

and has undergone some slight alterations since the time of Mr. Burns' death. On the whole, however, it is still the same, and the doctor pointed out to me the small room—very small and very humble—in which the spirit of William Burns quitted this earthly scene to receive that blessed welcome to the mansions of eternal bliss,—'Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

"THE HAKKAS, OR HIGHLANDERS OF SWATOW.

"The work has now reached such a stage that it is exceedingly desirable that one man at least should chiefly devote himself to these people. This does not imply that a new mission is being started, but that the growth and extension of the work in the Swatow region require the reinforcement of the staff here so as to do something towards overtaking all the nine districts of this department, as at first intended.

"The Hakkas and the Hoklos (*i. e.* those who speak the Swatow dialect) are so mixed along the marches that separate their territories that mission work among the latter cannot but be extended to the former. It has not been left to us to choose whether we shall work among the Hakkas or not. For years converts have been received from among them, and we see that the Master has called us to care for them.

"The difference in dialects makes the work more difficult, but is no reason why we should withdraw from it. It is rather a reason for an addition to our numbers, so that the difficulty may be lessened. We could not ask any others to take up the Hakka inquirers, and could we do otherwise than rejoice as one after another came to us, turning from idols to God? To have asked these men to go to the German missionaries in another department of this province, at a distance of two, three, or even four days' journey, was out of the question.

"While pleading for an addition to our number, I do not forget the wants and claims of other fields under our Church's care. At Singapore I would venture to urge that the first man found be sent there, and both Amoy and Formosa require reinforcement, so as to raise the staff at these places to something like an adequate equipment. But I simply state what the work here seems to me to need; and I am satisfied in leaving the whole settlement of the destination of the missionaries to the committee.

"The summer is now over, and it is cause for much thankfulness that we have been all brought through in peace. Mr. Duffus and I have been only one Sabbath in town together during all the summer, and though the journeys to and from the stations are often trying, yet by the good hand of our God upon us we have been able to go regularly to our country work. At last we have ordained elders; ten days ago I set apart to this office Lim Akee and Lim Aniam at Yamtsan. By-and-by we intend to ordain at three or four other stations, and thus do something in the way of organizing the Church in this region."

THE GOSPEL IN MADAGASCAR.

The Missionary Board of the United Presbyterian Church, referring to the attacks of such as Professor Tyndall, on Christianity, says:

"There is a still more simple way of repelling such attacks on the first principles of natural and revealed religion. The existence of the Church on earth is a proof of the being, and a monument of the moral character, of God. Every true conversion to Christianity is an eternal answer to