

as the eye can reach. On the left hand, where the shipping lies, the water is of a considerable depth ; to the right hand it is much shallower, and on this side the Chinese village is situated. This inland water widens farther in, and in some places about the centre, small sand banks appear at low water. About half way up, the new Mission house and hospital are in course of erection, whilst nearly opposite, the premises of the Roman Catholic Mission stand on a low marshy ground, surrounded by luxuriant vegetation. The background consists of a range of magnificent hills running north and south, and dividing the Chinese from the aboriginal part of the island. Formosa is well worthy of its name, and if it were only in the hands of more enterprising proprietors, who could turn its mineral and vegetable treasures to better account, it might become an island of considerable export trade."

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MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CHINA.—The Board of Missions of the Irish Presbyterian Church, is anxiously looking for missionaries to proceed to China to begin the good work there. No one has as yet offered himself for the work, but it is understood that several ministers and preachers had the subject under consideration.

INDIA—BORSUD.—The Rev. Mr. Rea, writing under date 10th January, gives an account of four baptisms, one being that of an adult. There were several candidates for baptism, but it was thought desirable to postpone the administration of the ordinance until the applicants should attain to a more full knowledge of the Scriptures.

JEWISH MISSION—HAMBURGH.—Dr. Craig gives very interesting accounts of work done by himself and agents. The circulation of the Scriptures goes on increasingly. The King of Prussia had given a subscription of one hundred dollars to assist in the good work.

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.

INDIA.—We extract a letter from one of the native missionaries, the Rev. Mr. Sheshadri, which we have no doubt will be read with gratification. The progress of the new enterprise to which he refers,—the establishment of a christian village will be watched with deep interest :—

"The Jalna church has received thirty souls during the year. Twenty-three of these were adults, and the remaining seven children. This makes up our number to 116 : 88 of these are in full communion.

"Of the twenty-three adults that were received into the church, some occupy a high position in society. One of them is a commissioned officer in the Third Native Infantry. Two belonged to the Native Roman Catholic Church. We have now eleven souls out of that communion. These people are very much annoyed by their former co-religionists ; but I trust the annoyance and petty persecution to which they are subjected, only serve to confirm them in their attachment to the form of faith they have newly embraced. They have all made most creditable progress in the Word of God, and thus shown the truth of the motto, 'The Bible, and the Bible alone, is the religion of Protestants.' The rest belonged to one of the aboriginal races of this vast continent.

"It is our earnest endeavour to turn our native churches into missionary churches indeed. What we have longed to see is the New Testament Christianity acted over and over again. Most of our grown up converts