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Monday, March 12/88.

To-day has been a day for writing. I did a little work for Dr. A. & business getting my home letter & several Postals off. Wrote a letter to Newton. hope it may get there & do good. I went off to the steamer to mail this & a lot of Dr. A.'s circulars. also saw Dr. Mc Gregor & gave him a note for Uncle Asa. I hope very much that he will call & see him so that he can write you he has seen some one who has seen me.

This has been a rather warm day, but very pleasant, not oppressive. Even mosquitoes & cock-roaches will help keep us active, but we shall not find perfection anywhere. Tuesday, Mar. 13/88

Very foggy this A.M., but clear by 9 o'clock. This A.M. I studied with my teacher & then took a nap as I woke up rather early.

I had my time all laid out this afternoon but circumstances over which I had no control upset the plans. I had to write & mail a letter & my hour with the teacher took up all the time till 3.30. I intended to write till 4.15 - when Mr. P. came in to say that the Elder Do. San's mother, who died yesterday at 6 A.M. was to be enclosed & buried at 4 o'clock & they wished her to be present at the customary services. The body was dressed in white lying on a Chinese bed. The relatives were standing about many of them weeping.

All the men, women, students & boys
from the school were present all with
white caps on their heads, the sign of
mourning. All were very quiet & reserved
in their manner. The Elder's little boy
who is a little scamp, a young irres-
sible, was quite subdued & had tears in
his round black eyes. The old lady's
face was very peaceful. Her death was
like one falling asleep. She had been fee-
ble a long time. At the last she seemed to
give a sigh of relief & turn as if to sleep.
Mrs. P. says she was the gentlest &
pleasantest Chinese woman she has
known. Dr. A. had commented
on the 4th of I Thess - last few verses I
think from what I could catch. Before
this they sang "Heaven is my home" &
after his speaking he offered prayer.
I saw 6 or 7 of the men carried the body
on the mattress & a heavy matting
down stairs to the coffin. You realize
how the sick man at the pool of Bethesda
was carried thither. The
Elder - her son supported the head.
The coffin was of pine like all Chinese
coffins & several thicknesses of paper had
been laid in it. They first laid the
body on a couch & then putting a
girdle of twisted grass about the

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wait, the nearest relatives with some help laid the body in the coffin. Dr. A. remarked that it was a good sign that none were afraid to touch a dead body whereas before, as heathen, they would not ~~do so~~, unless as near relatives they were obliged to do so. We left 7 o'clock to service at the Consulate in Swatow. Mr. Gibson conducted service, read part of the Ep. Service. "Holy, Holy, Holy" was sung & Mr. G. gave a very good address in memory of Kaiser William whose picture was hanging on the black curtain behind him.

As we passed the Presbyterian Chapel, Mr. P. said that after the fire in Swatow last year, the Chinese merchants were very anxious to have the roof of the building changed, it was too sharp & offended the "Firm Star". They would pay all the expense of the change. At that time however fires broke out in other parts & they looked elsewhere for causes. Back of the Presby. Compound is a field covered with graves surrounded by a low concrete wall, it looks the most like a cemetery of any place I have seen in China. Dr. Lyall says that when the Cholera was raging, some one said it was because these graves were neglected & buffaloes, pigs & dogs were allowed to roam over the spot.

So the Chinese merchants paid to have this wall put up. Miss Tucker

& Miss Hess were at tea. & spent the evening. We did not do much but sit about & talk. The evening was short as we did not get back from Swatow till after 7. Wednesday 3/14/52

Foggy - again but only a short time. Cooler than yesterday. I had a variety of things this morning to occupy the time. After working with my teacher I got the boys at work taking some of my belongings to my new rooms. Then the barber came, he did his work well & quickly. Then came the tailor. I ordered a suit, may use a kind of twisted cloth the missionaries on the other side use if it can be obtained. In the afternoon I worked with my teacher practicing words & phrases & was tired so took a nap of 25 minutes. It was my turn to lead the monthly prayer meeting. Mr. Gibson & Miss Harkness were the only ones over. I read Ps. XXXII & Rom. VIII-11 - spoke on Christianity & the sorrow of the Christians over those who do not believe. referring to Acts XX: 19 & 31 - Gal. III: 136. It was a good meeting. Sr. A. spoke very fully on prayer - that we should pray in an acceptable time & that prayers can be laid up they will be answered sometime. We walked to the boat & saw the people

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off. Four of their people are in the country.

The matting is down in one of my rooms. I hope to get settled by the first of next week.
Thursday - Mar. 15. Another cool day - no special variation of work. Chinese writing. The men have the matting down in my other room. I hope to get furniture in to-morrow. A mail is in Hong Kong probably, but the City of N.Y. is blown & did not get in ⁱⁿ time for the steamer up yesterday or day before. No hope to get it Saty. News came to-day that Mrs. Campbell is sick with chills & fever. Miss Fees goes to visit them to-morrow. I rec'd a call fr. Mr. & Mrs. Allen to-night.

Friday 16. No mail to-day. The weather is perfect. I worked with my teacher & then after receiving a letter from Campbell had some work to do before answering it. He wants to go up to Sam-ko & prospect for a new station. Dr. A nor Mr. P. can not go, so I may go with him next month. This afternoon I have been over to see the Baron about passports. do not know how we shall succeed in getting them, it is often a long operation, but he will write at once to Canton.

I had a very pleasant call there. He has a broad & roomy house with pleasant grounds - 6 P.M. I have been down to the community & seen the gentleman again, he will do what he can to get us a passport promptly. Saty - Mar. 17 - Mail at last - a great pile of it. Mr. Coffin sent about half a peck of seeds in small bundles

There were many papers & a goodly supply of letters. I was greatly pleased to get two good letters from home & to know that you had rec'd my trunk Pacific epistles. By this time you must have rec'd a no. now. I am especially pleased that you report good health & help. I immediately read my letters & then finished packing my trunk for Kit-ien. I had several letters in progress & finished them up before dinner, among them one for C. F. Smith of N. B. & a card for Dr. Hanson asking him to write a paragraph for The Kingdom stating the weekly-giving done by his school.

We had a still warm afternoon so made very slow progress but a breeze sprang up towards evening & we reached our landing by 5 1/2 o'clock Sunday Mar. 18. I am sitting on my bed writing in the boat. We are moored under the shade of a huge banyan on the other side of branches & are working a dingy skene about 15 ft square with a little one about 7 ft high beside it. I walked out before breakfast & counted in this little shabby shed 9 small weather-beaten images with turned out incense sticks in little bowls before them.

I hope we may draw a comparison
between this neglected home for idols
& our staunch boat in favor of the advance
of Christianity & decay of idolatry, but not
unless the church wakes up. The heathen
are gaining on us in numbers & there
are a great no. of temples being repair-
ed. We are just by a ferry-boat landing.
As in America the boats run all day
Sunday & a miscellaneous cargo of men,
boys, girls & baskets is taken or left every
half hour at least. Across the river
we can see through the mist a great no.
of villages: we hope next year to come
up here with a no. of preachers & send
them out two & two into the villages
round-about - 7-45 - P.M. Just as I
finished the above, a larger boat came
up to the landing loaded with theatrical
trappings. At 7 o'clock past 10 I start-
ed for the chapel under the steersman's
guidance. We walked some distance
through the fields & then through a
street of poor shops till we crossed a
ditch & went into the city gate. For
half a mile perhaps we went through
streets lined with all sorts of shops, filled
with cunning & insolent Chinese. They
amuse themselves by calling you "Foreign
devil, foreign dog &c. &c." The Chapel

is quite an extensive Chinese dwelling⁸
with rooms on two sides of a square
court. About 50 people were assem-
bled. They all saluted me with
"Sin-see Ping-an" - "Teacher, Peace!

The service was as usual. The ~~villagers~~
teacher of the new school started by the
members for their children read from
Mark II after a hymn had been sung.
after a 2nd hymn another man read. The
young man is a nice thin, clean
looking fellow. The other is not pro-
fessing, having rather hard fea-
tures, a very slim pigtail & no
upper front teeth. He is very near-
sighted & cannot read very much, but
you forget all this knowing that he is
one of the faithful & does every bit of
work he can. He owned part of a rice
mill, but his partners would not close
on Sunday, so he sold out his share
thins out for 6 days in the week.

Another interesting man is one who is
a cripple, who has about the happiest
face I have seen on any Chinaman.
Mr. P. says he is always cheerful.
His limbs are drawn up so that
he walks with his hands & arms,
holding a block of wood in each hand

fashioned like a wooden sandal with
two heels. He grips the center of
the block () & swings him
self along wonderfully. He lives with
his old mother. They have not much
property, but he has a short handled hoe
that he slings on to the back of his
neck & works with in the fields.
Having food & raiment he therewith
seems content. He comes a mile
a half to church regularly. There are
two "Solid" men here jewellers, large
stout well-to-do men who make
ornaments of silver & feathers - They
are not so faithful always about the
Sabbath as some others, yet they do
very well. One of them had his wife &
baby in the woman's room & twice
got up to go & rebuke the baby for
crying. The other brother also went out
during service for a few moments; he
met his mother, an old white haired wom-
an in the Court & I was pleased to see
the deferential way he treated her.
They were interested to inquire about me
& wanted to know before service if I come
from near me, or home, how far away,
if we spoke the same language.

