

tions of the English Presbyterian Church in China, and have, from time to time, given information through the pages of the Record, of the progress of the good work. We regret that for the last two or three months we have been unable to give any extracts from the letters of the missionaries. From the extracts now subjoined it will be seen that the good work is advancing notwithstanding the renewed persecutions to which the Christians in our district are subjected.

Dr. Maxwell, writing from Formosa gives an account of the admission of several new converts.

"Yesterday being Sabbath, we received three men by baptism. Their names are Chaw (aw as in law), Chun, and Chhenghong. The two former are from the district city of Pe-t'hau, about seven miles off, and the third is from Tam-sui, in the north of the island. The first is married, and his wife, I am glad to say, sympathizes with him in all his religious feelings, consenting freely to the destruction of the idols in their house. She is so far removed from us, however, that it is not possible to give her such instructions as we would like, and plainly she cannot come here on the Sabbath."

A NINE DAYS' JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF THE TRUTH.

"The history of Chheng hong is somewhat interesting. He first heard the Gospel from Kim-lo, Dr. Carnegie's hospital-keeper in Amoy. He was not a patient, but a casual looker in, who had spent the most of a night listening to the doctrine at Kim-lo's lips. The truth stuck fast, and when he came back to Tam-sui he made short work with the idols in his house. Afterwards, not finding spiritual rest, he left his little property in charge of a half-brother, and walked from Tam-sui to Tai-wan-foo, a nine days' journey, expecting to find a chapel there. When he reached Tai-wan-foo, we were already gone, and so he came on to Takao, and here he has remained ever since. He came just before Mr. Swanson left, and, I am glad to say, has never from the first given us the slightest reason for doubting his sincerity. He has a very strong desire to see the Gospel carried to the north of this island, and not improbably he may have the privilege, at some future time, of preaching the Gospel in his native place. Of late I have employed him as my hospital-keeper."

THE LORD'S SUPPER—BACKSLIDER RESTORED.

"In the afternoon we had the privilege of assembling together to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Sixteen Chinese, with Mr. and Mrs. Kip and myself, partook of the ordinance. The chapel was crowded with on lookers, who were unusually reverent and quiet in their behaviour."

MORE ACCESSIONS.

At Khi-boey the Missionary Mr. Cowie had also admitted three converts all women. One of them was an aged female, the others young. Mr. Cowie gives an account of the persecutions to which the Christians at Kio-lai are subjected. Attempts had been made to have justice done in the matter, but through the partiality of the subordinate magistrates, this is a matter of difficulty.

AN OPEN DOOR—MORE LABOURERS WANTED.

The Rev. H. L. McKenzie, at Swatow earnestly pleads for more Missionary labourers. He says:

"I need scarcely say that we feel much pressed and straitened in our work because of the fewness of the labourers. It is enough to make one weep to think of the field open to our mission in the Swatow region and of the want of men, both native and foreign, to enter in and possess the land. The Lord by his Providence seems to be wondrously, and beyond our ex-