

and most thankful for your promised prayers, in connection with your expressed sentiments—conceiving as I do, that there are two conditions required and absolutely necessary to securing the divine blessing as a christian community: namely, our faithful and strenuous opposition to everything dishonoring to God, together with earnest and persevering prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Let us strive to prove unitedly jealous for the honor of the Holy One of Israel, and believingly wait on the ministration of the Holy Ghost, and we must not doubt but He shall bestow His blessing on us individually and collectively, and so most certainly prosper us in every good word and work.

I desire also to thank you very sincerely for your friendly wishes for Mrs. McKay, and for me personally.

And remain yours faithfully in the Lord,  
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To Messrs. D. Matheson, W. McDonald and D. Sutherland, Elders.

the street, then a small court and house, then a quadrangle with rooms all round. This will be for dispensary hospital, &c. At the side, a stable and cart-house for a horse and mule, which I must have, and perhaps a cart also. Then there is another quadrangle in which my horse stands on one side, and a little house on each other side—all one storey and flagged floors (rather cold in our arctic winter). My house is a hall divided off at one end by a partition. In this are two recesses with a bed placed in each, one for self, and the other at present for my Christian Chinese servant, an old disciple of Wylie's, Tu-ping by name. Immediately I enter my house, I shall the next day open a dispensary. I have already picked up several patients, and I believe I and my work are getting known about the place.

Milne will be here in a few days. He is assistant Chinese secretary, and has charge of the students, who will be here in a month, among them, William Stronach. They will be company for each other, and I am very glad they are coming.—*H. & F. Record.*

#### MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

##### City of Peking.

##### OPENING OF THE MISSION HOSPITAL.

DR. LOCKHART of the London Missionary Society, Peking, October 3rd 1861, writes:—

I have been at Peking for three weeks, and though I have not entered into possession of my house, I hope to do so in a few days, and am getting furniture and the odds and ends wanted for housekeeping. My notice was called to a house next to the British Legation, which the Prussian minister desired to take; but after his suite had lived in it for a day or two they left it, and as soon as we knew it was vacant, I looked it over and found it would do admirably; and an especial reason why it would do for me is, that there is not another house that can be obtained! The government buy the premises, and I rent it from the Legation, and put it in repair, of which it needs a great deal chiefly for the hospital part. The sale is not completed, as the money is not paid; but probably in a week I shall have possession, and can wait a while for it. I am rejoiced to get a house, as I am the only British subject in Peking out of the Legation, and it is a new thing altogether. Consider it a good beginning for the Mission and though I can see that I must be alone for a time, yet in due course others will be able to join me. The thing must grow, and cannot be forced. It appears to me that I should stay here and not think of Hankow, or any other place for the present.

The house and premises cover a good deal of ground. There is a large gate and wall to

##### The Gospel among the Lepers.

THE following extract from a letter just received from the Rev. J. Vaughan, brings the information respecting this deeply-interesting work up to a late date. He writes, Nov. 28, 1861;—

"I have been very much cheered by the manifest tokens of the Divine blessing on our work among the lepers. All those who were baptized last year have held fast to their profession. Some have evinced more earnestness than others, but there is no reason to doubt that all are sincere believers in Jesus. I use the word 'sincere' advisedly. \* \* \* \* \* A little circumstance, in connexion with a female leper, has pleased me greatly. In addition to the leprosy, she had suffered for some time with a new disease. Of this she was subsequently quite cured; and the very next Sunday she sent me one rupee as a thank-offering for the mercy received.

"During the present year seven additional converts have been added to the number, making in all fourteen who have been recently admitted into the fold of Christ. These were six Hindoos and one Mussulman. A very pretty, and to me a most interesting story, is connected with the latter. It is now more than two years since I sent a little boy from my school to the hospital. The poor child was very feeble in body, and of his recovery there appeared but little hope. The precious truths of the Gospel, however, had found their way to his heart. By and by an attack of cholera in a few hours finished his career. An account of his death appeared some eighteen months ago in the 'little Green Book' (Aug. 1860. For some time af-