far Dr. McKay has been exerting himself to do all that lies in his power for the protection of our people, and we can but trust ourselves and the future in God's hands. We hear and read many alarming reports, but this we know, our God rules over all. It would not be pleasant for us to find that Tamui was to be bombarded, nor to learn that Formosa was to be a French possession, yet such results may lie before us in the future. We can only pray that God will watch over and protect His own church and people, overruling these events now taking place in this Empire, for the greater extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. We all believe that although the lesson is a hard one, it will in the end be for the good of China, for her rulers and officials have yet to lay aside much pride, ignorance, conceit and duplicity before they can properly fill the positions which they now occupy.

You may not have heard that a new chapel is being erected at one of the inland stations in memory of Dr. McKay's father, and is to be called the "Mackay Church." The station is bordering on the savage territory, and is counted the most dangerous. Here some time ago the preacher and a number of converts were murdered by the savages. The present chapel is to be a strong substantial building, and will soon be completed. I am glad to say we all enjoy good health. Mrs. J. and I are still busy with the language, so far as these occasional distractions will permit us.

Still remember all at the throne of Grace, and seek that God may bestow richest blessings upon this portion of His vineyard. We do not forget you, and all our many dear friends in Canada. We are glad to trace every onward movement of God's work amongst you.

Do not be afraid for our safety and welfare in these times of trial. We are resting on the Rock of Ages. Pa. xlvii. JOHN JAMIESON.

Beecher on Kying.

When some of the Republican members of Beecher's church found that he was in favor of the Democratic candidate they protested, but the reverend gentleman said that if the church disapproved of his course it could have his resignation as soon as it liked. He is a splendid stump speaker, and has been of great service to Cleveland. In a letter to J. F. Joy, a railway man, who said at a dinner table some years ago that Blaine, while Speaker, told him he could have a committee appointed by the House of Representatives to suit him if he would take certain bonds off his hands at par—a statement which Joy now denies—Beecher makes no bones about the matter, and sets Joy down as being one of two continental liars, Blaine being the other. He says to Joy, "the advantage which is expected from your denial can last but a day or two, but the lie will endure forever; it will abide with you, follow you home, dwell in your memory, be present in your old age, stand by your coffin, and meet you in God's judgment day!" May He who found a way to forgive lying Peter forgive you, and have mercy on your soul in that awful day!" It looks from this as if Mr. Joy was going to have a bad time of it.

The Crow.

Henry Ward Beecher speaks of the crow thus: Aside from this special question of profit and loss, we have a warm side toward the crow, he is so much like one of ourselves. He is lazy, and that is human; he is cunning, and that is human. He takes advantage of those weaker than himself, and that is manlike. He is sly, and hides for tomorrow what he can't eat today, showing a real human providence. He learns tricks much faster than he does useful things, showing a true boy nature. He thinks his own color the best, and loves to hear his own voice, which are eminent traits of humanity. He will never work when he can get another to work for him—a genuine human trait. He eats whatever he can get his claws upon and is less mischievous with a belly full than when hungry, and that is like man. He is at war with all living things except his own kind, and with them when he has nothing else to do.

No wonder men despise crows. They are too much like men. Take off his wings and put him in breeches, and crows would make fair average men. Give men wings and reduce their smartness a little, and many of them would be almost good enough to be crows.

The Feathered Singers.

"Why, you have no idea," said an old and well-known bird fancier to a Democrat and Chronicle reporter the other day, "how little care a song bird requires. It has been my experience—that the most of the deaths among the canaries are caused by overcare and overfeeding. How often you will hear people—and especially ladies—say, 'I don't have any luck with birds at all. I have had two or three, and they all grew sick and died, and now I have one that won't sing at all. And if somebody should inform them that they had killed their own birds they would call you crazy, or think you were joking them.'"

"What do you mean by overcare and overfeeding?" queried the reporter. "I mean just what I say. Let a lady get a new bird. The chances are it is the first she has ever had care of. It is a novelty and a curiosity in the house, and she feels as though she must be attending to it all the time, and that if she does not it will die, or stop singing, or something. The result is that she will give the bird everything she can think of or everything she has ever heard of a bird eating. You will find crackers, and cake, and bread, and candy, and sugar, and apple, and heaven only knows what, stuck through the bars of the cage for the birds to eat. In the seed-boxes you will find all kinds of seeds, mixed, etc. Now, it does not seem to me that it requires an extraordinary intelligence to grasp the idea that this is all wrong. I can hush the notes of the hardest German canary ever imported to this country by such food in a few weeks. Such sweet dainties fatten the feathered musicians. They lose their voice, they become subject to rheumatism, they get the gout in their feet. They become infested with lice, and they lose any desire for their bath. You hear an unusually brilliant songster, one who is singing loudly, sweetly, and almost incessantly, and look at the cage he is in. You won't find any sweetbreads and sweets there."

