

nothingness, helplessness, and His all sufficiency. I am now with Rev. H. Ritchie of the English Pres. Mission. Both he and Mrs. Ritchie are very kind. I only fear they are putting themselves to too much trouble on my behalf. I took my first lesson from a teacher in Chinese on the 9th inst. I feel thankful for being here preparing to tell the poor heathen of Jesus of Nazareth (if God's will). My dear sir, I have not forgotten the pleasant time I had in Hamilton when with you, and God knows Knox College with all its interests is a subject of daily pleadings for the out-pouring of His Spirit upon all connected with it. I would write to the students, but I am anxious to know more about the people, language, place, &c., before doing so. Please tell them this, and in the meantime I would be glad to hear from any student in the college and will endeavor to answer such inquiries respecting this field as may suggest themselves to any of the number. I ask for an interest in their prayers. Oh! we do need the prayers of God's people daily to ascend to our Heavenly Father. Any information respecting the college and church in my dear native land from yourself will be gladly received.

Yours ever truly,
G. L. MACKAY,
Takao, Formosa.

Rev. D. Inglis, Toronto.

FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

Dr. Templeton writing to Rev. Dr. Duff, gives interesting notices of his work in connection with the Pachamba Central mission. The various departments of mission work, teaching, dispensary and preaching appeared to be carried on with interest and success. The dispensary proves a great attraction to the people. The Bible is read to those who come for medicine. The missionaries have opportunities of preaching in English to a number of English-speaking Bengali Clerks, who are employed in the neighborhood. Some of those who have heard the Bible read in the dispensary have come back for instruction.

The May Record contains an interesting account of a preaching tour by the Rev. D. Whitton of Nagpur, accompanied by a native assistant, Rana Churn. They had frequent opportunities of preaching the gospel. In some places much apathy was manifested, but doubtless, in some instances, the good seed will bring forth fruit to eternal life.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

CAFFRARIA.—Mr. Sclater in writing with reference to his work, says: "Female education is now one of the most crying wants of South African missions. To train our young men to be teachers, evangelists and ministers is good, but let the friends of Christ be anxious to raise the female sex as well. Then a brighter day shall dawn upon us, the presence of the Lord, in an ever advancing degree, will prosper in our hands." Connected with Mr. Sclater's station there are six weekly schools. The number on the roll is 180. The Sabbath services are attended by about 550. Evangelistic services and itinerancies are largely engaged in.

Dr. Williamson gives a most interesting account of Japan, its extent, resources, population and prospects. There are still many drawbacks to missionary success. The people generally misunderstand and hate