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TWO MORE LETTERS FROM HONAN.

The following letters, one from Dr. Smith. the other from Rev. D. McGillivray, addressed to Rev. Dr. Kellogg, have been kindly forwarded for publication:

You are kept pretty well informed as to our whereabouts and doings from the letters written from time to time I am glad to say that we are all enjoying good health, and the newcomers are busy with the language.

We are going on another tour into Honan about March 1, and expect to be away upwards of six weeks. We feel that we can do a little this time. Mr. McGillivray has made remarkable progress in the language. Mr. Goforth has worked hard and is gradually getting a hold on the language. He speaks a good deal in the street chapel here in Lin-Ching. Regarding myself I am not discouraged, I have got up enough to run a dispensary without much difficulty, and nesides ! am plodding away at the Gospels, etc. I made my first This reminds me of another amusing thing. for our American Board brethren; I gave out the hymns, read prayer and spoke, and together with many criticisms from the Messrs. Chapin and Perkins received much encouragement. I felt very thankful indeed. But oh, so much remains to be done before we can use this language to advantage.

My teacher was telling me the other day what the people of Lin-Ching thinks of us. He was very backward to tell. He would tell all the good things said and of course add a considerable, but the bad things he would rather keep to himself. The majority are so ignorant that all sorts of wild stories are widely circulated and believed. They are surprised that we have so much money and that we do not buy or sell, etc., in order to get money. Then it is commonly believed that the doctors are here for the express purpose of getting the heart and eyes of children to send to America for medicine, and the cellars are supposed to he full of kidnapped children. They do not trouble themselves to find out what houses the supposed children have come from.

In his letter dated Lin-Ching, January 30, Mr. McGillivray says:

The Canadians here are all well. There was a great shout in our camp when they all came. I think they may well be described as a cheerful company. Mr. Goforth at our first prayer-meeting after their arrival, said that the next thing to victory was the arrival of reinforcements. Our hearts were very full of gratitude. See our riches! I was much pained on the other hand to read Mr. Campbell's touching plea for more men. Old been doing for this land. It is called the Land missions seem passed by and this infant of ours, of the Morning Calm, and it almost seems as receives the lion's share of attention; and today I read Mr. Wilkie's final appeal for his college. I do hope Dr. Parsons and our other friends in America will not require us to spend our furlough in collecting money. I feel much sympathy with Mr. Wilkie in his work which must be heart-wearying. Four of us here are during these weeks furbishing our accoutrements for the last time preparatory to a tour into Honan. I know, whatever others think, you at least will not criticize us for moving with caution. One or two of our ladies who feel they can speak some in Chinese find it exceedingly hard to remain "by the stuff." But the Presbytery are unanimous that they should wait at least till next fall. We have taken advice on the subject, as indeed we do on every subject. The presence of a foreign sider how it is in Japan. lady would, we judge, attract unmanageable crowds, and look too much like a permanent occupation. Dr. Nevins spoke of a man who would act as our assistant in turns in preaching, etc., but he has failed to come forward. However, Dr. McClure writes me from Pang-Chang that Mr. Smith has secured a zealous Christian of that vicinity to accompany Dr. McClure and me. Our plan will probably be to go two and two, Dr. McClure and I winding up by going across country to Wei Heber Fu and joining Smith and Goforth. This will be my first independent trial and I look forward to it with tremendous interest. By the time this reaches you we will probably have returned. I need not make any special request of your dear people for prayer in our behalf. I feel sure that we are constantly remembered and that God is answering according to His knowledge of our needs,

not according to our friends! The matter of helpers will long be a subject causing us some difficulty. Here, as in India, good men are not let go by other missions. While we would not inaugurate a system of paid helpers it is necessary, we think, at our present stage to have at least one for each station. I know our work will be slow, but we cannot hope that we should have an army of fifty helpers and sixteen school teachers paid from the home treasury. The only really successful self-supporting work is in the South. It remains to be seen if such a basis is possible in the North. Even Dr. Corbett has a large number of paid helpers, although the Synod and Mission has pronounced against it. May the Boys' Mission Society continue to flourish, The baby organ is the only one in our compound and is invaluable in our prayer meetings. The other compound of Canadians have three organs, rather a surplus. You will be amused to learn that my name has secured immortality. Dr. Smith, last Sabbath evening, conferred it on the Goforth baby in baptism. attempt at preaching by taking the meeting As every Chinaman marries unless he is too poor to afford it, I am in rather an unique position. Imagine my great delight when I discovered that "in ancient times" (so say the Chinese books) there lived two men who did not marry because they wished to become immortals. So in their case celibacy is the perfection of virtue. I have just had a Chinese teacher in who wants to act as my instructor. I gave him three sentences from the classics to write which he did without writing any wrong characters. It is odd that the teachers are constantly writing what they call "white" characters (cf. "white lie"), i.e., they write one of same sound but not same meaning. This sort of error they regard as very venial. I am at present without a teacher and I have been saucy enough to examine a few and "pluck" them! Not every Chinaman can act as teacher. The river here has not frozen yet and we have had only one or two flurries of snow. The Emperor has been praying for snow. So says the Peking Gazette. Absence of snow is bad for the wheat. Mr. Perkins, American Board, has gone to visit one of the village stations under the charge of Lin-Ching, distant two and a half days by cart. This village was formerly worked from Tientsin! This shows that we have no superfluity of missionaries in this part of the earth.

KOREA.

Mr. H. G. Underwood writes to the Missionary Review: It is a long while since a line has come from Korea, and now, as we have just passed the end of another year, it may be well to let all know what the Lord has though the morning of the Gospel were just now about to dawn. The people are as ready as ever, and the limit to the work and to the results is only the number of workers on the

Here is a country of twelve millions of people, for over five years open to the Gospel, that has shown its willingness to receive the Gospel, in the results that have already been obtained, to which, in His Providence, God has been calling loudly to His Church to send workers, and yet to-day, in this whole land, to feed all these hungry souls, there are, counting in the four new arrivals that have reached there within the last few weeks, a paltry twenty-four, or about one to every 500,000 people. Let us diverge a moment, and con-

Forty millions of people and 550 missionaries, or one to less than every 75,000 people. Look at China, with its 300 or 400 millions of people, and over 1,000 missionaries, or one to about every 300,000 people. Korea certainly makes by far the poorest show in workers.

And yet what are the results? As I have written you before, the results are more marked than in the opening up of any other field. The Lord is not dependent upon numbers. He is not dependent upon equipments. He, and He alone, can bring about the conversion of this people.

Let us again tabulate results. In July, 1886. the first convert baptized. In September, 1887, first church organized of ten members. At the end of 1887 the membership was over twenty. At the end of 1888 over fifty. At the end of 1889 it is over 100. This is of the Presbyterian Church alone.