Mrs. P. spoke after the newsighted
brother on Phil. II: 5 - I managed

to get the threads of the discourse ⁷⁰
(or one or two strands fit). towards
the last as he was describing Christ's
Nerard when "my knee shall bow".
After singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
the morning service closed.

A large part of the members stayed +
having brought rice with them,
prepared to eat their dinner expeditiously.

Mr. P. & D. ate in a side room.

I endeavored to talk a little but not
with great success. One of the members
is a "duck-hatcher". They hatch by
artificial incubation here, not with
the Expensive apparatus used at
home but putting the eggs in paddy
chaff. Mr. P. had quite a talk with
the man on various subjects. The duck-
hatcher asked me how many men
out of 10 in America were worshippers
but it was too complicated a sentence
for me so I called in help. An old
man, not a Church member, but
brother of a faithful old member in
a neighboring village, interested Mr.
P. much. He said that some years
ago his grandson was one night with
the old member (his own brother) & seeing

the old man kneeling down to pray he
kneelt down with him, not realizing
much what it meant. but while there
he seemed conscious of a "bright being"
standing behind them & was afraid.
But when they arose no one was
there. This set the young man to think-
ing & he became a believer, not only so
but others were led to believe by his
experience. We had communion
at 2 P.M. about 40 present, not
all church-members. The best service
I have attended yet. One old woman
came in who has been showing some
signs of joining in the heathen worship.
Several of the sisters began laboring
with her & one near sighted bro. stepped
in to add a word. In a few mo-
ments the sister came out to the front
of the women's room & made a brief
confession, that she had done that which
she ought not to have done but she
should not dare to do so again & want-
ed the brethren to pray for her that
her sins might be forgiven. Mr. P.
spoke a few kind words of advice
& went on with the service. I led the
first part, reading I Cor. XI: 23-25 & breaking
the bread, spoke briefly with Mr. P. as interpret
er. This is the first time any of the

Missionaries have been here for ¹²
10 mos. but they have kept up
service with help part of the time
from a native preacher & besides
raising more than half enough to
start & support this new school have
raised \$400 towards the preaching
fund. an average from 100 per member,
which would be fr. 500 to 1000 per mem-
ber in an Am. Ch. We walked back
to the boat under quite a hot sun & started
at about 5 P.M. A man who has been
a preacher come with us & brought our
basket to the boat. He has been at home
for 3 mos. His wife had not been
conducting herself quite properly & he
was told to set in order his own
house or else his Example would be
Fad. He told us the story of the ferry.
Some years before a magistrate of the
city lost his wife & buried her on one
of the hills opposite. Looking towards
the city. He had a great many converts
try & said his wife come over at
night & helped him, but it was a
long journey & he wanted a ferry
across so she could come across easily.
Many times it would be rainy &

she must wait as they must be shel-
 ters built. Accordingly the people
 raised the money & the ferry was started
 & the waiting houses built. one of which
 I walked through several times. a concrete
 building, about 10 ft square. We went
 into the little temple looked at the
 god, goddess & 5 attendants. & came away
 with a bundle of incense sticks. A man
 who is studying at the Compound washment
 would have come down with us but is
 going to Paw Thai to escort to the girls
 school the daughter of the pretty brother
 of whom I wrote in my first account
 of a country trip. One of Miss Frelde's
 Bible Women is here & she takes down
 a bright little girl from her. so there
 are two more whose feet will not be
 bound nor will they be betrothed to a
 heathen. There is another girl some-
 where whose feet had been bound a
 year or two, who is so anxious to come
 to school that she is said to be unbind-
 ing her feet.

We have not
 had any favorable wind to speak of thus
 far but hope to get home tomorrow.
 While we eat supper a heavy rain squall
 come up but cleared in less than an hour.
 Monday A.M. During the night we come
 down to the head of the bay & anchored

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about where I did 10 days ago. for
a part of the night. Now, at 11 a. m.,
we are pitching & tossing in the bay
beating against an East wind, do not
know when we shall get in. There
has been a disaster in sight, a boat
has just capsized & is lying like a
round reef out of water, with 3 men
standing on her sides. She had no cargo
& when the heavy sail swung about
over as they "come about" & upset the
craft. My few some was drowned
as our steersman says there are generally
10 men to such a boat. A number of
small craft are swimming about the
hulk whether to gather up what may
be floating on to help cannot be said.
My are near enough now to see that
she did not go clear over. The mast
probably stuck in the mud & she lies
at an angle of about 45° . At least one
man was underneath so all may have
been saved. The wind was so strong
we went ashore & walked a mile or two or
three got home just in time for dinner
They reported a good Sunday. Dr. A
preached fr. "Choose ye this day whom ye
will serve". He asked one of the girls
to give him an account of the sermon
in the afternoon service & she gave him

the whole story so he had to stop & lis-
ten. Mrs. P. was much pleased that one
of her scholars should do so well.

Chuang-Sun, teacher of the Theol. Class
is back from his tour among the Stations
that are starting new schools & reports good
prospects. He says Sam, a merchant
of the church lived up-country, has taught a
deaf & dumb man to believe. He introduced
the new convert unable to speak & tell
him that the stranger was a Christian he
motioned toward him with one hand and
with the other pointed up above his head.
a simple but most eloquent gesture in this
land of idols. I was not feeling very
well having suffered from a headache
owing to not getting Exercise on the boat
so did not do much the rest of the day: did
some work on my room. In the evening
we indulged in a game of Muggins, all
kept along very close together till Mr. P. got
a lucky chance to go out & make over 50.

Thursday - Mar. 20 Cool yet. I had chance
this morning & got some furniture into
my room & pictures up. In the P.M. also
I angled Chinese & room-fitting. I am now
going to use some furniture that is
idle here until I decide just what I
want. - The rooms will be pleasant. Soon
I will send a diagram showing location

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of articles. The Carpenter - Ji-nan (pronounced See-no. - meaning Number two-boy) is a genuine & ~~was~~ copy almost anything. Some of the preachers are in and the work of the Communion Conference will soon be well started. Perhaps the proceedings will be printed to send home. I will send some more of Dr. A's articles by this mail. I am feeling nicely to-night. Wednesday - Mar. 21/85

To-day has been rainy. No remarkable occurrence. Chinese in A.M. & my work in getting room in order. In P.M. I went in to hear Dr. A. teach the preachers. He shines more brilliantly than than anywhere I have seen him yet. He put them over a review of Genesis & waked them up. He can talk Chinese so fast that he makes things lively. They are bright men, but are not so well posted on the Old as on the New Testament. To-night I finished some letters to Newton. We had the weekly prayer-meeting at Miss Hess's house. Mr. P. led speaking of John's 1st Epistle. Dr. A spoke of it as stating the foundation of knowledge, the thing questioned by 19th Century phil-osophers. John says "We know that we know." He also said that John

Mentions the first 'Anti mission Baptists'
in the 3rd Ep. - We had a very good meet-
ing - Thursday - Mar. 22/81. The fun-
eral of Po - Sai's mother occurred this
A.M. at 10 - rather breaking up the day. It
was mail-day & as not much could be done
any way I set my teacher at work after
he came doing up pkgs of Dr. A's -
printer's letters while I finished a letter
for the Standard. If they print it you
will probably receive a copy.

At 10 the chapel was filled - all
the mourners in white & almost every
body with some white the men
^{boys & girls} with the white caps, the women
with a little white band around the
top knot of their coiffure. Dr. A led
the service. They sang "Savior like a
Shepherd lead us" & "Ing-i one of
the preachers read part of I Cor. XV - &
2 portions of psalm prayer. Dr. A
preached with great force. Coming down
first on the desecrated brother who has
been making all the trouble about
the grave because it would drain down
on his father's grave below. Which
the Dr. said was "Kuang-Chui!" -
He dwelt largely on the heathen

Beliefs writes them took the theme of the resurrection. I was only able to follow part of it, a very small part, but could get snatches occasionally.

It was a very powerful discourse in its delivery & held the interest of all. One Bible-Woman - from the other mission fainted & made some disturbance by reason of others going out, but only for a few moments.

Then were several "gua nang" "outside men" by the door. I hope it did them good. After the sermon they sang "Heaven is my home".

The Dr. offered a short prayer & they repaired to the house. A new site for the grave had been secured so the procession formed & the body was borne before them to the grave.

