

pressed with the place and the people, and has strong hopes of being useful to them. There is a very large population, however, on Santo, and he says it would require at least three more missionaries to work the mission advantageously. In the meantime, the Annands are earnestly grappling with the language, which is quite different from that of Aneityum, where they were formerly. There is a fair prospect that the French will leave the New Hebrides very soon.

TRINIDAD:—Reports from our teachers in Trinidad indicate steady and rapid progress. The schools are well attended. All the teachers are in good health. Miss COPELAND's school, San Fernando, had 160 pupils on the roll. One of her assistants, Joseph Benny, has returned to India with his parents and other members of his family. Joseph is but 14 years of age. He was a very big boy—weighing 200 lbs. His influence with the children was excellent. Jacob Corsbie was at Princetown, but is now again at San Fernando, and is very useful. The Sabbath school is progressing favourably. Miss SEMPLE reports that 232 children had been enrolled during the year at Princetown school. The monthly average did not exceed 150. Very beneficial results of teaching are apparent.

Mr. GIBSON, writing from Demerara, reports many inquirers after the truth. Many are convinced that Christianity is the more excellent way. Mohammedans are the most persistent and influential opponents of the truth.

Formosa.

LETTER FROM DR. MACKAY—Continued.

SUNDAY, 6th November.

SOME time long before cock-crowing, we made for Tek-Chham. I preached five times, but not five different sittings. When through, I asked them to disperse; they said that they would sit there till I spoke again. I immediately announced another subject, and had another service. Busy all day, because the preacher was in bed with fever. Slight attack though. Monday, 7th—Came back to Tiong-lek. Two mandarins were there, and all so friendly to me. Tuesday, 8th—Passed through Tho-a-hng; went into the hills to see a sick convert; hurried on to Sin-ting and Bangkok; arrived just in time to take a steam launch to Tamsui. Since, I have been teaching in the college, shall I call the crowds I saw and addressed, the kindness, the welcomes, the apparent interest, etc., a great movement, an awakening, a revival? Not so. I have never yet seen here what would be called a "revival" in the West. I mean, in the common acceptation. And I have not seen fruits anywhere during all the past years without hard, hard work, and we have no business to look for

fruits unless solid, real, hard, genuine work go before. Taking all in all, I never saw such a willingness on the part of so many Chinese (they are not *Pi-po-koun*) as during this trip made down around Sin-kang, etc. I never received such a tremendous reception. Never had so many leave their fields and work to welcome me and attend services. Don't think all such, and a thousand times as much more, will carry me away. Different motives will be at work, and I claim, without any *sham modesty*, to know something about all these things, and also to take them into account. In one word, don't think they will be baptized in 1887 or 1888. At the same time it is a glorious, a grand opportunity. Two men came up for 300 hymnbooks. "Trust in God, but keep the powder dry." That's the idea in a nutshell. If anyone should be disappointed at results from all this, *I, for one, will not be*. I will see what I expect, and if God exceeds our expectations, so much the better, and at any rate will give Him all—all the praise and glory, for ever and ever.

This is the region travelled most by me, barefooted, many years ago, when going in amongst the savages. Sin-kang was one of our first stations.

Remember the missionaries here. I mean, very particularly, the native missionaries—the preachers. I often wonder at the Foreign Missionary, who comes abroad now-a-days on fine railways and steamers, being lifted up at once above his fellows and the native missionaries so little regarded. I, personally, taught nearly fifty natives, who are now preaching the everlasting gospel, and helping to build up the Church of Christ in this beloved isle. I ask the Canadian Church to keep that always in view. My colleague, Mr. Jamieson, is a most faithful, willing, and devoted worker, though not thoroughly acquainted with all departments of the work, and no man on earth could be all at once. It must be gradual. Not the least is the pleasantness of himself and Mrs. Jamieson. We all appreciate that as we do willing hearts.

"For Thine's the kingdom, and the pow'r,
And all the glory waits Thy name,
Let ev'ry saint Thy grace adore,
And sound in songs their loud Amen."

G. L. MACKAY.

LETTER FROM REV. JOHN JAMIESON.

TAMSUI, 20th December, 1887.

Dear Dr. Wardrope,—

In Canada you already know that much labour has been expended, and a great work accomplished here, but I think it important that the whole church should know that a definite plan of operation has been carried out from the beginning. Without this the amount of labour expended would be comparatively barren in results. Natives, who know the Chinese, although they often speak of Dr. Mackay's de-