

pool with the Rev. Alexander Robb, on the 24th ultimo, to reinforce our mission there. These two agents are Dr. James Robertson and Mr. James Lawson. Dr. Robertson has lately completed, in a very satisfactory manner, his studies as a medical man, and has devoted himself in that capacity to the work of our mission in Old Calabar. He was a member of the congregation under the ministry of the Rev. David Pirrett, Glasgow. He goes to occupy meanwhile the mission house at Old Town. His primary duties will be to attend to the health of the mission families, and to employ his medical skill wherever he has the opportunity among the natives, in such a way as, if possible, not only to heal their diseases, but to direct them to the great Physician, who alone can deliver them from the malady of sin. He will also, when called on to give medical attendance on Europeans and others connected with the shipping in the Calabar river, be understood to take his place among them as a representative of the mission, and a recognised servant of Jesus Christ. In going to discharge these momentous and difficult duties, he has claimed, and we trust he will obtain, an interest in the prayers of the Church.

"Mr. Lawson, who was a member and earnest Sabbath school teacher in our church at Carlisle, under the ministry of the Rev. Henry Miller, goes to Calabar in the capacity of teacher and catechist. He will in the first instance reside with Mr. Robb, who is expected to dwell meantime at Ikoro-fiong, to take charge of the station there, and, so far as in his power, superintend that of Ikunetu. Mr. Lawson has already begun his study of the Efie, in this country, under Mr. Robb, and will, by the arrangement referred to, have the great advantage of prosecuting his acquisition of the language under the same superintendence and tuition. He also earnestly desires, and justly claims, an interest in the prayers of God's people in all our congregations.

"Mr. Robb bears back with him to Old Calabar a gift from God and the Church to Western Africa, which it falls to the lot of few to present in the same full sense. Six years ago Mr. Goldie gave the New Testament to Old Calabar. Mr. Robb now bears to those dark shores, his translation of the Hebrew Scriptures in the Efie tongue. This gift of the entire Bible marks a new and promising stage in the West African mission, and in the missionary history of our Church, which calls for special thanks to God.

"We take occasion, with great gladness, to announce, that the Lord of missions seems to be answering the prayers of his people, that he would thrust out labourers in His harvest. Besides the Missionary referred to in a subsequent page, who is about to set sail for the Grand Cayman, another, Mr. Robert S. Leslie, is about to leave for Caffreland. Two students, who have completed their fourth session at our Theological Seminary, have offered themselves, and have been accepted, for India. Several other promising and earnest young men, whose hearts have been touched with the cry for labourers coming from so many fields, have opened *confidential* communication with the Foreign Missionary Secretary. If there be others under similar impressions, we would earnestly counsel them to act with promptitude, and at the same time with thoughtfulness and prayerful caution, on those words of the Master, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'

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CHINA.—At Formosa, things remain in an unsettled state. The hostility of the local government, and their refusal to afford any redress or