

Miss Blackadder also encloses the accompanying note from Dr. Grant in reference to Joseph's baptism :—

San Fernando, Oct. 31, 1895.

DEAR MISS BLACKADDER,—Just a line. Dr. Morton will probably have mentioned to you that he baptised Yissuph on the 2nd, and at his own voluntary application I admitted him to the communion, with three of my own boys now in Training School, on Sabbath last. I feel this year as if I had to do with a class truly converted. They are a great comfort to me. God bless the lads.

We have all been praying much, and some days ago a Welsh lad from Cardiff, son of a lately deceased captain, met our boys on the wharf and an attachment sprang up that has issued in this lad of eighteen years of ripe scholarship, and evident piety, joining them, and to-day he is acting for Mr. Jacob, and may continue to do so till the end of the year. He has quarters with the boys, and they mess together. He has been well brought up, has some means, and the risks apparently are small.

The captain of the barque is a friend of the boy's family, and he said that the boy's intense desire for the conversion of the men, exposed the lad not only to rebuffs, but the captain feared it might lead to personal injury some day—not a bad qualification for our work.

I am writing, however, to tell you simply of *your* boy.

HONAN.

Without Christ, and without Hope in the World.

FROM MRS. GOFORTH.

Chu Wang, Oct. 27, 1895.

We are to start from here for Chang-te-fu the day after to-morrow. We are all in good health and most thankful for all the way our dear Master has led us. It is now nearly two months and a half since we left dear Canada; such a long time to be traveling, but the way has been made easy for me by the kind friends raised up everywhere. God has been teaching us many precious lessons of faith and trust by the way he has undertaken for us. He has fulfilled to us very fully and very literally His promise "I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight and the rough places plain." The remembrance of the loving sympathy and prayers extended to us when we said good-bye in the Board Room will not soon be forgotten and will be a source of real power to us in our work.

I am so glad to be back again and to find so many bright welcome faces. As Mr. Goforth, Miss MacKenzie, the children and myself walked up from our boat the evening we arrived, it was really cheering to meet with kind words and smiles from *every one* we met. What a contrast to the jeers and mud-throwing of our first reception four years ago!