Mr. P. went with them. In the P. M. I attended the class again. These men were called on for yesterday's lesson regarding it. They gave an outline & two more went to the board & gave the talk of the Dr. on Genesis, using the pointer following the diagram on the board remarkably well. They are bright men. Dr. A. & I were at Miss Fielder's at tea & spent the evening. Miss F. had a number of

Extracts from the Argonaut. If you 19
do not have that & want spicy reading better
get it. You can afford to give up the
Tribune or the Dallas Advertiser or some-
thing. The editor devotes himself to the
Roman Catholic Church with great de-
votedness. Friday March 23/88

The first evening in my new rooms.
I decided after dinner to finish up the
job of moving & get my goods all over
in my room. I got a straw mattress
as an experiment & hope to have a good
night's rest. My room looks a little
far yet but will be my home like
when it is all arranged. My book-
cases are not ordered yet but I can
get along with temporary arrangements
for the present. I will send soon a dia-
gram of the rooms. This a.m. I studied &
wrote on a short article for the Advocate.
After dinner I "boxed" the job of moving
& settling my goods till I went to Dr. A's class.
Could not get the thread of the discourse to-day.
Chang Suin had something on the board that
it was from Exodus. I am going to
keep a record of this Conference - have
Su Jong write in all the Chinese & fill
out the English. We had a good prayer
meeting to-night. Mr. P. led reading
I Thes. I. There were 7 prayers & 6 hymns

T 4 spoke beside Mr. P. & Dr. A. who
also offered a brief prayer, all in about
an hour or quarter, a little less. Then of the
new read passages of scripture spoke on
them. Mia-An spoke of encouraging signs
at Am-Do. There are three families in
one house that are worshippers but have
been afraid to come out openly. Still they have
worshiped at their own house. His wife goes
to meet with them Sunday afternoons, if
she is late they send one of the children
to ^{meet} judge her there. It was a very prompt
& interesting meeting. I went in stalked
with Dr. A. a few moments then read
The Kingdom for February.

Saty - Mich. 24 - Had a first rate
night's rest, though - Mattress is a
trifle hard. We had a hard rain
before 7 o'clock but clear when we
went to breakfast. I went to the Carpenter
to get him to put a picture moulding on my
bed room & do some other jobs, then
returned & read with my teacher for an
hour. The Carpenter came at 10, & we
consulted for a time, & then I went to
the class, was pleased to find I could under-
stand quite a little - Dr. A. gave an

Exposition of the Tabernacle Service. ²¹
They have quite an Elaborate model
of the Tabernacle & he gave a fine
lecture, one that would be a blessing to
any Theological Class. I have my
record of the different Exercises written
up so as to present an outline of what
is done. After the class I came to my
room & did a little work. After dinner
there was a wedding in the Chapel, a
young man son of two church members
from Nam-lung. & a graduate of the
girls school from Rau Nam - 7 miles
from here. The Chapel was quite full
of people. The table was covered with
Mrs. P.'s red cloth. 2 Chairs were set
facing the table - two at the right & two
at the left. Not far from the wall on
either side. The bride was in a Sedan
Chair outside. She came in & sat down
on the front bench. A hymn was
sung & the bride & groom were assisted to
the Chairs in front of Dr. A. who stood
behind the table. He looks very boyish &
unspeakably ill-at-ease; he had a purple
jacket with a high collar, a round cap on
his head & a fan in his hand.
She had a most astonishing incident

able head dress or coiffure. Her hair was starched or parted so as to make a huge wing on either side & a high ridge in the center when the parting might top. She did not seem reconciled & had a very downcast look. Seemed to be approaching the "h:altar" in one sense at least, & kept her head turned away all through the ceremony. Mr. P. says sometimes they turn their backs upon their future loads. Cheang Sui read a passage from Eph. Then the Dr. asked the couple to stand & each to lay a hand upon the open Bible. The Chinese consider it indelicate to join hands, so this custom is used, not as an oath but to indicate that we believe marriage to be founded on the Bible. He asked the young man if he took Ah Hi to be his wife promised to cherish & protect her &c. to which he nodded & she was asked a similar question to which she nodded very slightly - not with rapture. Then a brief prayer was offered. The proper thing is for them to do obeisance to his mother at his left in one of the two chairs mentioned, then go & do the same to his mother, then to the messianic & to the people. The first two parts were carried out, but

they had not been quite well posted ²³
on the subsequent movements as bungled
it. Just then a messenger came with
anote from the Baron about our pas-
ports & was obliged to hurry off & get
an answer back so he could send by today
mail. There is some prospect that
Mr. Seymour the Consul can get us a
permit from the Vic Roy without waiting
for the passport from Peking. So we
can probably start inside a fortnight.

I found Jiman at my room some after
with boards for my mantle &c. I put
up some more pictures, consulted with him
about other work & put up the lam-
brequin - have now quite a fine room.
Miss Filde told me at the Chapel she
Expected an invitation to see it so she
wites the whole company to come just for
for tea. Mrs. P. had a headache & could
not come. Miss F. & Misses came not
seemed pleased, especially with the lam-
brequin & Chair covers - After tea I
got some facts fr. Mr. P. about the
classes this week & then came over
Dr. A came in & talked about the C. T. work
& its value as the foundation of Theology.
& said that he was writing this journal
Then an one or two mosquitos buzzing
around my head. You are not having
many this month.

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Sunday - Mar. 25

This has been a fine day - warm & slightly cloudy - Dr. A. preached this A.M. text "Thy Kingdom come". He followed the history of Israel's Eshy Kings & David's vision & Christ's Kingdom so I could get a large part of the sermon. It was about the best in delivery that he has given. After the sermon I tried to read or write but was obliged to take a nap, put my fir-pillow on a cone-seated lounge put my blue blanket over me & slept sweetly till I heard the Dr. say it was dinner. After dinner I wrote to some people who entertained me at Franklin last year & also a note to Mrs. Bowler, began a letter to Fuller but was stopped to go to the 4 P.M. Service - Mr. D. spoke from 2 Tim. IV - very good, but I could not get very much of it. After this service Mr. D. & I started out for a walk. He did not want to go far & I went alone in what is called "the plateau" - a hard climb but a grand view & a good hour's walk. It was warm but by taking off my coat in sheltered places & putting it on when the breeze was felt I got on comfortably & had a good appetite for supper. We had rice, potatoes, & milk toast, & ginger-bread & canned peas, besides some bread & meat which I did not take. Rice &

the white cream of Buffalo-milk is my favorite dish & it seems to agree with me. After supper & during its progress the Dr. talked on Revolution the commentaries of a Dutchman, Fleming I think was his name; he figured out the 1260 yrs & prophesied the 5th & 6th vials would be poured out on the beast in 1798 & 1848. He had a lesson on Heb. I at Miss Hess's house. The Dr. gave some interesting Expositions.

Monday - Mar. 26

Mail day - "Good news from a far country" - we had cold water for the thirsty land also in the form of much needed rain during the day. I read with my teacher in the afternoon. The forenoon was rather broken up. I had been invited by Miss Fulde to visit her Bible-Women's class & did so at 9 o'clock. She had 15 of them together & some others in a preparatory class. which Miss Hess has charge of. She was hearing them recite the story of the Prodigal Son which they did very well. In the forenoon Mr Pondy had a class of ~~parables~~ & at 3 P.M.

Dr. a gave them another talk on 26
Old & New Testament Subjects. he talked
on the significance of the meat offering,
burnt offering & peace offering
on the relations of man to earth, heaven
& hell. At the close one of the men
asked "if there would have been any hell
if Adam had not sinned" & another
"if as Adam's sons followed him into
sin they would of necessity have followed
him back to righteousness if he had
repented." & again if Adam was saved
show? How do we know that he worshipped
No Ceremonies are described." They ex-
not simulators you can see "want to
know, you know." The Dr. said that
hell was prepared for the Devil & his angels.
That Adam's sons would not have followed
him back unless by individual repentance.
I thought Adam was saved, if so
by faith. That Adam probably made
sacrifice, God taught him by making him
a covering of skins to be used instead of fig-
leaves that some death must occur in
order to make a suitable covering for
him. & that he presumably taught his
sons to make sacrifices.

Thursday. We had a prayer meeting at 7³⁰
7 A.M. in a very good one led by Chas. S. S.
Subj. Matt. VI: 33. There is never any waiting
Before each hymn one or two say that after
singing I will pray or I will speak a
few sentences. My teacher came at
9 & read till 10. Then took a nap, and
was tired by reason of listening. At 2 P.M.
he came & read over the first two Chap-
ters of Mark's Gospel & read a few verses
in advance in Chap. 3rd. Then set him
at work doing up some pieces of Dr. A's
articles to send off. At 4 Dr. A
preached from Rom II: 25. I could
not get a great deal of it, but did part of
the drift. After that Miss Fields
asked me if I wished to join them in a
walk & so I started off with her. Dr. A
Miss Hess & started over "the plateau" as it
is called here. The walk took, last Sun-
day. It looked like rain so we came
back the way we went instead of going
down the steeper side. I wish you
could be here to get some of the views
we have of the hills & water. Wednesday^{3/28}
This A.M. We had a threatening storm
by Henry's signature. At the morning
prayer meeting an "affair" came to

the surface. Miss Field had suspected
 one of her women of deceiving her in a
 money matter & there was a fuss im-
 minent. Some pitched into the woman
 who gave evidence against the accused &
 enlisted the preachers to interfere, which
 was not agreeable. The woman who
 was threatened with vengeance got up &
 brought the matter forward at the meeting.
 & another one spoke: then the accused got
 up & made a confession of wrong doing.
 Miss F. thought it better to settle up
 & proposed that a general meeting be ap-
 pointed when they could come together
 & discuss it. So it was proposed to have
 it on Saturday after the 4 P.M. preaching
 service. Fortunately the woman made
 a full & satisfactory confession before the
 whole class & the case stopped during the
 forenoon. The 10 A.M. Class was a re-
 view of yesterday's lesson & a very brief outline
 of the O.T. books as far as Psalms. then
 Dr. A. gave them the first few chapters of
 Samuel (Sangbo-dzi) & impressed
 them very deeply with the story of Eli &
 his sons. I have studied twice with
 my teacher & written a letter to the Advocate
 suggested by B.'s quotation from Knapp.
 I expect Knapp will teach & read me

when he reads what has been said ²⁹
about him. Well, I suppose we must
stand it. Dr. A. spoke to the men after
class ~~at~~ about the need of evangelizing all
the villages that have not heard the gospel
& asked if they were ready to go out "two
& two". Song. i who has been Mrs.
P's teacher, told her this P.M. that the
men were discussing it & he never felt
so anxious to go out in his life before.
He is not very strong but he is anxious
to go as far & fast as he can. Dr. A con-
tinued his sermon on justification this

