

tain so large an audience, as the street in which we live is not a principal thoroughfare. However, we are thankful to have found even so good a location, and by going out among the people we may, through the Divine blessing, collect within doors a few attentive hearers. Putting the house and chapel in order, and providing necessary articles of furniture, will involve a little outlay. . . . When I last wrote, I was still uncertain whether I would remain here over the winter, or take a vessel for the south toward the end of the shipping season. My increasing sense of the importance of this place, coupled with the fact of our having obtained premises in which we may live and preach the Word of Life, have now determined my remaining, and I hope the Committee, and the Church generally, will not think that I have acted unwisely. A few days after I last wrote I had the great pleasure of welcoming into my humble quarters in the inn, the Rev. A. Williamson, of Chefoo, the agent of the National Bible Society of Scotland. He came over from Chefoo to prosecute Bible and tract distribution in the extensive region to which this is the door of access. After having made to the north as far as Moukden, the capital of Mantchooria, he yesterday set out to visit the region lying to the south and east of this place, and he will remain in this neighbourhood until near the time when the navigation closes. He is deeply impressed with the importance and openness of this whole region as a field for missionary effort, and is very anxious to see it occupied by some of the Churches.

Appeal for more Men.

Referring to Dr. Hamilton's illness he writes :—Oct. 5,—He and I have both now passed the prime of life, and if you saw how white my beard is (I have of late allowed it to grow), you would see the desirableness of younger men coming into this great field to aid and to succeed us in a work for which our strength, when at the best, is so inadequate. May the Lord, who alone is able, be pleased to raise up a multitude of chosen instruments, who may bear witness for His name, and proclaim His salvation, both at home and abroad. I received a letter yesterday from Mr. Smith, Swatow, pressing on me the claims of that great open field ; but MANTCHORIA, and the regions beyond, without (if I except myself) one Protestant missionary, present claims still stronger, and I feel I must remain where I am, at least for the present.

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I must now hurriedly close these lines in order to be in time for a steamer, which may leave very soon. I shall only add a special request for prayer on behalf of this great unoccupied region, and for myself, in the meantime, alone on its borders. With Christian regards to all friends, and fraternal sympathy to my dear friend and brother, Dr. Hamilton,

I remain, &c.,

(Signed)

WILLIAM C. BURNS.

ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENCE FROM CHINA.

SWATOW—PROGRESS FOR PAST YEAR.—The Rev. George Smith, writing under date 30th December, says :—

Progress in 1867.

During the past year we have been privileged to baptize twenty-six adults and ten children, being the largest increase of any one year since the commencement of the Mission. We have, however, to deplore the fall of some, and the continued backsliding and impenitence of others,