

The Presbyterian Church has received special blessings from His gracious hand, in the union so happily effected at the last meeting of the General Assembly, and also in "times of refreshing" with which not a few of our congregations have been visited.

It is meet that public acknowledgment hereof be made by all Christian people.

I therefore name and appoint Thursday, the Twenty-fifth day of November next, to be observed in the congregations of this Church, as a day of public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for these and other mercies.

By authority of the General Assembly.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Moderator.*

Given at Quebec on this fourteenth day of October, Eighteen hundred and seventy-five years.

Missionary Intelligence.

LETTER FROM REV. DR. FRASER.

TAMSUI, September 3rd, 1875.

To the Editor of the "Home and Foreign Record."

MY DEAR SIR,—You'll have been wondering at my long silence. I have nothing to say in justification save that I have been busy—a good excuse. Nor have I time now for a long letter, but I suppose that's all the better, for editors are always complaining about long letters. We were rejoiced a few days ago to hear the news of the happy consummation of the long looked-for and prayed-for union. We are with you daily at the throne of Grace, asking God to bless the new Church. May the union give a new impulse to Home and Foreign Missions! There is room for more men at home, *but here* there is urgent need. The people perish! Come and help us! What are two among such multitudes of people as we have here? May the Lord of the vineyard hear our cry and send forth more labourers *...* to His vineyard.

The *work* prospers. Mr. McKay goes everywhere preaching the Word, and the people hear. Since I came we have opened three new chapels, with most encouraging prospects. Much of this success is attributable, in the way of means, to the fact, that since the very beginning the work has been a MEDICAL MISSION. I think it necessary to make this statement, and emphasize it from a line or two in a paper from a correspondent, "W. M. R.," in the April *Record*. The article is the first of a series of great interest and value on Medical Missions. Near the end you will find this sentence: "Surely nothing more need be added at present to show the value of such agency, and of how we should rejoice and give thanks that as a Church we are *now* in the providence of God permitted to *embark* in this most hopeful and blessed work." (The italics are mine.) It is right that the Church should know the real state of the case. Our mission in North Formosa has, from the very first, been a MEDICAL MISSION, Mr. McKay having seen some thousands of patients, even before my arrival, and many hundreds since. So that our church is not just *beginning* Medical Mission work, but *continuing* it. I'm glad to say *continuing* it, for since my arrival the hospital work has prospered