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DZING SINSANG.

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NINGPO, AND ONE OF THEIR CATECHISTS.

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PREFACE.

MY dear old friend, whose "labour of love" it has been to weave out of several scattered documents the following simple narrative, requests me to preface it with a few words of recommendation. I confess that I hardly understand the motive of his request; and yet, both on *official* and *personal* grounds, I feel myself obliged unhesitatingly to comply with it.

Officially, as charged with the duties of Honorary District Secretary of the Church Missionary Society in this neighbourhood, I cannot refuse an opportunity of solemnly urging its claims upon the sympathy and aid of Christians; whilst I invite their attention to the blessings which, as these pages abundantly prove, God has vouchsafed to bestow upon one of its more distant and difficult centres for the diffusion of Gospel-light among the heathen. Here, assuredly, is no ordinary

specimen of the sanctifying and saving influence of Divine Truth upon a race naturally, perhaps, as utterly indifferent to religious impressions as any that can be named. The unquestionable reality, and growth, of their spiritual life; its ability to sustain them in the midst of heavy trials; its manifestation of itself, alike in a spirit of prayer, in the elimination of partial and defective views, and in loving exertions for the conversion of others, ought surely to convince the most sceptical that the simple preaching of Christ crucified has by no means lost its ancient efficacy, but that it is still, as ever, "the power of God unto salvation to EVERY ONE that believeth." Doubtless, the call thus made upon us is to ascertain whether we are each doing all that we can for the promotion of Evangelical Missions; and whether even we, who acknowledge their claim, might not give more, work more, and pray more, for their extension and strengthening.

Personally, too, I am bound to express that I "rejoice greatly"—and in this my joy how many Christian brethren and fathers amongst us are partakers!—when I reflect on the grace bestowed upon those two beloved young Missionaries, the children of

our old friends, whom we once watched with deep and affectionate interest, as the Spirit of God wrought in them mightily, and as we saw them constrained to count all things but loss, so that they might preach among the heathen the unsearchable riches of Christ. We glorified God in them, as we saw them, one after the other, consenting to sacrifice their warm home-affections, and to abandon the parents, the brethren, the friends, and the pursuits they so dearly loved, in order that they might embark on their errand of mercy; and we glorify God in them now, when we see how surely He has accepted their offering, and is prospering the labours, both of themselves, of the devoted brethren whom they joined, and of their like-minded wives, and is giving them "in the behalf of Christ not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for his sake."

On the mysterious dispensation recorded at the close of this brief history it needs not that I should enlarge. How often has short-sighted man to lay his hand upon his mouth! how often has he to learn that God's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither our ways His ways!

Let us constantly commend the little Missionary-band at Ningpo to His gracious protection and favour, convinced that, whether they are to be reapers or sowers, the harvest shall not fail, and their labours, begun and carried on in faith and love, shall not be in vain in the Lord !

C. W. BINGHAM.

BINGHAM'S MELCOMBE,

Dorset, 1864.