

Mr. Gonsalves has given the lot adjoining the church, gratis, valued at \$1600 and perhaps he could get \$1800 for it. They are now gathering up funds and when we reach a certain amount we will "rise and build."

By the way that reminds me of my subject last night, "rebuilding Jerusalem's walls." Of course it had nothing to do with the above. I tried to show our people the great work before the church, the obstacles but still the encouragements. I try always to keep the people here from "concentrating all in self" even in church affairs.

I hope you are having much comfort and success in the Lord's work.

Yours, &c.,

A. FALCONER.

LETTER FROM REV. DR. Mc-KAY.

Tamsui, Formosa, Jan'y 2nd, 1882.

REV. PROF. McLAREN :

My Dear Brother,—After twenty-seven days on the ocean s. s. "Belgie" we arrived at Hong-kong, where I met my old friend, Captain Abbott, who informed me that his ship was bound for Tamsui, Formosa, by way of Fuchow. Saturday, 17th ult., we boarded her, and Sabbath morning cleared the port and steamed up the Formosan channel against a terrific N. E. gale. Saturday, 24th ult., we passed Tamsui, but could not enter. Sunday we lay outside the bar, tossed on the rolling waves, looking at Tamsui with longing hearts. Monday, 19th, at 9 a. m., we were anchored in the Tamsui river, and in a few moments were welcomed by A-Haa, my first convert in Northern Formosa, who was the very first to greet us. We scarcely spoke a word to him until my dear colleague, Mr. Junor, stepped on board to help us ashore.

Ashore ! thank God, once more, on beloved Formosa. We found Mrs. Junor and the baby very well, and our own Mary Helen running about. Since arriving, converts have come from all parts of the field to welcome us back. I never expected to get such a warm reception from converts and heathen.

I visited several chapels already, and was met by crowds, who expressed great joy at our return. In Bang-kah even the street in front of the chapel was soon packed after my arrival there. When I visit all the chapels I will write at length.

Mr. Junor is not very well, and is going by the steamer to Amoy, etc., and

can get materials for "Oxford" college far cheaper than here, so that he will do great good by going. With kindest regards to Mrs. McLaren, etc.

G. L. MCKAY.

LETTER FROM UNITED STATES.

The following letter from one of the many young women who have gone from Nova Scotia to the United States breathes a fine spirit and shows how truly some of our young people have at heart the work in which our church is engaged, and shows also that though they are absent it is not forgotten

Hopkinton, Mass.,

Mar. 14, 1882.

REV. DR. MCGREGOR :

Dear Sir :—Some months ago I sent you a few dollars for Home and Foreign Missions, and you very kindly sent me a number of "The Presbyterian Record." And I now take the opportunity to thank you very kindly for it though it is so many months since. I got some items of interest to relate in our missionary meeting from it. We have a Ladies' Missionary Society here. I am a member of it, and I like to tell the American ladies something of the mission work that is being done by our beloved Presbyterian church in Nova Scotia.

You will find enclosed six dollars, which I would like given, two for Foreign Mission, two for Home Mission and two for French Mission.

My weekly offering to the Lord is fifty cents, but I find a great many calls for money here to help on the great and glorious work of winning souls to Christ, yet I do not want to forget the good cause in my home land.

You will please remember I want no name given. What little I can do for my blessed Master I want to do quietly, that is, I never want to see my name in print. Yet I daily try to let my light shine for His glory.

I send my mite with my earnest prayers.

Excuse me for writing so much, you need not read it unless you have plenty of time, for I know your time is precious.

From a lover of Jesus and His work.