

shall be lost sight of. Can Canada learn a lesson from India?

On Christmas we had two interesting gatherings. In the forenoon we had the Sabbath School children all in the College Hall—over 800 of them, from different parts of the city; and in the evening about 225 Christians sat down to a dinner together. For plates we had leaves pinned together and our dinner consisted of only two courses served together, but you had no happier Christian gathering in Canada than we had here.

Your brother Missionary,

J. WILKIE.

LETTER FROM REV. N. RUSSELL.

GOOD NEWS, OPEN DOORS, LOUD CALLS.

MHOW, Central India, Jan. 3, 1895.

FOR THE RECORD.

THE burden of our cry for this year will be "more men," "more men."

I spent the month of December in the District, and every step of the way seemed to open up new opportunities for labor.

We had a most providential introduction to the Bheels. By means of friendships formed with an official from their own midst, we had the freest entrance to the villages of these usually timorous people, and those who at our last visit fled away from us came gladly to hear us, even visiting our tents, and coming in crowds to see the magic lantern pictures in the evening, and listened most attentively to our talks about them. Already several of them, as the fruit of our short visit, have expressed themselves as willing to follow the new teacher. They are a simple people, and probably would soon come into the Truth.

But a man must be set apart for the work; it is too great for one of us to make it a part of his work.

Within this past week also the work at Barwai has taken a wonderful stride. The persecution has resulted in fruit. Ten men have come to Mhow to see and inquire about the Truth. Of these four have asked for baptism at once and the rest expect to be baptized very soon. Two were baptized on Sunday last, and one has been sent back to Barwai to be baptized here when we go down in a few weeks. Some of the others we may baptize any day.

These men are not all from Barwai, but are all of the same class, and are all born of the same movement. One of those we baptized is from the other side of Mhow, but is related both by blood and marriage to the Christians at Barwai, and was brought in by their teaching.

This, to me, is a most significant fact, and means that the Spirit is working in their midst, and that, in spite of persecution, is not allowing them to keep silence. These men came up here at their own charges to be baptized; they ask

for nothing else, and, as far as I know, expect nothing else.

The first man of these people we baptized refused even to accept his fare to the Mela, so that money is not their object. I believe the work to be all of God. What does it mean? These men who come to Mhow are, of course only the part of the movement. There are many more about Barwai who have had no opportunity of showing their faith, but of whom we hear.

LETTER FROM FORMOSA.

VIVID CONTRAST TO FORMER DAYS.

FORMOSA, Ta'-na'-ien, Nov. 24, 1894.

MY DEAR PASTOR MACKAY,—I want to tell you what occurred here. I crossed over to this place through wind and rain. The other morning, when walking on the seashore, I saw a sailing vessel slowly drifting shoreward, and in danger of being wrecked, for there was fog and a heavy sea. I hastened back to the chapel and beat the drum to call the villagers to worship. As soon as it was over, I asked converts and heathens to go in their fishing boats as quickly as possible and let the sailors know they need not fear savages there, and if they wished to come ashore a chapel would be given them to stay in. The whole crew came ashore in the boats at once.

I gave your old room to the captain, his wife and child, and other accommodation to the rest. I then hurried away to a Mandarin and asked him to send men to protect the ship, and got a military mandarin to consent to send soldiers along also.

One afternoon, at 3 p.m., the 21 Europeans and Americans, with one Chinaman, met with 146 of our converts for worship. There were eight nationalities, viz.: British, American, French, Danish, Turkish, Swiss, Norwegian and Chinese, in the crew. They hailed from America, with coal oil, bound for Shanghai, Hong-Kong, etc. They said that no one dreamt of seeing such a neat, clean chapel on the east coast of Formosa, and now seeing such zealous Christians made their hearts glad. I made known, as best I could to them, the days of toil you spent in establishing these churches, etc. The captain said that a bell, lamp and mirror on board the vessel he would like to present to this chapel.

(Signed) A-HOA.

(Every chapel is a preacher's home, so that captain's gifts will be of value.)

Dr. Mackay adds the following:

The above is a translation of part of a letter just received from my first convert, Rev. Gian Chheng Hoa.

Ta'-na'-ien is the "Margaret Machar Memorial" Church on the sea coast in Eastern Formosa.

Note well, twenty-five years ago that crew would have been murdered, the vessel plundered and no one left to tell the tale. Glorious Christianity! Spread it all the world around. "Blessings abound where'er Jesus reigns!"