

before other quarters can be built and ready. I expect great things from this boarding school."

"I have not said anything about the evangelistic side of my work, because there is not much to say. Until I can talk directly to the women I do not expect to be able to do much. One good way of spreading the gospel from the dispensary is to paste a text in Hindi on each bottle with the directions; the seed may fall on some prepared ground.

MRS. JAMIESON'S LETTER.

TAMSUI, 13th July, 1885.

MY DEAR MRS. HARVIE,—

You ask news. We left Hong-Kong on 27th ult., and arrived here on the 30th. We were all glad to see Formosa hills again. As we entered the river from the sea we noticed where the French vessels were lying when we left. Then all the old familiar places came in sight again; on the south side a high mountain, on the north the old Dutch fort with present British Consulate, surrounded by banyan trees years and years old; next, back a little on the hill, the two colleges—we had seen them while yet far out on the sea—really a relief to our eyes after the massive stone buildings and closely built streets of Hong-Kong. I do not know what it is, but there is something so bright and airy and cheerful about the appearance of these two buildings, quite unlike anything we saw during our absence. A few rods more and we dropped anchor just opposite the two mission houses. A little boat pushed out here and one there, till in a few minutes Dr. Mackay and several of the preachers were on board. The children were fairly come off. I suppose Dr. Mackay has a special claim on them and on Mrs. Mackay, but in a general way they seem to belong to the whole native band. I can't imagine what the mission premises must have been without Mrs. Mackay. I find her invariably the centre of a group. Our two houses stand side by side on the hill facing the river, a wall round three sides and running down between them, a picket fence in front; large one-story houses built alike, a wide verandah round three sides of each. Dr. Mackay's is all newly painted; the converts did it while he was away. Each house is surrounded by about an acre of ground; shade trees round Dr. Mackay's.