

never changed my views regarding the empire of China. If the aborigines who speak the Chinese language are more willing to receive the truth, we should by all means put forth every effort to teach them the *only* way of salvation. In this way a good foundation can be laid for future labour; at the same time we should never lose sight of the great work which is awaiting the Christian world, viz.: the evangelization of China, of which this is an exceedingly important part. It is true, the gospel will give the aborigines a position which without they could not maintain; still they are the receding, and the Chinese the advancing race. The policy of the latter respecting Formosa, is all absorbing. Hundreds come yearly from the main land; how important to meet idolaters with the offer of salvation, and Christians with the right hand of fellowship.

Northern Formosa is closely connected with the main land, and any influence brought to bear on the one, will be more or less felt in the other. Two instances which show this have already passed under my notice. A young man came to Tamsui from Chin-chew, and is bearing testimony to the truth. He tells the people how, around his home, men and women have turned "from idols to serve the living and true God." The other is the young man who felt unworthy to commemorate the dying love of Jesus last February in this place. He crossed the channel to see his parents, and while there his father died, and through his influence many idolatrous ceremonies were omitted at the funeral. Before leaving, he induced his mother to travel to the city to hear the gospel, and she returned greatly delighted. He came back mourning his father's death, still rejoicing in the hope of eternal life beyond this world of trials. With tears in his eyes, he asked me if his father was lost. I told him there is *no hope* for those who die out of Jesus. He replied, "I wish I had had knowledge of the way of life sooner." What of the millions who will meet us at the coming of our Lord, and remind us of our negligence? There are many here who pray daily for the Lord to send forth more laborers. Brethren in Canada and other Christian lands cannot hear their voices; nevertheless the cry is, "Come over and help us." Help us spread the name of Jesus far and wide, help us plant the Church of Jesus in this heathen isle; help us to save souls from the blackness of darkness forever.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. McLaren and family, to those associated with you in Knox College, and to those who are preparing to go forth to win souls for Jesus, and to all who love His ever blessed name.

I am ever yours sincerely,

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MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

OLD CALABAR.—The following address, presented to the Rev. W. Anderson by natives of Sierra Leone, Cape Coast, and other places, now residing at Old Calabar, is most encouraging, and shows the extensive influence which the Mission at Duke Town exerts:

REV. WILLIAM ANDERSON,—SIR,—We, the undersigned, natives of Sierra Leone, Cape Coast, and elsewhere, now residing in Old Calabar, desire with the feelings of the greatest interest to address these few lines to you for the success achieved by your ministrations in this town. When taking a retrospective view and comparing past days with the present, especially the Sabbaths of the present with those of the past, we cannot but exclaim with the Scripture, that truly 'unto Him all knees shall bow, and every tongue shall tell,' etc.