

the ground, and kill every worshipper as soon as the Japanese Soldiers would land on the Island; such threats however did not intimidate the old man, for the following Sabbath he was present. Two weeks ago he was lashed like a beast, and all he said to me about his persecutors was, that he "prayed the Lord Jesus to open their eyes and give them light." Thus in the midst of opposition the Lord is increasing our little band, for twenty-eight sat around the table to commemorate the love of Jesus. On Sabbath, I was forcibly impressed with the apparent interest of all within the Chapel, and indeed of all around the doors, for the heathen idolaters gazed and listened with great interest. Sometimes they assemble in order to interfere with the services; last Sabbath however such was not the case. To Jehovah be all praise and glory.

I cannot tell you how much I rejoice at the prospect of Dr. Fraser and family coming to labor for our blessed Lord. May he comfort their hearts, and bless them abundantly, for his name's sake.

Remember me kindly to all associated with you in Knox College, and to Mrs. McLaren and family.

I am ever yours sincerely.

G. L. MacKAY.

P.S.—I rented another house and moved into it, but the payment day begins January 1st, 1875. I rented it for one year from one of the English Merchants for \$15 per month, and I have to repair it myself; I think \$50 will do; there is plenty of room inside. I am getting the best rooms fitted up for Mr. Fraser and family. I must rent a building for Chapel and Hospital besides, because this house is far from the town. Until now you know I used the house in which I lived as Chapel and Hospital. I think renting here is just squandering money.

My advice (which can be taken for what it is worth,) is to purchase ground and build at once; I could get one of the best sites in Tamsui now at a reasonable price, perhaps in a year, five times the amount would not purchase it, but I cannot buy, for I have no authority to do so.

Trusting the Foreign Mission Committee will consider this matter, and praying our God to guide aright in all things connected with his work, I am, your's etc.

G. L. MacK.

LETTER FROM DR. FRASER.

PACIFIC OCEAN, (within about 250 miles of
Yokohama, Japan), Dec. 23, 1874.

EDITOR HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD:

MY DEAR SIR,—I am sure many of your readers will be glad to have a few lines from me, and to know that by the goodness of our Heavenly Father we have been brought thus far in safety. Thanks be to Him for His mercy and loving kindness! To-morrow afternoon, if all goes well, we will reach Yokohama, but as we only stay for about ten or twelve hours, it behoves us to have our letters home ready to mail before we come into port.

And now that I have told you we are here, my principal object in writing is accomplished. What more have I to tell? Very little. I know of nothing more terribly monotonous than a long ocean voyage. Inside the ship everything goes on like clockwork. At exactly the same minute every morning the noisy gong wakens the drowsy sleeper to the