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Vari. From Kobe to Shanghai.

At Kobe, we took passage on the Empress of China for Shanghai. The Empress is a fine ship. Her officers are courteous to all. This line is becoming deservedly popular. It follows the short route from America to Japan and China. I have never been on another ship where all the passengers seemed so comfortable and happy. There were between forty and fifty missionaries on board. Some one said that this was the largest number of workers that ever reached China on one ship. Some had been home on furlough and were returning. They were eager to reach the field and enter upon the work. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Saw, of Nankin. It was a great joy to meet them. About half the number are coming out for the first time. A glance shows that they are above the average in ability and scholarship. An acquaintance deepens the impression. The societies select men and women with great care.

Among the veterans Dr. William Ashmore is easily the Nestor. He has been on the field forty-five years. Long before Japan admitted any Christian workers he was in the Flowery Kingdom. He has seen the number of Christians in China increase from three hundred and fifty to five thousand. His home is in Swatow. This city is the center of operations, reaching many miles into the interior. Dr. Ashmore is a fine specimen of physical manhood. His head and face and voice reminded me of the gifted and lamented Isaac Errett. He is a large man in every way. In a busy career he has kept abreast of the best scholarship of the age. On one point he differs from many of his brethren. He believes that the work of missionaries is that of preaching the gospel. He thinks that the medical work is a good thing in opening a district, but that, like the miraculous gift of healing in the early church, its value is temporary. He would use schools to train helpers and evangelists only. In his opinion medical work and educational work are good things, but these are not the works a missionary should engage in. Dr. Ashmore said he knew he was regarded as heterodox on these points, but he is satisfied that he is right. Dr. McGregor was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. He has been in Amoy, China, thirty-one

years. He is yet young and strong. He has seen great things; he expects to see still greater. When he reached the field in 1864 there were one hundred believers on the district. There are three thousand now. There are nineteen self-supporting churches. The gospel is preached at seventy stations. He told me of a young student who had heard the gospel from a barber. When his father learned that he attended church he was greatly concerned. He followed him and dragged him out and beat him. He drove him out of his house. He felt that his son's prospects would be ruined if he became a Christian. The son confessed his faith in Christ, was educated for the ministry, and is now the pastor of a self-supporting church. Dr. Barclay has been in Formosa twenty-one years. He has lived in the southern part. His report is encouraging. He believes that the war will help Formosa. The country will be advertised, and people and workers will flock thither. He showed us a curious document. It is a passport issued by the Republic of Formosa. It runs thus: "This is to certify that the Formosa Republic grants protection to Thomas Barclay, of Great England, and calls upon all officials, gentry, soldiers and people to carry it out. Those who refuse will be prosecuted." A Republic in the Orient! This shows how far American ideas have been spread.

In Brazil, in Central America, in France, in Hawaii, and in distant Formosa, the influence of Otis, and Adams, and Hancock, and Washington and Jefferson is felt. The day for absolutism is about over. Dr. Swan is from the great hospital in Canton. He is the associate of the distinguished Dr. Kerr. These two physicians and their assistants treat fifteen hundred in-patients and twenty-five thousand out-patients a year. They preach to all who seek relief. They follow up their patients and seek to win them to Christ. As an evangelistic agency this hospital is said to be invaluable. Dr. Main, of Hangchow, has one of the largest hospitals in China. He does not agree with Dr. Ashmore as to the place of medical work in a mission. He regards the medical department as most fruitful in leading souls into the kingdom. He can lay his hands on scores of converts that have been won through the hospital. Among the young men was Dr. Willard Lyon. He spent a year among the colleges of America in the interest of the Volunteer Movement. His father is a missionary in China. He was born on a boat between Shanghai and Ningpo. Mr. Lyon and his wife are on their way to Peking, where they

expect to live and labor for the furtherance of the gospel.

Mr. Loomis, of the Bible Societies in Yokohama, was on board and gave an account of the work among the soldiers. If any one had told him before the war began that the highest officials in Japan would consent to the distribution of the Scriptures as they have done, he would have said, "If the Lord were to open the windows of heaven, might this thing be." He was accorded the privilege of giving copies of the New Testament or of the gospel to the soldiers in the army, to the sailors of the navy, and to the wounded in the hospitals, and to the prisoners of war. The prince in command of the Imperial Guard was very glad to allow him to give a gospel to each of his men. The prince is now Commander-in-Chief of the army. He was permitted to visit the Naval Academy and to give a portion of the Word of God to every cadet. When the Empress visited the hospital, the head surgeon called her attention to the work done by the missionaries, and spoke of it as one of the most valuable things done for the country. In Tokyo, Mr. Loomis held a service for the Chinese prisoners. There were one hundred and sixty present. They were very eager to hear. A Japanese officer reported that a Buddhist priest came to the prison. The prisoners told him that they were Christians, and did not want him. There were two thousand and five hundred New Testaments, and one hundred and twenty thousand gospels distributed. Prior to 1873, it was a capital crime to sell an English Bible. The change since then has been marvelous. It was the Lord's doing. The speaker was deeply moved. He is a man of prayer—a man of God. He was surprised at the ease with which doors were opened. God gave him favor in the sight of the officials. He said he felt as Moses did when the Lord hid him in the cleft of the rock while his glory passed by. Mr. Loomis was on his way to Korea in the interest of this work.

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