

ance will after this increase. There are about double the above number at the more southern station of Tangkang regularly waiting on the Word of Life; but as both these places are far down in the social scale, I have purposely delayed the dispensation of the sacraments. I discovered at one of them that many of the enquirers entertained the most unworthy notions as to the ends and aims of a Christian Church. Alas! many of them come expecting to be delivered from the mandarin, and consequently we doubt the sincerity of such cases when they profess also to desire deliverance from the oppressor of souls.

From this inland district I crossed the hills to Taiwanfoo, and had the privilege last Lord's-day of meeting with the brethren there, when four men were received into Church communion.

The hospital is at present full, and the patients, both out and in, receive Dr. Manson's daily attendance.

Ten days ago one of our Takao members died—a youth of twenty-three, who both read and wrote the colloquial, and from his diligent use of the means of grace testified to the power of a living Saviour. His end was peace, and on his funeral day numbers of the heathen looked on as if amazed at the quieting and peaceful solemnity of the Christian funeral."

FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

The Free Church *Record* of last month contains a series of interesting letters. The first of these is from Shib Chunder Banerjee, a clerk in one of the Indian government offices at Simla. He writes to Dr. Thomas Smith, of whom he is an old pupil, as follows:—"This is my third season at Simla. Besides my work in the Financial Department—which, through the kindness of my official superiors, is to me a most interesting work, and invested with a sacramental value, because the Holy Spirit alone helps me to do my work, not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as a servant of the living God—I have the exceedingly high privilege of ministering to a temporary congregation of native brethren of various denominations. Every Lord's-day we have service both in Bengali and in Hindustani. I do not, of course, administer the Lord's Supper to my temporary flock; our much esteemed friend, Mr. Fordyce, does that for me. On the 28th of May last we had our first communion this Simla season; I preached from Zech. xiii. 7; Dr. Mitchell administered the communion. On the 25th of June last we had our second communion; I preached from Ps. li. 1; Mr. Fordyce administered the communion, and he has kindly consented to confer the same benefit on us on Lord's-day, the 30th instant, if it should please God to give us another season of refreshing during our sojourn amongst this mountain population."

The second is from the Rev. John Black, as moderator of the Presbytery of Manitoba, to the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, setting forth the claims of that Presbytery's work upon the liberality of the home churches, and giving a complete and exceedingly interesting sketch of Presbyterianism in the far west.

The third, to Dr. Duff, from Dhanjibhai Nauroji, a native Christian of Bombay, records the conversion of a young Hindoo named Anandras, who had been brought up under peculiar training, his father having been president of the Theistical Association of Bombay. The means employed by God for his awakening is worthy of consideration:—"He says in his paper that the first religious impressions on his mind were made by a Hindu