P.M. - Thursday, Mar. 29. Prayer meeting
at 7 A.M. led by one of the older preachers.
Subj. John. XVI: 7. he talked too long, but
meeting was quite good. I had a session
with the carpenter explaining how I want
my desk made: it will be very good, I
expect. At 10 A.M. Dr. A gave a lesson
on Kings & a lecture on Baptism that
was a good one. The Presbyterians
urge our preachers to attend communion
on the Missions that the questions
of baptism & Communion as we hold them
in a semi-sneering way so that it
is necessary to bring them up occasion-
ally. The Haitians come in during the
forenoon to go down at 4 P.M. so
whatever mail was to go must be ready

By 2.45. I finished up some ³⁰
work in that line & sent off 44
bundles of printed articles, besides two
letters, a parcel to Hong-Kong & 4 Postals.
I hope these may be a mail. Sat. or Mon-
day, but do not feel very confident of it.
My teacher came at 3, & we worked till 4.
The preachers were called on to report the re-
sult of their consultation on the plan for
Evangelization. They had made 6 groups
of the Chapels, with the idea that as there were
12 preachers 2 men could attend to each
group. But Cheung Sui proposed a little
broader plan: viz. that 6 men look after
the stations & go to new fields. Dr. A
preached a powerful sermon on the subj.
I could only get part of it, but he laid
down the gospel method with great plain-
ness & with special stress on the absence
of Chapels at that time. He also told
them of Dr. Nevins's work in the North:
He told the plan of going out & returning
several times to the same place & after 2
or 3 visits they began to listen. The
men are still talking on the subj. probably
will be till midnight. We hope they
will take a broad view of the case. Had
a good 45 minutes walk with Mr. P. tonight.
Had an invitation to go to Miss Fielder's
with Dr. A. to hear a book on Evolution read,
but then some meeting to do & must get to bed early.

Friday - Nov. 30/88

This begins a second volume of the journal as one book is finished. I am glad to have a good day to record as the first one. The prayer meeting was about the best we have had. Pung-Ko one of the Hak-Ka men led. Several of the preachers referred to the plan of going out & expressed their willingness to go. Po-heng who yesterday presented the plan of the group of chapels, referred to Paul's words about preaching to them that on a far offer to them who are rich asked if we could for content to reach only those about the stations that do anything for those in the other of the Coos villages.

At 9 a.m. I read with my teacher - found that quite a large part of the 3rd chapter of Mk is easy because few new characters are used. After I get our gospel read it will be easy to get the rest. I think -

At 10 - the preachers & Bible women met for giving brief oral reports of the 3 nos. book. At 2 P.M. the

girls school was examined & did
 nicely. They sang "Come Holy Spirit"
 & repeated the 27th Psalm intoning
 it so it sounds almost like a chant.
 They read in turn from their gospels,
 Philippians, Corinthians, & Timothy, an
 Colloquial from Joshua & The Pilgrims
 Profession "Bun-li" - "book style"
 translating into vernacular. Then those
 who had studied Romanizing read
 from two tracts on the Resurrection &
 "Leading the family in the way of the
 gospel" - Then the little blind
 girl recited quite a long passage &
 a hymn. She has a wonderful memory.
 Then they sang "When he cometh,
 when he cometh to make up his jewels."
 I enclose a copy the list of names &
 the books read by the girls. Please
 send it after showing it to any who
 would like to see it at home to the
 Mission Band at N.Y. Perhaps they
 would like to frame it as a memento
 of the school to which they sent their
 first mission box. At 10 P.M.
 the preacher again spoke of going
 out & all but one testified that they

were ready to go. Dr. A. then ³³prached
them a regular war-sermon telling
them to go out rely on God. It was
their business to preach & his to
make the word effective. It was a
very eloquent sermon. At the close
a message came in from an old sister
that her son who had been gone
20 years had finally come back &
she wished to make known her thankful-
ness. He had heard the gospel in
his wanderings but she did not
say whether he had become a believer.
It is raining again to-day. I have
been writing since supper to Mr. Lane
of Ruggles St. Saty. March 31st

Prayer-meeting at 7 A.M. led by
Do-heng, son of the old Bible-woman
who used to be a medium. All the men
who spoke quoted passages favorable
to the evangelizing plan. One of them re-
ferred to Rom. IX: 1, 59. I spent the forenoon
& part of the afternoon writing, finishing
my letter to Mr. Lane & the one sent to Father
for the Advocate. The church meeting
came at 2 P.M. They dispatched sev-
eral matters of business & heard the
Experiences of 10 candidates.

I heard the Experience of about half of
them. they were very good. One boy
a little bright-eyed fellow pleased the
Dr. very much. He made wonderfully
good answers to all questions & when
asked who taught him these things
said "Sià" Ling - "The Holy Spirit".
Chiang Sui conducted most of the Exami-
nations. & questioned them quite closely on
the nature of the plan of salvation, the
work of Christ & of the Holy Spirit &
the meaning of the ordinances. I think
they are more particular on that line
than we are at home. The candidates
are not voted on at once but the
brethren think over the cases, & make
inquiries from all available sources.
To-morrow morning they will vote
& the baptism will occur in the forenoon.
Dr. A. is to preach as usual. This is
the first day for a week without rain.
Everything is growing luxuriantly.
The Cotton wood trees are beautiful -
large flowers - salmon color or deeper.
John Cummings' name is on the Missions
Calendar to-day & sat down to write him
after supper. have partly finished a letter.
I did not state that Chiang Sui
read the Resolutions on schools which you

have rec'd. they were adopted. 9
He also read the result of their
deliberations in regard to betrothal
marriage & burial, for them to take up &
induce all to follow. Sunday, April 1.
This a.m. at the 7-0'clock meeting
the persons who were Examined yester-
day were voted upon. One of the boys
whose answers were not very plain was
not voted on, as one of the women: the boy
is in the school & the woman is to stay
in the woman's class to study a little
time. I think one of the other women was
advised to wait. Eight were voted
on & accepted. A report was read of
the little fellow, who, the teacher says
is the best behaved boy in school.
Dr. A. preached at 10 a.m. & the
Baptism followed. It was quite a
picturesque scene. The baptistery is
dry so that Mr. P. was obliged to
have a temporary place arranged
just on the limits of the Compound
at the foot of the hill East of Miss Fuller's
house. There must have been 200
there. Cheung Sui & Ba Chiu stood
on the side of the hill above the spot
& lead the singing. read pr. LK 24. +

offered prayer. The ceremony went
 off very well. My organ was used
 in Chapel to-day & was a success.
 it makes an astonishing amount of
 noise & is in the lower notes especially
 of very soft pleasing tone. At 2 P.M.
 came the Communion. I took the
 first half, had committed my verses
 from Corinthians with some suggest-
 ions from Dr. A. He thought I got
 on very well, though I felt some im-
 barassment in using the foreign tongue.
 The Chapel was full. I read a little
 in the afternoon from a book called
 'Days of blessing' by the C. I. M., quite
 interesting. At 5 I took a walk &
 visited a huge new grave the long-
 est I have seen in China & having
 fine work upon it. I hope to get a
 picture of it. This evening I met
 the preachers again. They stated their
 plans. 4 pairs of them have planned
 itineraries & start to-morrow
 Monday, April 2nd - Raining all day.
 I read Chinese worried at it for 2 hours
 at a stretch & was tired & sleepy. Went
 to Swatow to do some errands & did
 not accomplish anything. The

people I wished to see were away
& the stores did not have what I
needed or asked an exorbitant price
for it. I want a good straw hat
but they have none that suit me
here. Almost everything is English. Very
few American goods are to be seen here.
I did see a pair of Russell & Erwin's
#933 knobs on the door of the ante-room
in the chapel the day I reached there, but
that is an exception. - I rec'd a letter
from Turner to-day. He & his little girl
are well, but his wife is not. He seems
to have had pretty hard work since
he went there. - This has been a
sort of vacation day. I felt a little "let-
ting up" after the work of the past 10 days.
So many services all the time filled
up, & have been obliged to take things
easily. My trip to Swatara made me
very sleepy. I found I had gained a little
in weight in a month or a half thereabouts.
This evening I indulged in a game of Muggins
& beat by a mere chance. Three of us are within
20 of beating. I need 5 to go out, was obliged
to draw & the first one I picked up gave
me 25. - To-morrow I am going to ar-
range for Lenzheim to go to school

