

**FORMOSA**—This Island, with a population of 2,500,000, lying in the China Sea, between 22 and 25 deg. north latitude is about 245 miles long and 100 miles wide at its broadest part, being thus somewhat about the size of Scotland. It is not unlike Scotland in its scenery. A ridge of snow covered mountains, the highest summit of which is 12,000 feet (nearly thrice the height of Ben Nevis), intersects the Island from north to south; the declivities clothed with trees and pasture grounds, watered by mountain streams running down to the sea, looked so beautiful in the eyes of the Portuguese that they called the island "Formosa," or the beautiful island. The productions of the island are, wheat, millet, maize, sugar-cane, oranges, pine-apple, guava, cocoa-nuts, areca-nuts, peaches, apricots, figs, grapes, pomegranates, chestnuts, melons, and vegetables of various kinds are also grown in large quantities. In addition to rice, camphor, salt, sulphur, maize, fruits, timber and other produce are exported from the island.

The Dutch became masters of the island in 1632, from which however they were expelled by the famous pirate Coxinna, whose followers held the country until its present masters, the Chinese, obtained possession. Here the Rev. Mr. McKay, the Missionary of the Canada Presbyterian Church, is now labouring. Dr. Fraser, a son of the Rev. Mr. Fraser, one of the Assembly Clerks, joins Mr. McKay this year as Medical Missionary. To show the nature and results of the work thus far, we subjoin a few sentences from one of Mr. McKay's letters:

It is now about a year since I admitted five into communion on profession of faith, and I rejoice in being able to state that they have faithfully followed the Lord Jesus, and fearlessly testified to the truth unto this day. The only man I brought from the south commemorated the dying love of Jesus with us a year ago. Since that time he has been cruelly murdered and beheaded in the woods; his headless body is yonder by the winding path, but his soul is in the highest heavens with the Lord of Glory. Last Sabbath we observed the Lord's Supper at Go-ko-kin, where the first chapel was erected. There I admitted five old and three young men, who have steadfastly followed the Lord since they first heard the gospel. The five who were admitted last year were present, so that exactly twelve new converts sat around the table of the Lord. In a quiet retired spot, away from the display of heathenism and the inquisitive gaze of outsiders, with our usual hearers present, we had a precious communion. I believe the Master was with us. I never enjoyed a sweeter communion in America, Scotland, or my dear native land. Several of the hearers were moved, and all appeared serious and thoughtful during the services. If any heart was touched, if any soul was awakened, to Jehovah alone be the everlasting praise and glory.

**INDIA**—Two young women, Misses Roger and Fairweather have been designated to India (where they now are), and appointed to labour under the control and care of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, as the Canada Presbyterian Church has no missions of its own in that country.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year .....	\$ 5150 56
Receipts during year .....	12084 44

## PAYMENTS.

British Columbia, balance .....	\$ 148 00	\$17325 00
On account of Saskatchewan Mission .....	4395 55	
"    China .....	1806 31	
India, Misses Fairweather and Rodgers .....	1886 54	
Expenses of the Committee .....	137 35	
Proportion of General Expenses .....	200 00	
"    Salary of Agent .....	230 00	
Balance on hand .....	8431 25	
		\$17235 00