

awning to hold part of the crowd of people. To the right and behind were rooms for Tàn Hê (now Rev. Tàn) and his family, and to the left a room with bed, table, fire-place, etc., for any passing missionary or preacher; pictures hung round the room. Such a crowd as came to worship, and, according to previous arrangement, 51 were baptized, but I wrote to Canada about it before. Many have suffered losses that cannot be repaired, but I think Hê's was the most trying. He had notes carefully written out and extended of all Dr. Mackay's daily teaching for the last 14 years; they were stolen in the general plunder, and no doubt destroyed.

The longer we are here the more we realize that in Canada, or without seeing Formosa, there can be little idea of the work accomplished or of what toil it has cost. Of many, many things we know absolutely nothing, but we have seen and heard what ought to fill with gratitude the heart of any one who cares for the Lord's work.

Dr. M. is at present at work in the country, and has students with him teaching them. Mrs. M. a short time ago had a severe attack of fever, but is well now. You never saw her among her own people, so cannot know what a help she is to the mission.

We are working away at the language; it is difficult, and I am glad when Saturday night comes, though just as glad to begin again on Monday morning. Do not, I beg of you, mistake our position. Though in Formosa, we cannot yet be called missionaries in the general sense of the word; we are only students, and even when we have learned a little more of what conversion is, and what faith is and how to speak, and something of Chinese customs and how to approach the people, we will be to Formosa Church just like a tiny little branch on the tree, and *grafted* on besides. A native knows so much to begin with, and the preachers have had such a training; but I must tell you more about them some other time.

Christian women, think of Formosa, and pray for us while you are busy over housework or caring for others. Preaching Christ is the same in a foreign land as it is at home, by His grace just doing the least thing as well as we can for *His sake*.

Yours faithfully,

ANNIE JAMIESON.

New Societies and other matter left over until next month.