

RECENT INCIDENTS IN FORMOSA.

EXTRACTS OF LETTER FROM MR. GAULD.

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Triumph of Faith. I have just come in from the hospital where I have been going occasionally of late to visit the wife of one of our preachers, who is rapidly dying of consumption. A year ago last winter she attended the girls' school, while her husband attended the college. She was a strong looking, well-built woman. To-day she is a skeleton, with a hacking cough. She told me "God is with me."

While there I mostly go through to see the other patients. One woman, a member of the Ki-lung congregation, has been twice operated on, and both times, while under the influence of chloroform, her talk was of trust in Christ, and prayer that if she died God would receive her soul.

Girls' School. Yesterday morning the Girls' School was opened with about twelve girls. As you have often heard it is very difficult here to get girls away from home. However we rejoice that we have those, and trust that they may grow up good and useful women in the Master's service. A Hoa gave them a splendid address. They all seemed interested... They spend four hours of the day reading, one hour writing, and the remainder in learning to cook and make clothes.

Koi-Kan's family. Two weeks ago I went with Mrs. Gauld to Pal-li-Fuen. I greatly enjoyed the day. We saw Koi-Kan's mother, brothers and sisters." (Koi-Kan is the student now at home with Dr. Mackay.) "His mother is a pleasant-looking kind-hearted woman. When I told her Koi-Kan had been to see my father and mother, her eyes filled with tears. When we were leaving she brought in a number of nice fresh eggs, and wanted us to take them home. We told her we had hens, but this did not satisfy her. We then took one for little Gordon. The Chinese are greatly interested in baby.

Truth's Triumph. A. Hoa is very pleased that so many at home send him kind messages. He is certainly a true and earnest worker. The work here is progressing and the Chinese converts are certainly bearing the burden. We rejoice that while there is so much darkness and superstition, the light is breaking. Many are living witnesses to the efficacy of the blood of Christ to cleanse from sin, and to the grace of God to keep, uphold and strengthen those who have trusted in Him.

She fell asleep. May 3rd. This morning A. Hoa sent a note telling us the preacher's wife of whom I was telling you, is dead. Since that he has been here, and gave us a little of her history. Her parents are still heathen, and when she became a Christian her mother beat her and

shut her up about ten days. At length she escaped, ran away, and has since not dared to see her mother. To-day her husband has gone for the mother. We hope there will be no trouble. Sometimes heathen parents accuse Christian sons-in-law of killing their daughters.

A Hoa's fear. A. Hoa was telling us last night an experience he once had with Dr. Mackay. Across the river there is a mountain. We call it the South Hill. We were sitting on the verandah when A. Hoa said something about me going over some evening. I said I should like to go, and also to climb the hill for a view. He then said, "Shortly after Dr. Mackay came here, he asked me to get a boat and come with him to the other side. We went together. After landing he said, 'come on up the hill.' I went, and when we were about half way up I asked him what affair was taking him up there. He said, 'To see it.' I very much feared he was going to kill me to get my eyes for medicine. However he managed to get me up, and we were able to see great distances."

We can quite understand how much you would enjoy a visit from Dr. Mackay, I shall never forget the morning he met us at the boat. We believe that he will be the means of doing much for the good of the Church at home. But do you not think people look at that side too much?

Women in Honan. Mrs. Goforth, writing in the *Leaflet*, of hospital work among women, says:—"Up till last March we had no direct work in this connection. But, while Dr. Graham and Miss McIntosh were here for a short time, a man brought his wife and consented to her remaining as an in-patient, when he found there was a lady doctor here. The ice being once broken, other women followed, and since that time we have had an increasing number of women in-patients. This is the most encouraging, and at present the most important branch of our work. Women come and stay several days, sometimes several weeks, thus giving us opportunities of teaching we could not otherwise have.

One woman (our first in-patient, who is still here) came to us a heathen; she is now, we have good reason to believe, "a new creature in Christ Jesus." Her patience under suffering, her earnestness in telling the truth to those who come to see her, her intelligent questions, the progress she has made in learning (she can now read half of John's Gospel), and her real desire to learn, leads us to have good hopes of her future usefulness if she is spared.

As a father in a garden stoops down to kiss a child, the shadow of his body falls on it. So many of the dark misfortunes of our life are not God going away from us, but our heavenly Father stooping down to give us the kiss of his infinite and everlasting love.—*Talmage*