It takes very little time for him to look after my room this "father" the "Deacon" as we call him is right here & has leisure so that he can do any errands I want - Tuesday - April 3
 This A.M. Dr. A. talked with the "Deacon" about his youngest's going to school and it was finally arranged as a "trial trip" that he go from 10-11:30 A.M. & fr. 3 to 4 P.M. to "take care" "read-book". It is a bad thing to have him with so much leisure on his hands. He is bright & hope will study. I shall have him read to me & try to teach him the Romanizing. His brother is making so good a church-member that I want this one to get started in the same track.
 This P.M. I read a tract on the Resurrection printed in Romanized Colloquial by the Presbyterians. I could not translate much of it as I was talking but read it & my teacher could understand it. It was a very tedious hours work. It requires the closest attention to get the tones for each word. I will get a tract some time & send home. It has not rained excepting a little at night fall to-day.
 I have a letter started to the First Ch. of New Spgt. where Fuller is pastor. shall try to finish this week. Wednesday - April 4
 The tailor come to-day & thus made my

Mosquito netting up so I have a 13
fine new net on my bed. He is
going to make up my mattresses & pil-
lows so I shall be all fitted out
soon. I finished up the 3rd of
Mant to-day. gave my teacher some
copies of Roman letters to work on.
he wants to learn the Romanizing
and if he gets it & is not too
much elated he may be useful
in Romanizing the Bible. sooner
or later that must be done I think.
In Anoy I heard they find it a
great help to have a large no. in
the church who can read the whole
Bible. A paper printed in Ro-
manized in Formosa was what stirred
up the Gov to found the Precadone
mission. but it is all in the fu-
ture for us here. To-night had
the prayer-meeting. supposed it was
Dr. A.'s turn, but had been thinking
of Dr. L. to-day in contrast with
the Chinese festival - Cheng-mang
(Pun-Bright) to-day when they
scatter paper money & worship

at the grave. I also read from 14
Rev. XXI + XXII. John I + II Tim I-10.
Spoke briefly on the true light being
given to us in Christ who is risen.
"I brought life & immortality through
the gospel." Mrs. Fulle spoke of
encouraging signs among the women
at the last Conference in that they pray-
ed for objects less personal, more for
the good of others. Dr. A. spoke
very finely of Isaiah's vision of the
future & his hope of the glorious future
of the church. Also of the fact that the
Christian shines by borrowed light -
reflecting the light from Christ.
The weather has been perfect to-day.

Thursday. April 5th - Another
fine day. no special features save
that I spent quite a part of the after-
noon in sorting out my goods &
chattels so as to have all that are
to be packed away for the Sum-
mer put together or in such shape
that I can easily get at them.
I read the 3rd of Mark

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Trying to read it without any
slip. do not know how many
times I tried it but last made a
little error tho I corrected it myself
in the next to the last verse.

We were invited to tea at Miss
Fieldes. We tried the novel-build-
ing plan. Each to add a chapter. I
began ^{in the 16th century} & got a ship near the coast
with a peculiar moving island at hand.
Miss F added a beautiful young
lady who was taken to the ship & fell
overboard - Mr. Partridge rescued her
by the mate who went ashore with
her & 14 sailors - They found a
lot of deserted habitations & suddenly
heard a terrific yell -

She not refused to continue so Dr. Ash-
more who had suggested that this was
a "yellow dog" - concluded. They found
more "yellow-dogs" - which they killed
& skinned deciding that the Western
nations would not know that it was
not Chinese fur & might answer for
seal skin & cures. They started
back for the ship but the Capt. had
left them & sailed away. The sailors

decided to settle, but the mate & ¹⁶
the young lady did not like their
Company - (They had proposed been accept-
ed before this) - He saw what seemed
to be a boat swam out - found it to
be a Chicago-girls-boat. but by
filling it up with "yellow dog" skins
it was made very comfortable & they
got back to England & lived happily
ever afterword - I doubt if the
Dr. would approve my writing this
home but it is strictly private
It was what Artemas would call
very "Amoosini".

Friday April 6/88
It was raining hard this A.M. that
rained harder during the day. At noon
it was dark & the rain came down
in torrents with thunder and lightning
accompanying. Dr. A. says he has seen
as many as 1500 flashes of lightning
in 40 minutes. He counted them at
one time & found them fully one second.
They were in all quarters at once. While
I am writing there are vivid flashes
that seem almost like sheets of light
in the thick darkness & the rain comes
down like the heaviest of heavy
Showers at home if not heavier.

The Community had a flower show
again today. Mr. Allum has been
very active in promoting these interests
& as he is to go to Timstein soon they
were anxious to have this now. The
Chapel was full & it was a most beau-
tiful collection, scores of geraniums,
a large collection of roses, & Callas, birds,
others in great variety - there was also
a fine show of cut flowers. The piece
that took the first prize was sent
by Mrs. Azorras an old German
lady from Swanton. It was a very simple
& unpretentious arrangement of ferns, mosses
& a few small flowers in a common
soup plate - but it was extremely
delicate & in fine taste. I was only
there a short time about five o'clock.
The Commissioner of Customs Mr. Palm
also leaves soon. These people are often
moving. The new Commissioner is a
young man son of a Prof. in Aberdeen.
The new Consul is to be here soon, his
name is Frater & he is well spoken of.
I do not know who takes Mr. Allum's
place. I read the parable of the
sower this A.M. have not felt like

any very hard work. it is so damp¹⁸
& muggy. I put the lock on my writ-
ing desk to-day. the one I got in Chicago
of Harry Lyford. Or rather I put the lock
study on yesterday & the upper part on to-day.
It is a convenient box to take with me
in the boat -

Saturday - April 7/88.

This a.m. I finished a letter to Hong^{port}
& in the p.m. went to Swatow. called at
the other mission & went about with Mr.
P. to look up stores. found that we can
get very good articles at quite reason-
able prices. I expect to live largely
on rice as I do now. I bought a
looking-glass - for $1\frac{10}{100}$. Not very large, but
a good heavy glass. Swatow is not an
attractive city, low & dirty, largely built
on "made" land. There are no fine stores
as in Canton. The larger ones are like
English rather than American stores.
Most of the dealers in foreign goods speak
enough English to be understood in
trade. We had no rain till we
started back & the wind favored us
so we got back quickly. About 6 o'clock
the rain began to pour down. This
been pouring since then. the wind
blows it must be a bad night at

sea & especially on this coast. We 19
begin to feel interested in the City of Peking
she is fully two weeks behind time already
but we hope she will turn up all right.

Sunday April 8. - More violent rain.

I did not go to chapel this A. M.
sent the boy & told him to report
the sermon. He has gotten into
the habit of staying to watch the
house while his father goes to ser-
vice. He gave me quite a lengthy
report. I could understand only part
of it but the Dr. said what I
got was correct. Luke XVI: 16 was the
text. He spoke of the giving of the
law by Moses. the prophets testify-
ing of Christ's coming. then John
came to prepare the Lord's way. Here
a "p'i d'z'u" - (parable) was used, that
of a King setting forth his men going
forth to prepare his way. After his
way is cleared he has passed along.
men pass in after him. Another
I propose to have the young man go
to school full hours he has too
much time on his hands.

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He probably will think his life is
made bitter with hard bondage
but that is not the worst thing
possible. He is too bright & full of
life to be allowed to run at large.

I intended to go to Hak Chish, but it
rained so hard I did not. Mr. P. got
started a few moments before and
was one fine audience of 7-6 from
the other mission and Mrs. Wilkinson.
Rev. Mr. Gregory who has just come
to their Army Station preached a brief
but good sermon. So Mr. P. reported
at dinner. By the way we had green
peas & cucumbers at that meal. The
Corn & peas in the garden are growing
apace - a "rattling" pace I presume
our horse-fancying friends would say.
Everything grows. Even the Century plants
now 7 or 8 feet tall seem to be increasing.
The Mistania is very beautiful.

9 P.M. "More witness" as Josh Billings
Almanac says - It has been pouring since
7- The wildest lightning I ever saw part
of the time & one peal of thunder was exactly
like the report of a large cannon -
a sharp explosion. After 4 P.M. service

Miss Hess & Miss Field walked with 21.
Dr. A myself on the tiled floor under
the verandah (which is on a level with
the walk) as the weather did not permit
any other exercise. Miss F. told of a little
girl in a Sunday School class whom she
had urged to commit passages of Scrip-
ture because they might help them in
temptation or trial & she added that per-
haps some of them had already found
it so. One little girl said she had:
she had received great comfort from
the passages. "And last of all the women
died also". It was so rainy they could
not come to the Bible class, so the
study of Heb. XI - was postponed. I
asked Dr. A to come in & make me a call
but my fireplace smoked so he could
not stay. It is very smoky now, the
chimney needs a little repairing.

