

**MEETING OF THREE MISSIONARIES.**—In connection with the meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee (East) at New Glasgow, a Missionary Meeting was held in the evening in James' Church. Dr. McGregor presided over a full house, which was addressed by Rev. Messrs. Morton, Robertson and Christie; Mr. Robertson at length, he being in good health, Messrs. Morton and Christie in shorter but equally interesting addresses. Dr. Burns delivered a closing address and by this time, what with good speeches and with excellent singing by choir and by the whole people, the meeting became somewhat enthusiastic as in the good old times when Dr. Geddie returned to tell his story of sowing and gathering. The *two Murrays* prayed, Mr. Murray of the Kirk of Scotland in opening, and Dr. Isaac Murray in closing, thanking God for the facts narrated, for the men spared to tell of the work of the Gospel abroad, for convalescence on the part of the sick and prayer for entire recovery and for the Divine Spirit to rest on missionaries and people. Collection \$59.09. P. G. MCGREGOR, Secy.

## Oxford College, Formosa

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OXFORD COLLEGE stands on a beautiful site about 200 feet above the sea. The mouth of the Tamsui River (which is an excellent harbour) and the Quanyin Mountain stand in front—the Formosa channel sweeps along the West—and at times dashes its crested billows against the rugged shore.—The building is seventy-six feet from east to west and one hundred and sixteen feet from north to south. It is built of small red bricks and after being finished the entire outside was oiled and painted red as a protection against the continual rain storms here. On the top is a belfry, at present we have a good bell hung below.

There is accommodation for fifty students and *two teachers* with their families. There is a museum, library, bath-room, kitchen, and there are two lecture-rooms. Every room is well lighted, well ventilated and well furnished. There is an open court and the entire length of the verandah around is two hundred and fifty feet. Students can thus have exercise when the sun is pouring down his burning rays or the clouds sending torrents of rain on the ground. Recently I tried to improve the grounds. There is a splendid road from the college to the main pathway three hundred and forty-five feet long—and one on each side two hundred and forty-eight feet in length. On both sides of these paths I planted *banyan*

and *evergreen willows* about ten feet apart. I also planted similar trees all around the college grounds. Fully four hundred such trees have been put out. In a year the whole surroundings will be charming. The God of heaven and earth established *order* and *beauty* throughout the boundless creation. He does *not* take delight in confusion and filth. The college was opened on the eve of July 26th 1882. I spent day after day on the ground under a glaring sun. Counting bricks, weighing lime, drawing plans, &c., &c., &c. I don't like such work; but anything for the cause of Jesus. I know how many bricks were used and I know also even some *poor* people and some little children paid for several bricks at least. At the opening, A. Trater, Esq., H.B.M., Consul was in the chair. I wish the *whole Church* to know that their thanks are due to him for all the assistance he rendered this mission during many years of *faithful service*. The entire Church should also remember H. E. Hobson, Esq., Com. Customs who was present at the opening. He visited savage territory with me and showed great kindness to our Mission. How remarkable that these *two* old friends should be present at the time. During our visit to the west, both were absent and now only the Consul is here. Long may he remain here with his worthy partner. Captain Abbott an old friend too was present, and indeed the whole community, besides two Mandarins. One of them gave a handsome present of paper, &c., &c, to the students since. Think of it: he promises more! We have twenty students in the college. *Giám Chheng Hôa* my first convert, *Liên Hô* another of the first band as teachers. Also *Tân Hé* who comes from his chapel to lecture. Then Mrs. Mackay teaches and, when not travelling, I speak from four to five hours a day. *Everything is prosperity*. We expect to open two new chapels this summer. We have twenty-two Preachers. God, our God, be praised.

Accept our *united thanks* every one who gave or would willingly give for this college. Accept our *thanks*: not cold, formal thanks: but *heartfelt, grateful thanks*, old Oxford, my native Oxford, for this truly *splendid* edifice which will spread the name of Jesus to generations yet unborn. Unfurled the blood-stained banner high over it and may the gospel as sounded by Paul, thundered by Knox, and proclaimed by Martyrs and Confessors be the *only* gospel taught within its Halls until we meet Him in the skies and beloved Formosa rend the air with shouts "Crown Him crown Him Lord of all!"

"Ride on, O Lord, victorious;  
Immanuel, Prince of Peace,  
Thy triumph shall be glorious;  
Thy empire still increase."