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is success is, we may safely say, without a parallel in the history of modern missions. When he first arrived on the island it was in true apostolic simplicity and nakedness, for he had neither purse nor scrip nor any such thing. He had no knowledge of the language but at once set about learning it, and threw himself heart and soul into the company of the natives, became one of them, assumed their garb, ate and drank of the same food and in the same manner as they did, and then, notwithstanding many rebuffs, ill-treatment, and threatened violence, he won their confidence, and, having rapidly acquired the language, he soon began to preach to them "the unsearchable riches of Christ." Many who came to taunt and abuse, as only Chinese can, went away to pray. God has made him a mighty influence for good in that dark land, so that "the wilderness and the solitary place have blossomed as the rose." According to his latest report there are now in the Formosa Mission 2,833 members, eighty-three elders, seventy-one deacons, fifty chapels and fifty-one preachers. These statistics tell of faithful work and encouraging success.

Mr. Jamieson is Dr. MacKay's faithful coadjutor in the work. He has had much to contend with since his arrival in Formosa—his greatest difficulties arising from bad health. However, in the good providence of God, his health has been largely restored, and his knowledge of the language has become accurate and efficient and he is now able to render excellent service to the Mission. Both Dr. MacKay and Mr. Jamieson are well sustained by their noble wives. Mrs. MacKay is a native Chinese lady.

The medical department and hospital work are found to be invaluable adjuncts to the spread of the Gospel, as the healing of the soul will naturally follow the healing of the body. Oxford College is a monument of Dr. McKay's missionary zeal and capacity. The work done in it is cause of deepest joy. There are twenty students in regular attendance and they reside in the college, and from six to fifteen preachers reside with them and attend lectures.

Dr. McKay does most of the teaching himself, but he is assisted by one of the ablest young men. His curriculum is interesting. He does not teach Latin, Greek, French or German, for the reason that the Chinese is Gibraltar enough to attack and conquer even by "natives of the manor born." He does not teach ancient mythology, because modern China has enough and to spare of waste lumber and rubbish. They read large portions of Chinese classics and diligently study the Word of God, committing to memory many chapters, and examining critically innumerable verses which contain promises, precepts and doctrine; the Shorter Catechism, Boston's Fourfold State, Pilgrim's Progress, Life of Christ, Drummond's Natural Law in the Spiritual World, Dawson's Origin of the World, besides geology, geography, physics, anatomy, etc., and elocution with Romanized colloquial. In the last mentioned he gives the students abundant practice. From one to six speak on the platform every night and are subject to criticism. They are well trained also in singing, both by note and ear, and can on the spur of the moment start any one of two dozen different tunes. Thus," says Dr. Mackay, with stinging sarcasm, "when they go out to