This rain may put a stop to our trip
to Hakkaland. Miss Hess cannot start
to-morrow the steersman says, because
this river will be too high. I copy
an article Dr. A. wrote for The Kingdom
the Elder's version of Esau & Jacob's
trade. "Esau was hunter-man
Coarse fellow - one day, back come -
but nothing - belly hungry -

Nothing Eat. Jacob cooked stew²²-
Esau spied stew - smelled fragrant -
at once desired - wanted full belly -
Jacob not willing - wanted eat
stew himself - afterwards ad-
mired Esau - "Good! You want
stew - sell me birthright - stew
I give you" Esau said - "Good!
No have stew! die! - then what
good birthright! give me stew!"
Jacob handed over stew - Esau
eat stew - finished eating stew -
belly full - birthright gone"

Monday, April 9 -
"More witness" in the superlative
degree. It was so dark at 10 A.M.
I needed my lamp to read, then
the rain came down more furiously
than I ever saw it anywhere + "once
sudden" there seemed to be a volley
of musketry aimed at the roof, +
a tremendous shower of hailstones
pelted us furiously for several
minutes. The stones were uniform
in size, oval + having each a
round white center. They remind
me of what Luther used to quote

"tears big as horse plums" 23

They were about as large as cherries.
The Chinese were greatly interested.

L. K.'s father said he never saw the like before she is 47. Mrs. P. says the girls were in great commotion. They put their shoes off & run out with all the bowls & bottles they could get filled them full. to use as medicine I believe.

They will no doubt be good in August.

I rec'd a letter from Von Kualan to-day. We have had a visitor from Bangkok. a Mr. McFarlan son of a musician. Mr. P. Miss F. & the Dr. knew. He is a tall slim young man, not very robust but a pleasant social person. He called upon me the latter part of the afternoon. Mrs. P. invited the rest of the Misses' family to tea & we had a quiet very agreeable evening. It has been pouring literally for about two hours with thunder and lightning.

They counted 164 flashes in 5 minutes once, & it continued as violent for some time. These were great flaming light lightning half the horizon several flashes in one.

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Our travelling certificates have come
but the prospect for using them is a little
dubious. The rivers will be
flooded. The hail storm made havoc
with the flowers & struck all the paths
with leaves from the trees in the compound.
It must have damaged the rice. but they
think its area limited. there was no hail
across the bay.

One of the boys
came near being kidnapped to-day.
He is the son of the girls-school
teacher who just came from Hong
Kong as a stranger. He went down to
Kak-chieh to buy something for
a sick boy when a man seized him
to go off with a theatrical troupe.
The little fellow screamed so lusti-
ly that he was from the foreign
chapel that some men came to
his rescue. but one of his sleeves
was torn in the struggle show-
ing that they meant business.

Tuesday - April 10/94

The first day without a rain for a long
time - a few sprinkles to-day. I finished
a letter to John Cummings to-day after
my Chinese & English copies of the
two articles. Mr. McFarlane left in

the afternoon I went to Swatow²⁵ with him & found that his steamer left earlier than was anticipated. So we at once came back for his luggage & got him off. Mr. Mitchell the man in charge, very kindly said he would hold the steamer a few moments. He says the Baron brings account of very bad floods up near Hu. City. The boys have heard of 48 men & one woman being drowned. Dr. Ashmun got a large mail from Siern to-day part of which he read to me. He also gave me some very helpful thoughts on the baptism of repentance & remission of sins. translating it literally into a state of perpetual penitence and perpetual remission of sins.

Wednesday - April 11-88 -

Hard rain all night. it is said the water in the bay is all fresh, so much is rushing down from the rivers. It has been overcast all day but no rain. I was able to take a walk to-night. first time in a week. I have put 2 hours steadily on Chinese in the morning &

two hours in the afternoon. It is
 trying on the voice as well as on the
 memory. I did some writing and
 finished up some work in my room.
 got my Adams Historical Chart
 on rollers hung up. it will be a
 help to me I think. Dr. A. Annand
 was at dinner by telling about his en-
 counters with the students, they were
 bent on finding out the moral status
 of Noah, Abraham & others whose
 moral defects are set forth in the Old
 Testament. One of them asked how
 Noah was regarded by God after he got
 drunk, if God still looked on him
 as a righteous man. The Dr. said it
 was the same as with them when
 they stumbled & fell - When they did
 so, the merchants & other foreigners said
 they were all a lot of hypocrites, but
 the missionaries had faith in their
 sincerity & tried to help them up.
 Then the same one asked if God's
 power was not enough to keep
 Abraham without his denying his
 wife? The Dr. said, it was not
 he was just like you here. I have

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For more than 20 yrs. been trying
to get you to trust in the Lord &
not in Foreign Consuls, but you
persist in coming only on hu-
man help for every little difficulty.
They were fully satisfied with the
Explanation apparently. He is be-
ginning Judges with them. I shall
attend the classes probably after this
it will be a profitable way of spend-
ing an hour as any. Because it enables me
to hear different voices & practice listen-
ing - an important accomplishment.

We had prayer meeting at Miss Field's
Dr. A. led, reading Mark II - Comments
on the earnestness & simplicity of our Lord's
work. It is very cool & a strong
wind is blowing. Thursday - April 12 -

More rain, wind, thunder and lightning
to night. It has been overcast all day &
raining since night fall as well as pour-
ing in torrents part of the afternoon.

I went to the students class this A. M.
heard them read III John. I tried to
read after getting back but found quite a
no. of new characters. I put in two
hours fully from noon & afternoon. It
does not seem like much in length

of time. But it is straining ²⁸ to
memory eyes & patience. Fortunately
my teacher generally refrains from
garlic so it is not so trying to the
sense of smell as it is on the boat
when the whole crew luxuriate in
that mighty vegetable. There is
an fond of garlic. & sometimes the eggs
are so strong that even a custard will
be so flavoured that the only way to eat
it is to make it so salt that the
other taste is overwhelmed. Lately I
have not noticed it, & but few times
in all. I noted a letter to Dr. Sey-
mour this evening. Dr. Ashmun has
just made me a call for a few moments
& talked over some missionary matters.

Friday - April 13/88

Still overcast - I attended Dr. Ashmun
in the morning & got a no. of new
expressions, also had the benefit
of his style of instruction, he
draws a great many plain lessons
from the Q.T. He first asks the
class what they see in it & they
get very near the truth. In Judges
II & III - He asked them the reason
for them in several passages & the

said. We should not have anything
to do with the heathen customs &
not harbor evil in the heart.

Chap II: 5-7: On vs. 7-10 - another
said it showed that it was necessary
to teach children the truth. It was
ship the true God. Else the next
generation would go back into hea-
thenism. The same one said on
Ch. II: 5-7. it taught that Christians
should not betroth their daughters to
heathen nor get heathen wives for
their sons. Very busy for him

to say" the Dr. remarked, "as he has no
children" but it is encouraging
to see that they get hold of things.
I did some writing & then went
to Swatow at 3 P.M. with Mr.
Mr. Farlan who came up from
Hong Kong on the steamer "Bangkok".
The Bangkok steamer come here
to get coolies. Half the popu-
lation of Siam, most of its real
power is Chinese. He called
on the Burn & at the Presbyterian
mission. The former was out
looking after his Chukew-hanna

which was damaged by the storm. ³⁰
Her reports very high water, ~~but was~~
An. Caty - He was 2 days going up
before the rain - & come down after
it had fallen a few days. in 5 hours.
I went to look at some Hat-Ka
foats - they are queer looking things
but are clean & roomy - It is not cer-
tain yet whether we can go on our
up-country trip or not. In the
evening I stayed in my room with
Mr. McF. as he did not care par-
ticularly to attend the meeting - We
wrote letters. Mr. P. reported a good
meeting not a fraction of a minute
lost. Cheung Siu led talking
as his subject the sending out of the
70 - His wife led the girls' school
meeting & took the same subject.

Sat. - April 14/88.

Very foggy & damp - cannot see
beyond the pier - After breakfast
Mr. expressed a little with a bar-
fall. I have been writing letters
to-day - at any rate, done nothing
else. Mr. McF. left at 2 P.M.
It is clear & bright & warm tonight.

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Monday - April 15th 88.

Fine weather in the forenoon. Dr. C. preached at the chapel to a good congregation. I got hold of several parts of the sermon - particularly the illustrations. He preached from Heb III: 14 - two divisions - 1 - Prin - tum = Divide a share - 2 Chip - Riv - Hold on tight. It was very graphic.

I stayed in my room afterwards, tried to have a fire in my grate to dry the air - succeeded in so doing if smoke will dry air. My chimney needs repairing and I know Faquin, a just friend filled the room with smoke. I read over my letter mailed home to-day & took a short nap. The Dr. came in and read me an article he has written for the Kingdom on Siam. After dinner I wrote to Van Kirk's Sunday School. After supper the Dr. gave us a lesson on Hebrews II - the best we have had. He believes in generic & specific faith, that many have been saved by a generic faith, so to speak, who had no clear exact conception of faith

in "the Historic Christ" - as the ³²
Andover men put it. His com-
ments on faith as the basis of charac-
ter were very helpful - what a man
believes determines his action & then
his thinking - as Abraham believed God
so he did not hesitate to bind Isaac
upon the altar & was driven to grasp
the conception of a resurrection from
the dead by the very necessity of faith.

I did some more writing after the les-
son was over.

