

them in—the ladies in the field have all they can do already—so the work just has to wait ; I hope it will not have to wait long. Dear Miss Bell, I am so sorry that she has been held back ; I think we would have been able to work well together. Is there any prospect of more ladies coming with Miss Oliver next year? I get impatient at the slowness of time when I think of Miss Oliver's coming. We are all rejoicing over the latest mission triumph. Mr. Wilkie has seen the end of his battle for the high school, and it is a complete victory. Government has recognized the school, and agreed to contribute a certain sum monthly for its support. "And yet there's more to follow." Once we begin to float smoothly, we will sail grandly forward. I hope before I return to see some well organized medical mission, and to learn much for my own use when I get back to work. Miss Rodger and I think of going to Amertsur, but have not decided. The Church of England has an old mission there. I suppose you know that Miss Ross was very ill before we left Indore. I'm glad to say she is now getting fat and rosy—as we all are. We go to Indore about the first of November.

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FROM MRS. McKAY.

TAMSUI, Oct. 9th, 1885.

It is a long time since I wrote to you ; but you know about the French troubles here. When Tamsui was bombarded, our three little ones were under the floor. I was going in and out. My husband and A-Hôa were walking on the verandah. Then I had to leave my native Formosa, and husband so weak that he could not stand alone. In Hong Kong I felt in exile ; I was miserable. No use crying, though. Nothing would move the French, who dared touch my native soil. I didn't like the French a bit when in Paris, and travelling through their country. I got back at last ; and to see the old faces again ! Oh, how it does one good to see old real friends. One wouldn't get hungry in a week in their midst. I am back, after being away two weeks in the country, travelling with the chil-