

Missionary Intelligence.

LETTER FROM REV. G. L. MCKAY.

HONG KONG, Dec. 8th, 1871.

Rev. WM. REID.

MY DEAR SIR,—I address you this note before leaving for Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa, to let you know of my safe arrival here. We left San Francisco on the 1st of November, and did not see land until the 26th. We remained until the 28th at Yokohama, and then set sail again for China, and on Tuesday we arrived safely. The voyage on the whole was pleasant; and though occasionally unwell on account of sea-sickness, yet I was up every day, and was enabled to read and study considerably.

When at Yokohama, I called on two of the missionaries, and learned that teaching in English is nearly all they can do at present, on account of the Japanese government; but they are expecting great changes soon. The people are anxious to learn, especially English; but they dread the officials. Surely followers of Jesus in Christian lands are pleading with God for His own cause there; for Jesus must reign amongst that people, and every barrier must be removed for the entrance of the everlasting Gospel of God's Dear Son.

I have visited Canton already, and will leave shortly for Swatow.

I will write to you again from the particular field of my future labors, if God will still preserve and bring me in safety there. Thus far He has led me, though weak and helpless; thus far He has comforted me by His grace. I do rejoice that He has brought me to this dark heathen land to labor for Jesus.

That God may abundantly bless you in all your labors for His cause in my dear native land, is the earnest prayer of

Your humble servant,

G. L. MACKAY.

FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

On the 7th of December last the 20th Annual Examination was held of the Madras Free Church Day and Boarding Schools. Lady Napier presided, and His Excellency the Governor, Lord Napier of Magdala, was among the visitors present. Eight schools are maintained by the mission, with an attendance of 784. Sixteen of the girls have passed the Government examination for female teachers' certificates, all of whom are native Christians.

The Bengal mission of the Free Church has ten stations, the chief being Calcutta, with five ordained missionaries. The Rev. Prasanna Kumar Chatterjea, of Chinsura, one of these stations, contributes some interesting extracts from his diary relative to a preaching tour along the river Hughli, to the RECORD for last month. Although favorably received by many, he found a good deal of opposition from high caste natives, and in some places came upon people who had never heard of the Gospel. Dr. and Mrs. Murray Mitchell also have been visiting Pachamba, a station on the new line of railway from Calcutta called the "Chord Line," which leads westward into the hill region. They recommend Pachamba as a favorable locality for mission work, as it is situated on the road to Parisnath, the holy hill of the Jains.