

down and oppress us ; but, at the same time, infinitely more to raise us up and uphold us. Many hearers have been persecuted, one has been imprisoned for three months after receiving five hundred blows. All had to bear, more or less, the shame and reproach heaped upon them by the heathen around. And the only Christian I brought from the South has been shot and beheaded. In company with two more he was travelling the road between savage territory and Sin-Kang, when persons, concealed in the wood, fired on the three, ran out, cut off their heads and disappeared. I am now left without any help save from those who heard the Gospel since the Lord brought me here. All these things may be trying to the flesh, but there are important lessons to be gathered from them. The Gospel was never planted in heathendom so as to take deep root without, opposition. He who supposes otherwise has a false idea of the work of our Lord in the midst of darkness and corruption. It is the same now as it was when proclaimed throughout Cyprus, Phrygia, and Pamphylia ; and not until all lands shall lift their voices in praise to God will opposition of this kind cease. We must be faithful unto death in spreading His glorious name far and wide. In doing so we have His own presence by day and by night. The past year has been filled with the goodness of the Lord. Innumerable have been His blessings, great have been His mercies and His loving kindness, who can forget ? "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ ? And He has blessed His own work among the heathen. At Go-ko-khin the attendance is about as usual. At Chin-nih it is large and the school is doing well. Several miles away from the latter place the people are building a chapel themselves. *I am not assisting them.* The five converts who have been baptized are still earnest, faithful followers of the Lord Jesus.

There is, therefore, much to encourage us in the Lord's work, and we will prove unfaithful to our responsibilities if we do not, as a Church, put forth our efforts to save the perishing heathen.

I rejoice to think of the Gospel spreading in Canada, British America and throughout the Continent.

Kindest regards to all friends in Toronto, wishing you the blessing of Jehovah.

I am ever yours sincerely,

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MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

JEWISH MISSIONS, PRAGUE.—The work does not proceed rapidly among the seed of Abraham, but from time to time there are encouraging events and hopeful tokens. From Prague the Rev. Mr. Moody writes giving an account of an extensive circulation of evangelical books and tracts in the Bohemian language. Fifty thousand portions of the Gospel in the Bohemian language were at the disposal of Mr. Moody for distribution at Christmas ; such distribution occasioned great joy among the people. The missionary adds : "The work will go on though not so quickly as we would desire. It is a work of faith, and we must look to the Lord for a blessing, that His marvellous light may now disperse the darkness brought over this land by priestly power. At present let us praise the Lord for all He has done, and pray that the seed which has been cast abroad in the lanes and by-ways may bring forth fruit to His glory."

BRESLAU.—Here, too, the Missionary is labouring in hope. He says : "We are endeavouring to do our part, hoping that the Lord will appear for His work in this our time. We can only fill the water-pots with water,