

could not do better than requite their kindly treatment of us by staying an hour to tell them something of the true God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent. It was a quiet pleasant evening, about sun-set, and most of the villagers seemed to have concluded the work and bustle of another day.

Upwards of a hundred came together when Mr. McKay and myself took our stand upon a slightly elevated ground near the village temple. We commenced by singing one of our beautiful Chinese hymns, and then we set before those poor idolators the momentous doctrine of revealed religion. A few laughed, but the greater portion remained orderly and attentive till the close. We distributed a quantity of printed sheets, and two or three of the villagers accompanied us as far as Bongkokki, where they expressed a warm desire that we should visit them soon again. The whole region in that direction is still in darkness, and an outpost (so to speak) in Chhiuchug would prepare the way for effecting an entrance into that densely-peopled city through which we passed in the early part of the day.

IN TAMSUI.

We returned to this city on Tuesday afternoon, and during the following days continued our study of the language. I preached to the foreign community on the forenoon of my second Sabbath with Mr. McKay, and to the native brethren in the afternoon. The latter have not yet succeeded in having a chapel erected at Tamsui. Mr. McKay has, however, recently rented a house which may serve the purpose till the end of the present year, when his hands will be strengthened by the arrival of a medical missionary, with whom he will immediately consult about the erection of a native hospital and suitable mission-buildings. It is the day of small things with our sister mission in Formosa—small, however (let us thankfully acknowledge), not in the sense of remaining very long in that condition. The acorn planted in good ground and properly cared for soon outgrows itself, and so we hope and believe it will be with this mission of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

ANOTHER STATION.

Mr. McKay has opened a third place of worship at Sinkang, where the Gospel is regularly preached on Sabbath by a young man from one of the older stations in the south. It is at the head of a fertile valley, about three days' journey south from Tamsui, and eighteen miles north of the village from which my letter is dated. The people belong to the powerful tribe of the Sekhoans, so that it is likely that the work of Laisai has opened the way for the commencement of this gracious movement. Be this as it may, the worshippers at Sinkang have just completed the building of a neat little chapel for the services of the living God. At present some thirty attend on the Sabbath.

MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN MISSION WORK—INDIA.—Principal Stations 5; Branch Stations 4; ordained European Missionaries 7; Native Catechists, Teachers, &c., 21; Communicants 138; Baptized but not communicants 279; Total number in Native Church 589; Higher Schools 2 with 319 Scholars; Vernacular Schools 16, with 880 Scholars.

The report for last year states that the Missionaries have not labored in vain, but by the blessing of God have founded a Native Church, to which we may look for the evangelization of the entire Province of Gujarat.