

intercourse with the people, my heart warms to them and to my work among them. If a kindly influence has been already acquired in a few directions and some avenues to the better feelings of the people discovered, it is hoped that the preparations thus made will form a useful nucleus round which may gather from time to time real and abiding results, in many souls brought to a saving knowledge of the only true God and of His Messiah.

"Thus, in the medical department of our work here, everything has been of a preparatory character. With the disappearance of the initiatory difficulties referred to, a wider field of usefulness will, it is hoped, gradually open; and as the ability to speak to the people in their own tongue increases, the desire arises to spread the knowledge of the Saviour's name in town and village. May this agency be a means of bringing many within the sound of the gospel, and be largely owned and blessed of God."

MISSIONS OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CHINA. Rev. W. S. Swanson, writing from Amoy, under date July 17th, says:—"I am very thankful to say that everything connected with our work here is going on quietly and prosperously. We are kept remarkably free from troubles within and persecution without, and are now in a better position for carrying forward and consolidating the work than I have known. We have no remarkable awakening or revival to announce, but we have steady progress at almost all our stations, and we are seeing the Church growing in self-support and self-dependence. These things are of the utmost importance in every mission-field, and are not to be neglected for the sake of outward extension.

"Some of our older congregations are growing so large that our chapels are getting quite unsuitable for the numbers that have to be crammed into them. In the early history of the mission it was sometimes almost impossible for us to get chapels at all, and we were forced to be contented with anything we could find; but now as the congregations are growing, these places must be changed for others more suitable and commodious.

ENLARGING THE BORDERS.

"We have begun this work of our chapels at Baypay. Our chapel there was most inconvenient, and on a communion Sabbath, so crowded were the worshippers in the narrow, dark, and unventilated place, that we have more than once feared there might be some accident. The old place we held on a mortgage, and this mortgage we have sold for 190 dollars. In addition to this, one of our merchants here most handsemely asked me to draw on him for any sum we required to aid us in the work of building. He has just paid over to us 250 dols. (more than £50), and with the native contributions we shall be able to build this place without asking the committee for a dollar. The building was commenced about two months ago, and I start to-morrow to receive the house from the contractor. If all is well the new chapel will be opened on the 27th of this month.

"I shall be very sorry to part with the old place, because I have many precious recollections clustering around it. When I came to Amoy first, about twenty persons were meeting in it. It has grown and grown until at the present time there are five stations as the result of the work from this centre. The congregation at one of these is now fully organized, while that at another will probably apply to next meeting of Presbytery for the same.