

Bishop writes in a very Christian manner respecting the various missionaries and other sections of the Church who are labouring within the bounds of his large diocese. A recent report of the Church (England) Missionary Society speaks thus of China: "In Hong Kong, Fu-Chan, and Ningpo the work proceeds slowly. In the districts around Fu-Chan, however—Lognong, Ning-Talk, and Ku-Chang—there is a marked spirit of inquiry. Many have been baptised. The little places of worship are crowded, and more opportunities are offered for preaching in new towns than there are evangelists to accept them."

The Wesleyan Missionary Report says of China: "It offers a field larger than any other in the known world. In all probability the Chinese will colonise, on a large scale, not only portions of the Asiatic continent but also of North Australia. It is possible, too, that China, reformed and reorganised, may become a power in the world. The proof that Christianity is making itself felt in China is the increasing organised opposition it now meets. Societies to advocate the claims of Confucius and others in opposition to the claims of Christ are established in the large towns in which our missions are situated, and the various methods used by European societies are imitated, in order to support these reactionary efforts. Medical missions in China have been found highly advantageous. We have one in connection with our mission in Wuchang. As in India, so also in China, and, in fact, in every other mission field, attempts are being made to raise up and train a native ministry to be pastors in the churches of the future."

The Presbyterian Church of Canada supports a very successful mission in the island of Formosa, where they have two devoted missionaries labouring with zeal and fidelity.

All the missionaries pursue a similar course of holding meetings daily, distributing tracts, and now and then going on itinerating tours, where they scatter much good seed by the wayside. In some instances the missionaries are treated with great harshness by the Chinese. Some of the converts have much bitter persecution to endure; some have even been put to death. A few months ago a native doorkeeper of one of the London mission chapels in Shanghai was found murdered, and another young man, much wounded, was lying near him. The wounded man was removed to the hospital, from which, on his partial recovery, he succeeded in escaping and has not since been retaken. Still the truth prevails. The entire Bible in the Mandarin is now complete. While it is affirmed that there are some 200 dialects in China, six of them occupying a prominent position, the Mandarin is the most prominent, being spoken throughout the North by the common people, and throughout the Empire by the officials. It is therefore scarcely possible to over-estimate the importance and value of this translation.