

for Europe, and it is to be hoped he may now obtain the leisure and opportunity necessary for the completion of his undertaking.

The children of the second classes read very satisfactorily, and repeated a portion of the 16th chapter of Acts, while the smaller boys of the lower classes, as day-time had almost expired, played a most conspicuous part in what formed the sequel to the examination—the distribution of sweet-meats. Not only was a liberal supply of sweets provided for the children, by the kindness of the lady who had invited them to her bungalow, but each was presented with a small silver coin. The gentlemen were pleased with the appearance and deportment of the little ones, and the children were evidently delighted with their fare.

Since then I have written a report of the schools, which, in the time of Mr. M'Kee, the ladies of the station undertook to support. It has been circulated, with a subscription list, by Mrs. Keatinge, not only among Europeans, but, as formerly, amongst the native community, and with a most gratifying pecuniary success. More than 300 rupees have been subscribed and made over to me for educational purposes, of which sum 100 rupees is the donation of a Mahomedan chief.

A most pleasing, and I might say anomalous, feature of one of our schools is, that though nominally a boys' school, it is attended by five young girls. This is a strong proof of a real desire on the part of some parents that their daughters as well as their sons should have imparted to them the benefits of education.

MISSION IN FORMOSA.

The English Presbyterian Church has at last succeeded in establishing a mission in the Island of Formosa. Mr. Douglas accompanied Dr. Maxwell there last year, and attempted to settle in Taiwanfoo, the capital, which has a population equal to Edinburgh. The opposition to open an hospital was so great—partly arising from the doctors who, it may be, thought their craft in danger—that they were glad to escape from the town in safety, and establish themselves in the small seaport of Takao. Several foreign merchants reside there, and the place is rapidly increasing in size and importance. It is also visited in large numbers by the Chinese from Tokein, and Dr. Maxwell has numerous audiences of sailors from the sea-coast near Chinchew, who listen eagerly and patiently to the reading of the Scriptures and exposition of the gospel message. With the help of native assistants, the prospects are very encouraging; but it is essential that an ordained missionary be added to the staff without delay.

The benefits of the medical work are already widely appreciated, and in June last new mission-premises were opened in the very heart of the town.

There are several men of whom there is hope that their hearts are touched, and that they are sincerely striving to walk in the way of life. The keeping of the Sabbath is found there to be the great test of men emerging from Chinese heathenism, and oftentimes a very hard test to poor working men—the temptations to the violation of it on the side of foreigners being nearly as great as on the side of their Chinese masters. Dr. Maxwell, in a letter lately received by a friend in Edinburgh, writes thus :—

“We are now in possession of a comfortable chapel and a comfortable residence in Takao. There have been for months past several applicants for baptism, whose claims await the consideration of Mr. Swanson or the brother who may be expected shortly to pay a visit to the mission in For-