

FROM MRS. MACKAY.

FORMOSA, June 27th, 1884.

MY DEAR MRS. HARVIE,—

I never get tired looking at the girls' school, it is so pretty? It would look nice in any part of dear Canada. I was so happy seeing it go up. I used to run out at night with warm rice for the men who mixed mortar and put brick above brick and stone above stone. Then I would go back to our house and after seeing the children all right, I would go out again and stay with my husband and *Siam Chberg Hoa* till our clothes would be wet with dew. Sometimes we were out nearly all night. The men at work would sing songs (being heathen) and we would sing our sweet hymns. Some folks said we were crazy. I don't care what they said. In February last I went all over my native Formosa in the north and got girls to come to the school. In March thirty began to study. O what work to teach the poor girls from the East coast, (not Chinese). I worked and worked away getting them to learn to read. When they came they were like wild creatures, running all over. Those who taught in Oxford College came every day to help; but my husband could teach them more in one hour than we would all day. He did every thing to get them to *think*. Well now, last evening at 7 p.m. all went to the college and we closed the girls' school for two months. *Siam Chberg Hoa* and my husband will take all home in a day or two. Tell dear Canadian ladies that though hard worked for four months, now we all feel so glad. The 30 girls came dirty, wild and could not read one letter; now they are clean, nice and can read and write in the Romamized Colloquial. For our sweet hymns they can sing them all. After this it will be easier, and when Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson know my native tongue they will help us. Didn't our True God help us? I can't forget Canada. God bless dear Canada and all the noble women who pray for us.

Yours sincerely,

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