Monday April 16/88.
We hoped to get the long-delayed mail
but it did not come. Rain did -
I found my umbrella-stick again.
So dropsical that it would not let
the slide down & I was obliged to
keep newspapers it for the 3rd time.

I attended the Class in Judges - en-
joyed it. The Dr. told them about
Rabbinovitch & the Jews at the close of
the lesson. I then finished the
work of getting my mail off - 7 letters.
(Really - 11) & 6 pages of printed
matter. After dinner I worked at
the Chinese for some time & after
my lesson was done talked with

Ji-nan about my desk and
 book-cases. He was greatly interested
 in my historical chart, which I present-
 ed all my Chinese to explain. It
 would no doubt have been edifying
 to read a report of my attempts, but
 he got hold of some of the ideas,
 hope they did him good. I told him
 about some of the Scriptural characters.
 He seemed much impressed by Cain's
 murder of Abel. I laid stress on Abra-
 ham's refusing to bow to heathenism
 &c. &c. Mr. Partridge came in &
 helped me out in planning & interpreting
 in regard to the desk. It will be an
 improvement on the one I hope rather
 is using & the work will cost less
 than 10 dollars. Ji-nan has quite
 a business on hand. Last week
 Mr. Partridge met him in Swa-
 tow buying a boat-load of rice.
 He has contracted to build some
 houses in the Yuxin district
 that about 120 men at work
 for him. He is a funny little
 chap. Greatly interested in everything
 new & aside from his lying, is a very

good man to deal with. 34
He can make almost anything if
you give him the idea or something
for a model. My bathtub is a great
blessing. I note of his making me one.
I take a bath every morning on Dr.
Sill's plan & it is a great benefit.

After tea the students come up to
sing & I assist at least did not
desist. They do very well.

Thursday - April 17 -

More clouds & tremendously heavy
rain. "the clouds also dropped water"
not drops of water but water dropping
in bulk. I have been jogging on -
went to this class in Jude this a.m.
My teacher wanted to move his
"much Kia" (goods & chattels) to another
room, as several new students have
come in and he must get out of their
house to another ~~house~~. So he did not
come up till afternoon. It was so
dark & rainy that I felt stupid & could
not read very well. He conversed with
me about the state of things at Pek-
Jah & some other places though
my apprehension of it was decidedly
vague. The Campbell's messenger
came today - They are all well

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hoping for clear weather & that C. & J.
can take our trip. No mail yet. The
"Peking" ought to be in Hongkong & the
"San Pablo" is due there to-morrow.
We look for 3 mails within a week.
The wind is such that I can have a
fire to-day which is a great comfort.
I have finished letters to Aunt Argenta & a
friend at Russell & Rowins. now shall begin
one to Aunt Bina. Want to get my cor-
respondence up to-date before going
off - in case we go up into the Country.
Wednesday 4/18

A notable day - Sunshine at last &
beautiful moonlight peering out through
the clouds as we came home from
prayer meeting in the evening.

The "boys" opened up all the doors
& windows & put out everything to
dry: shoes, hats, coats, trousers, um-
brellas, even the pans in the um-
brella rack were strown about on
all the verandahs. They brushed
& wiped my matting which was
all mouldy. My clothes in the
wardrobe hanging up were mouldy.
I went to the Dr's class at 9 A.M.

I enjoyed it largely. He asked several to give the narrative in Judges 6 & 7. One called a man out to stand in the middle of the floor and recite it. One sturdy brother did so, was a little abashed kept his hands clasped & looked up or down - not at his hearers. A second man was called who was perfectly self-possessed, used gestures and gave the story of Gideon with great vivacity. The Dr. says we are obliged to take men right from the field & compress all parts of a ministerial training into a few months or possibly years, & this can be done by thus using the Bible as a text-book.

I read for a time with my teacher the exercise was cut short by his making the brief but pithy remark "To-tia" - "Stomach-ache" - this proceeding to look for some solace. I presume in Perry Davis's pain killer as that is the cure-all for the Chinese. I spent the rest of the forenoon in finishing my letter to Aunt Bama K. G. T. received by

2 P.M. to appear we worked ³⁷ at
the Chinese for a time. I also read
with Mr. P. a little, translating into
English with his help. My tailor
brought me two new white suits,
which will be soon needed.

To-night Mr. P. led the prayer-
meeting at Miss Hess's house. He
had Ps. XVI - It was a very good
meeting. Miss F. spoke of Mrs.
Fryer of Shanghai who had
entertained a company of Chinese la-
dies of noble rank at dinner. She
requested that they be remembered in
prayer. The Dr. spoke further on
the subject of Faith presented Sun-
day evening. After meeting he
read us an article on Siam & its
future that is "Chu bi-chai" =
"Entertaining & exceedingly" - I will ask
when it is to be published.

Thursday - April 19-80
Last night it rained very hard a-
gain. To-day it has been cool
& overcast. This heavy rain the Dr.
says is due to the change of the mon-
soon - the So. West monsoon is

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Coming up bringing vapor laden clouds & as they meet the cooler air of the No. East monsoon the rain is the result. Soon the heavy rains in Siam begin. This has been a quiet day. I went to Mr. P.'s class in the forenoon, read Mark after-ward, & studied again in the afternoon. Mr. P. was going to Swatow at 4 P.M. I went too, but was not able to get what I wanted. I brought no watch-guard & want a black rubber one. They have none in S. I shall be obliged to get on with a string. I called on Mr. McKee's - Mrs. Dr. Lyall for a few moments. We had a cool fresh breeze so I enjoyed the sail over and back. - Dr. As Siam article will be published in the Magazine -
Friday - April 20/88

A great and notable day - bright sunshine & the mail - three mail

First a steamer from the North was signalled; & then one from the South. We can see the signals on the Swatow side at the Customs office - They have some Wickes -

frames that look like Falls³⁹
painted black. When a vessel is
sighted at the mouth of the bay similar
signals are hoisted & the man on the
lookout has two of these black ob-
jects put up on the sea-wind
side of the flag-staff if the steamer
is from the North & on the opposite
side if from the South. When the
vessels flags are sighted, similar
ones are raised at the harbor
station & then at the Customs.

There is a signal code with num-
bers of steamers that regularly come
from the Kingdom in the Uruakah so
it is easy to tell what is coming
long before she enters the bay, if
the day is clear. While we were at
breakfast our ears were saluted with
the welcome hoarse whistle of
the Samoa - I went to the class
in Judges & we had several more
of the young men give the narrative
of Abimelech. One or two did well
but none quite as well as the man
on Monday. At 10. I come back

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I found a pile of mail on my table - the first since Mar 26 - 4 weeks next Monday. I had 3 letters from home - 4 Country Letters one sheet enclosed, a card & a note from Dr. Burrage, a letter from Tom, a letter from Van Kirk - a letter from C. A. Davis with a picture of his baby, a letter from Merriam, the class letter, enclosing a note from Shailer. Copies of the Advocate & Herald of Smith, C. T.

Student. Besides the mails & clippings from home - I gorged myself with these till about dinner time, enjoyed them all very much - more that the delay has been so long. All was good news. Van Kirk's movements

do not seem very certain - but they may turn up here yet. The class letter gives good reports of all "the boys"

Nothing special in the P. M. but Chinese reading & attempts at conversation. It is quite warm. To night

have been to prayer meeting - 38 men & boys present but was quite good, there were one or two. Lenther present.

The tailor who is at work here was in, he attended the Bible reading inlets last night. Says he does not know which doctrine is true, no hope

He may be sincere enough to make a fair search for the truth.

It is about bed-time. This A. M. I lost an hour or two of sleep by an astute mosquito who got into my net. I lit the little lamp but he was exceedingly shy so I was obliged to let him escape. Saty-April 21-

No trouble last night from the buzzers. To-day has been an "off-day" - My teacher went to Swatow on account of his "to-tian" to see the Dr. & to buy supplies, else I should have read Chinese. I read some things in the Examiner including Dr. Peppers article & looked over some letters. In the after-noon did a little writing on short paragraphs for "The Kingdom". Took a walk, climbed the hill opposite Miss Fielder house & got a fine view of the bay. Just below me was the old fort a most dilapidated old shell - an important part in a Chinese fort is a war-exit. Mr. P. told me of some one's telling them of a good point for a fort on a certain Island. "Why, they

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Said, "there is no place to run away."
"John" is prudent. There is a huge
rock on the summit of the hill,
as you see in the picture. It must be
25 feet high. The water is the sugar-
house reservoir built at vast expense.
The path at the right is one laid out
for a walk & is the one I have describ-
ed as leading over "the plateau".
The cross + on the back is on a terraced
rice-field - small places thus reclaimed
from the slope of the hill: the dots are sites
of graves. You will notice the earth
embankment built up about one of them, I
hope before long to get a good large
one photographed - Sunday April 22.

