

had been his toils and trial and triumphs. May health and strength be vouchsafed to Mr. and Mrs. Timson for the duties now devolving on them.

Tuesday, 11th.—Came from Ikorofiong to Ikunetu a. m. Found Mr. Thomson at a very important work, striving to save life. But for his prompt and energetic action, eleven or twelve corpses would in all probability have been lying as vultures' food among the neighbouring bush this evening.

Friday, 21st.—Another of our church members, Thomas Christian, a native of Cape Coast, died this evening. He has been rather a strange character, but I trust that the root of the matter was in him.

EMGWALI.—The Rev. John Selater writes from Emgwali, that five converts had been admitted to the communion of the church on the 1st January. On the 2nd a soiree, attended by about 500 was held, when addresses were delivered on several interesting and important subjects. Several ministers from other stations were present.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS IN CHINA.

During the past year no fewer than fifty-eight adults have been received by baptism, into the church in the Amoy district, through the labours of the missionaries of the English Presbyterian Church, and of the American Church, the whole number of church members being now 599; besides these there are 388 connected with the missions of the London Missionary Society, making a total of 987 in and around Amoy. This is highly encouraging.

From Peking the Rev. W. C. Burns writes as follows:—

PEKIN, February 7th, 1865.

I have now finished the "Pilgrim's Progress" in the Mandarin colloquial, which, after being looked over by one or two native friends, will (D. V.) be printed. This will occupy some months at least. I had begun to make an attempt to put the second part of the "Pilgrim" also into Chinese, when my teacher a few days ago left me on business of his own, which may occupy him at least two months. Perhaps he may, after his matters are arranged, return and proceed with the work, but meantime it is at a stand, and its accomplishment will depend upon future events. The second part would need a great many changes to render it suitable for China, and I would commend the matter of its translation to the prayers of all who value the original. The preaching of the Gospel goes on here still without outward hindrance, but the interest arising from novelty has in a good degree passed away, and the need is more felt of a work of the Spirit to awaken souls to a genuine concern about salvation. During the last three months, I have preached but seldom. Now, however, that the weather is beginning to be a little milder, and my work indoors, without a teacher, is at a stand, I hope by the gracious help of God to speak to the people more frequently. I now close these hurried and barren lines with my usual and all-important request that we may be remembered continually by God's people at the throne of grace. With Christian regards for all friends.

Ever yours,
WILLIAM C. BURNS.

A more recent letter has been received from Mr. Burns, from which we learn that he had gone into the country south of Peking to preach the Gospel at a station lately opened by Mr. Edkins of the London Missionary Society. Dr. Martin of the American Missionary Society writes that Mr. Burns had been there addressing large and attentive congregations.

It is stated that the Taepings who had taken possession of Chang-Chew and the neighbouring region had evacuated that territory, so that there is a prospect of the country becoming more settled.

Dr. Maxwell and the Rev. Mr. Douglas have gone to establish a branch mission in the island of Formosa.