"What is the best bird food?" "The best bird food is just plain, ordinary, common bird seed—only this, every morning. Once a week I clean the cage thoroughly, scrubbing the perches, the bottom, and the wire bars. I give them fresh water to drink and restock the seed jar once a day. This is all the care I give my birds. I keep them where it is light, where the sun shines occasionally, and where there is fresh air. Birds should not be hung too high in the room either, for here they get the heated air, which is not good for them. Give a bird such treatment as this—plain, clean bird seed, fresh water, and fresh air, and if he dies or loses his song it will be from natural causes."—[Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.]

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A Great Mistake.

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The Party He Belonged To.

An Austin reporter, whose duty it was to attend all the political meetings, noticed at all of them a rather seedy, but very enthusiastic, individual. The curiosity of the reporter was aroused, and he at last asked the excited patriot: "Are you a Democrat?" "No, sir." "A Republican?" "Never." "Prohibitionist?" "Not if I know myself." "Greenbacker?" "Well, hardly." "What are you then?" "I am after an office. That's what I am."

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CHAPTER II.

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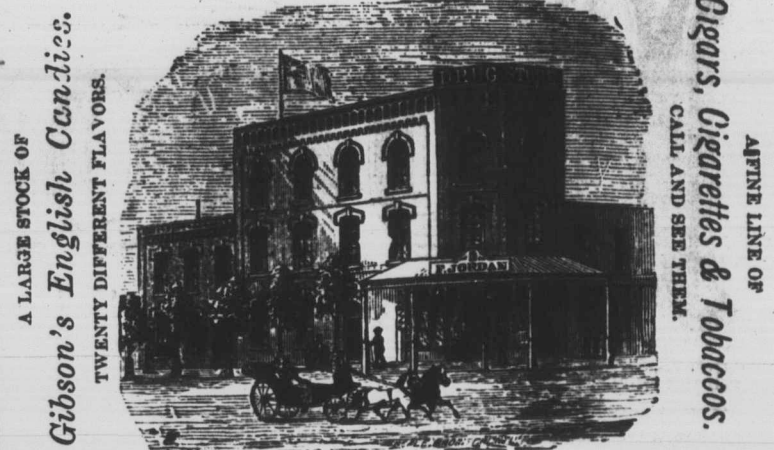
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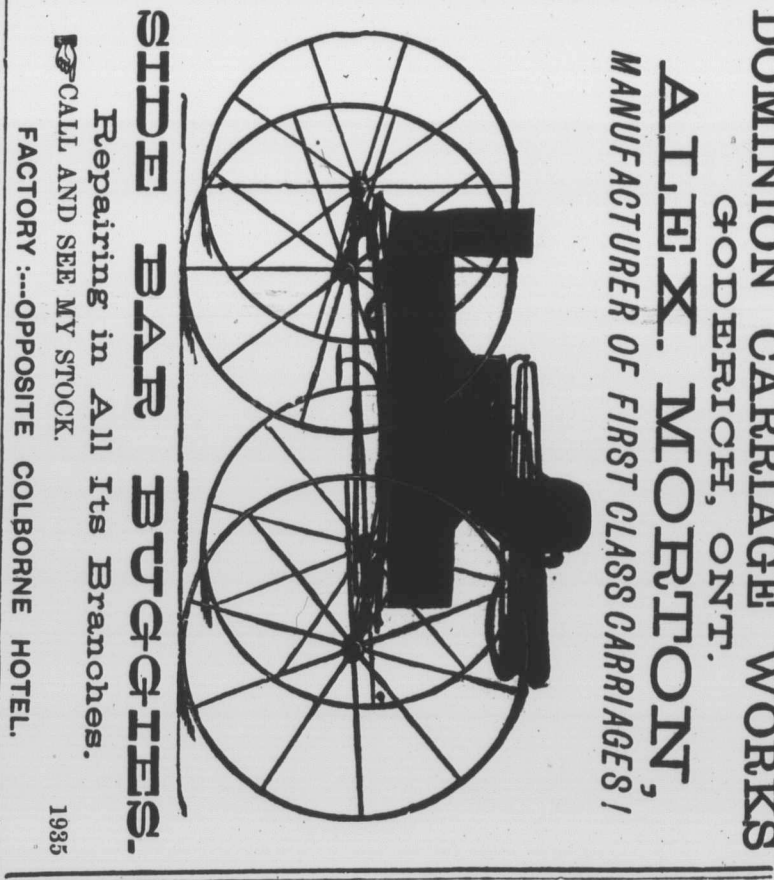
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