

eleven years, except a year or so in which he was absent for the purpose of recruiting his strength. His work is carried on by means of an hospital, in which he has accommodation for fifty or sixty patients, who are treated gratuitously, but are required to bring with them their own bedding, and supply themselves with food. The daily average attendance of in-patients last year was 56. Every morning, at the hospital, there are religious services in connection with the preaching of the gospel, and then the patients are attended to. Besides the large numbers *reached* in this way, of whom the total last year was 833, and all of whom were for a longer or shorter time under gospel influences, a great many more are seen, more or less frequently, through the dispensing of medicines twice each week, to all who choose to come for them. Great good is being done in these ways, and I am delighted to have had an opportunity of seeing for myself the way in which such work is carried on.

On the evening of the 18th we left Swatow by steamer, and reached here the next morning. We expect a steamer for Tamsui in the course of a day or two. In the meantime the days are passing quickly and very pleasantly. The brethren of the English Presbyterian Mission here are extremely kind. We are learning from them and their wives all we can about conducting missionary operations, and managing household affairs. We have also been busy buying things which are necessary, and which are not to be had where we are going. Already we have begun in real earnest the study of the language, and are greatly encouraged to hope that we may be able, like those who have preceded us, to learn to speak to the people with as much ease and fluency as we have now in talking to one another. The mastery which the missionaries whom we have met have of the language, seems in our eyes something very extraordinary. They preach or converse without hesitation, and seem to be perfectly understood.

My letter is already too long. I cannot undertake to give you any details of the work here. Suffice to say that Amoy and neighbouring mission stations are among the most prosperous in all China. It is cheering to be able to note success and progress. Our hope is, that the whole Church at home will continue to pray for our safety and success, so that by us God's name may be glorified, and Christ's cause advanced.

Yours very sincerely,

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LETTER FROM MISS FAIRWEATHER.

MY DEAR SIR:—I received your very welcome letter a week ago, and now I write to you in the midst of the hurry of moving. I need not tell you how glad we were to receive the money. I sent your second of exchange to Dr. Brodhead, in Allahabad, by the next evening's mail, and received a note in return, saying he had the first from you, at the same date. He has been very ill, and is only recovering slowly, so I have not had a long letter for a week or two past. The annual meeting is over, and we have received an appointment to Rahha, where we will have charge of the Orphanage there, and the Christian Girls' School. Mr. Brodhead writes, we will have about fifty regularly in school. We are also to have charge of three village schools, near at hand, and to start others as we find opportunity. It is a most important position; and I feel they have honoured us greatly by trusting us with it. There is a magnificent house, (I mean magnificent for India,) with a fine verandah,