

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN MISSION IN FORMOSA.

Formosa, an island to the South-east of China, and under Chinese rule, is about 250 miles long and 80 wide. It has a mixed population of Chinese and aboriginal tribes, numbering three millions, and it is a fine field for Missionary effort.

In the year 1871, the Rev. G. L. McKay was sent out by the Canada Presbyterian Church to found a mission. He chose the Northern part of the island, and, after acquiring a knowledge of the language, began to preach the Gospel at Tamsui, with blessed results, as the following from the *Presbyterian Record* will show:—

In a little more than eight years, 20 chapels have been opened and two Mission Houses built, and 20 native helpers trained; 5 Schools are sustained, 5 Bible Women are under training, 300 Communicants are enrolled, and more than 2000 persons have renounced idolatry and attended Christian Worship. There also is an Hospital in Tamsui, at present under care of Dr. Ringer, doing excellent work. An Hospital has been established at Kelung, under care of Dr. Mann." This is certainly a good record, the results being much greater than are often seen in Christian lands, where the Missionary has not to grapple with the ignorance and superstition of heathenism.

THE Canada Presbyterian Church has entered with great zeal upon Mission Work in the North West. There are already 22 Missionaries laboring there, occupying 86 Mission Fields, with 17 Churches. Among the French population of the Dominion the Presbyterian Church has 20 ordained missionaries, 11 teachers, 9 colporteurs, besides students attending the college at Montreal.

A rather amusing anecdote is related by the Rev. Jas. Buller, in his narrative of forty years' residence as a Missionary in New Zealand, showing that the Maories put a very literal interpretation on good advice. It appears that Sir Geo. Grey, during one of his journeys, had told some of the natives that they ought to cultivate the practice of systematic beneficence, and put apart a tenth of their annual income for charitable works.

"But in the middle of the night two of them returned and woke up the Governor, who inquired what was the matter. They said they had been holding a council respecting his conversation with them, and they were deputed to ask whether he himself had been in the habit of giving a tenth of his income for charitable purposes. The Governor was obliged to confess that he hadn't hitherto done so but he would begin from that time."

The Presbyterian Church of South Wales have organized a Sustentation Fund. It is proposed to give all Ministers a stipend of £300 stg.

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