

either way. Those who were for admitting polygamists to church membership, recognized the objections to such a degree as to take away any enthusiastic confidence. It is quite unnecessary here to mention the many objections *pro* and *con*. You may be surprised to know that I should be prepared to vote for admitting them into the fellowship of the church. My reason for such a course would be, that where the Spirit of God has put it into the heart of a man to believe in Christ, we have no right to keep him out of the visible church. Seeing that such men have been already made members of the true and invisible church while polygamists, why should we, and how can we, keep them out of the church visible? Then, of course, comes the question of what is to be done with the extra wives, and that is a most difficult thing to settle, the practice of different societies being far from uniform.

At Hsin Chen and its sub-stations the good work is going on in an encouraging way. Several men were baptized there a few months ago; and there are inquirers at various centres. The people of Hsin Chen itself have always been very hostile, and are so still. Returned soldiers made a little row there, but beyond breaking a few windows there was no damage done to mission property. Attempts have been made to rent another compound there. Thus far one has not been secured. When I last heard from them, the brethren were touring in the towns and villages around, and they report in some places that the people are much interested. On the whole, their letters are most cheering. Last week I was over to Chang-Ti-Fu, a large city more than thirty miles from here, where we have now a station, which will doubtless be one of the chief centres of the mission for all time. In many respects the place is suitable for our work. When suitable accommodation is provided for missionaries, and hospitals and schools erected there, the Canadian Mission will have a base of operations inferior to few in China and superior to any that I have seen. There are many inquirers in the surrounding villages and towns. Last month a few were baptized and a number examined as catechumens. At this examination a woman said, that from an early age she had no faith in idols, and had been accustomed to think about her soul and kindred topics. The mother of one of our converts accepted Christianity the first time she heard it, and wished she had never believed in idols. So much for the dealings of the Spirit with souls outside the range of revelation. There were two men examined here last week, and in honesty I must say, they were theologians as compared with some people I have met in Christian lands. Indeed, I believe very many church members in Canada could not have answered the questions. One of them persisted in saying that Christ hated His enemies, and it required some time to set him right. The other had much difficulty about the resurrec-