

LETTER FROM HONAN.

BY REV. DONALD M'GILLIVRAY.

Chang tē Fu, 1st Jan., 1896.

DEAR RECORD,—I trust the name of this city will soon be as familiar to our Church as those of Chu Wang and Hsin Chên. The former of these latter two has been referred to as a stepping-stone to this present location. Now, several of us have moved off the stepping-stone, and are on good *terra firma*, on Bell Smith street, Chang tē Fu. May this place be a stepping-stone to higher things in 1896 and succeeding years "till He come." At the beginning of the year the members of this station would raise a stone, an "Ebenezer," for hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

When the senior missionary of this station was leaving home, Dr. Kellogg, now of India, gave him this Divine Word: "The Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearward" (Isa. 52, 12). Looking back over 1895, we can all set to our hands that this word is true. Praise the Lord! And we take courage for the future, *our* future and *China's* future. What that will be for us and China we cannot tell. Whether it is mercy or judgment for her as a nation is as yet hidden. This much, however we do know: God is visiting the Chinese to take out of them a people for His name. Known unto God are all His works, from the beginning of the world" (Acts 15, 14, 18). Inasmuch as the Lord provided us here a place to preach in, He has also drawn together the people to hear, and the good seed of the Kingdom is falling into good ground. The preaching of our brother Goforth and his helper is taking effect through the power of the Holy Spirit. Several native buildings have meantime been erected. We appear to have favour with all the people.

Mr. Goforth has entire charge of all the work at the city, while I am abroad in the country spreading the good news of free salvation. Mr. McLennan accompanied me on a 15 days' tour into the hills.

Recently I spent my first night in a new chapel at Tsai Yuan, one of our out-stations. This chapel is called the Neil Memorial Chapel. The ground was presented by a convert, and the building erected by one of our Presbytery as a memorial to his brother. This is the first building of the kind in the field, but what we long to see is the erection of such buildings by the converts themselves. So far, they have not done anything in this line, although the matter is being discussed in the several villages.

Of the fall contingent for Honan, Dr. Menzies was appointed to this station, and he, together with Miss Mackenzie, is hard at the language. The children are all enjoying the new place, and everybody, especially the natives, are enjoying the sight of them.

Church Notes and Notices.

~~As~~ Will Presbytery Clerks, at the close of a meeting of Presbytery, kindly send a card with inductions, resignations, and time and place of next meeting.

CALLS.

From Fergus, Melville Ch., to Mr. J. H. MacVicar.

From Wentworth Ch., Hamilton, to Mr. J. McWilliam, of St. Andrew's Ch., Peterboro.

From Webbwood, Ont., to Mr. G. E. Lougheed, at present missionary there.

From Toronto Junction, to Mr. James A. Rae, of Acton, Guelph Pres.

From Buctouche, N.B., to Mr. Vans.

INDUCTIONS.

Mr. Calvin E. Amaron, into St. John's (French) Ch., Montreal, 4th Feb.

Mr. Joseph Hamilton, into Mimico, Tor. Pres., induction 17th March.

Mr. Samuel Carruthers, into Dovercourt, Toronto, after three years as missionary there.

Mr. McNicol, into Ajmer, Ottawa Pres., 2nd March.

RESIGNATIONS.

Mr. Duncan Robertson, of King Street Ch., London, Ont.

Mr. J. K. Bearisto, of Glassville, N.B.

MINISTER'S OBITUARY.

Rev. John Scott was born in Carterhaugh, Selkirkshire, Scotland, 16th June, 1817. He went as a catechist of the U. P. Church to Jamaica in 1838, where he labored for seven years. Coming to Canada, he entered Knox College in 1845, graduating in 1849, and was ordained and inducted into St. Andrew's Ch., London, 8th Oct., 1850. After a pastorate of 25 years, he accepted a call to North Bruce, where he labored nine years, retiring from the active work of the ministry in 1894. He has since resided in Hamilton, whence he passed to his rest 26th Dec., 1895, aged 78 years.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Brandon.—Brandon, 2nd Tuesday July.

Bruce.—Southampton, 2nd Tues. July, 5 p.m.

La. & Ren.—Carl. Pla., Zion, 26 May, 10.30 a.m.

Lindsay.—Beaverton, 21 April, 11.30 a.m.

Montreal.—Mont., Knox, 30 June, 10 a.m.

Ottawa.—Ott., Bank St., 1 Tues. May, 10 a.m.

Portage la Prairie.—P. la Pra., 4 Mar., 7.30 p.m.

Toronto.—Tor., St. And., 1st Tues. every month.

Whitby.—Oshawa, 21 April, 10 a.m.

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