A fine clear day rather warm - have
worn my new flannel coat most of
the day - Dr. A. preached this a. m. from
John 14:27 - subj. Peace. I could fol-
low it very well. It was a very vis-
id graphic discourse. I have taken one
or two naps. Spent several hours in fin-
ishing some work for The Kingdom.
The new teacher of the girls school
preached at 4. P. M. - from Mark II:27.
I could not understand much, neither
could Mrs. P. & Miss Hess. He has

a slight Canton "gu" - or Brogue ⁴³ does
not speak with force. Mrs. P. says he
does not teach with vim. She thinks
nothing short of being struck by lightning
will enthuse him, but we hope he
may wake up. I took a short walk
before tea & after tea we had the Bible
class. Heb. XII & XIII - I enjoyed it very
much. The Dr. brought out vividly
the meaning of the passage to the Jews,
& the need of all to note the change
from the "mountain smoking the first
born" to Mount Zion. Then the discussion
turned on the subject of "just men made
perfect" & the perfection in the future life.
The Dr. holds that a man's character remains
as formed here that ^{will} affects him throughout
eternity. That he goes into heaven with
receptivities formed. After coming
back I read him selections from
one class letter in which he was
much interested. Monday - April 23

For two days past a crowd of fishing
boats have been about here. Little
boats. Some of them on the small ones
used for attracting the fish, they have
a long board about 2 feet wide made
of shining white which they put along
side the boat. This makes a certain

Kind of fish jumps out of the water ⁴⁴
Nets are so arranged that they are
turned on the rebound into the boat.
Last night might before they must
have been at it for I heard a great deal
of shouting in the night. It is a wily
way to catch fish, and all the wily
tricks a Chinaman does not know are
not to be known or not worth knowing.

This A.M. I went to Swatow with Mr.
P. We heard for the first time of
the San Pablo's loss. "On shore on
Turnabout Island." - Afterwards I
saw the Capt. of the Patshaw who had
heard from Shanghai the telegram
that she was lost. "Mails & trunks
salved by the Perchili." A steamer
from Amoy yesterday brought news
that a 4-masted steamer was on
Turnabout but they did not know
whether it was the S. P. or the Peking.
We hope to get our mails in a week,
possibly before C. & J. leave. Miss Hester
goes to-morrow to the Hak-Ka country.
We expect C. by Thursday. I went to
the bank in Swatow to-day it is
an oblong room with a counter at

the back. Behind this were four or 45
five men, one young man was asleep
apparently, one was writing and another was
pulling his pipe, an elaborate affair in
which the smoke passes through wa-
ter. Several came in on errands. One
boy wanted to communicate some private
matter apparently so he made the character
or rather the strokes on the Counter with
his fingers & the astute smoker "caught on"
with great promptness. Two large pairs
of balances - (pans 6 in. wide) were on the
Counter & a little pair on a side shelf.
They are very particular in receiving money.
There was a little room back of the
Counting room used as a vault I presume.
There was an upper story where probab-
ly the men sleep. At one side was a
small apartment with the barest &
most unimpressive of Chinese fur-
niture about the walls. I took it to
be the "Directors Room". There was an
opening in the ceiling (railed about) so
you could see the floor above. About
the sides of this open space were painted
mottos - large black characters on a
red ground. One Mr. P. thought was

"Follow me in the path of gaining 46
wealth". Their business ^{besides ex-}
changing money - is making ^{short} loans on first-
class security at tremendous ^{24 per mo. is regular} interest. ^{for short}
They often loan to men who have car-
gore of goods. The man deposits his
bills of lading, virtually hypothecates his
goods & the bank stores them. This
is the Customs-Bank. Mr. P. came
to pay import-duty on some books
from Shanghai.

I noticed a ^{small}
of the figuring-frames - the abacus lying
about. We passed through a straight
narrow street from the market just at
its end on a wall an ugly tiger head
with a short two edged sword in its
mouth. This was to prevent any
evil influences that might come
up the street. A crooked it is safe
Evil spirits might get tangled up therein.

We have a Curiosity at the Compound
the huge Centropunt - 12 ft in di-
ameter & 8 ft high is going to blossom.
First the center began to black & spread,
then a stalk 3 or 4 inches thick began
to form & shoot up at the rate of a foot
a day. Mr. P. has put up a bamboo

pole to mark its growth. A small stalk
also shoots out at one side.

This has been an unprofitable day for study.
I lost a great deal of sleep last night, &
have had a headache all day till just
after supper. Since then it has not
troubled me and hope to be all right
to-morrow.

Tuesday - April 24 -

A fine day - tho' foggy in the a. m.

Miss Hess started for M. K. L.

I attended Mr. P.'s class at 10.45 a. m.

did some writing and interviewed
the barber. In P. m. worked on

Chinese wrote a letter to mother.

I have written Aunt Abby & have
a letter partly finished for the
Mission Band. Last night a

good long sleep did much
to balance the acct & I have
felt far better to-day. The Cen-
tury plant grew a foot at least in
the 24 hours up to 8 a. m.

Wednesday 4/25

About 7 inches growth on Century
plant this a. m. Warm to-day,
threatening but no rain. I went to
class at 9 a. m. Judges 13 & 14 the subj.
Several notes & did well. They

were much interested in asking about the "Shibboleth - Subboleth" affair, which the Dr. explained by referring to the difference in dialect between Toug-hui + Tio-ic^{er}. The Dr. pointed several morals by use of the Ephraimites' complaint, whereas in case of defeat they would have made no claims: also he compared the Angels refusal of worship with Christ's acceptance of it. After some reading of Chinese I went to the P. O. & called at Mrs. Fieldes to hear her read an article on Chinese marriage customs - a very interesting one. It will probably be published in some magazine. A young man from Shan tung Province, member of the English Bapt. Mission came in Chinese dress to-day noon. He seems a very sensible fellow, will be here some days. His composition greatly excited the boys at Mr. P.'s they thought he was an "ang-mo" (not hairs) man between Chinese clothes. They wanted to know about him, if was alone

had a partner in his "affair". 49

Papers arrived to-day, giving brief news of the "San Pablo's" loss. Her mail & that of the "City of Sidney" will both be due here the first of next week, just after C. & D. leave. Later in the day another stranger, a Mr. Aiken who is on his way to Siam to found a school.

At the prayer-meeting I read Ps. XVI - 5. Lam. XXVII 5.

Num XVIII : 20-21. I Peter II : 9-10.

Subj - The Christians in heretance.

Mr. Aiken gave us a synopsis of his hopes of founding a school that shall help build up a class of Educated people who favor Christianity & train preachers. He is a fine fellow. He has hopes that the gov't may abandon its school & he can get advantage thereby.

Mr. Curling also gave an acct of the shorting-work begun by Mr. Richards & Mr. Jones just after the famine. It was slow for a time but afterwards grew apace - from 40 to 1200 members

in about 11 yrs. They have ⁵⁰
their work curiously divided up.
one man has charge of the
evangelizing another of the city
work, & one is an accountant &
general business manager.
giving his leisure to strictly re-
ligious work. That is something
I believe in. Conley has sole
charge of the schools. He is
very positive this the best way
to do & perhaps it is. Thursday Feb.

In the morning we went to Swa-
tow & I bought a Chinese trunk
for two dollars - a very light but
strong affair. It was very hot.

In the afternoon I did a little study-
ing & some work on my appropria-
tion for the trip & wrote on my
letter to the Mission Board.

Conley spent the day with his
Country men in Swatow coming
back to tea. I finished my
letter & began to address envelopes

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for sending off copies of the Dr.'s last
letter - shall send over 50 of them.

Friday April 27

Mr. Campbell came at 10 a.m. our
Cook had failed us so we were in a
quandary, sent to Kak-Chieh (in the
village) to see if any one there was
to be had: the only available man
was in Swatow & would return. Went
on with my preparations & after dinner
Mrs. P. suggested that we take my
present "Crown of Water" Tek-Sin, who
is a handy fellow, very willing &
teachable, he understands Hak-Ka
as well as Tse-Chiew dialect. We
decided to do so & at 4 P.M. Cook
went to S. to buy "Stores" as they call
things here. We got Flour - butter,
Soda, Cream of tartar, salt, Canned
pear, peach, apple - Strawberry & other
kinds of jam. & sundry other things.
had a delightful sail ^{over} at 4 &
back at 6
P.M. I was tired & did not do
much in the evening. Except get the
lost of my things by the pack my trunk

Sat. April 28⁵²

We got off at about 10 A.M. went to Swatow. The day began auspiciously by the arrival of our mail via San-Pablo; Pachili; "Jordanus" & "Haitan". I rec'd. The college class letter besides one from Father & Mother & my photographs. All were greatly enjoyed. I rec'd. photographs of Charley Merrill & of Sadie's little girl, with my own. I gave Mrs. P. Mother's note.

At Swatow, Tek sin & I started out to buy some fruit, chickens, dishes etc. They said it could be done in a very short time but it was two hours before he got ready. I was down to perspiration nearly bathed in desperation so to speak before we reached the boat, found Campbell in a state of impatient waiting. Then the head boatman, the first villain, wanted 3 dollars, which I foolishly paid him as all our boys took his part. In China never pay before you go. The boatmen all went off & I did not expect to see them till Sat. thought of something I would like at my

room & started - Then the 2nd (or 3rd) villain suddenly remembered that he could find the absentee & trotted off. The first villain come back in about 15 minutes with an expression of great sweetness said "his heart had desired to come" now he would be back directly. He had bought no supplies as he said must, but we got started finally at about 5 P.M. If they travel at all in a day they claim a days pay: so they believe that they never start at 2 o'clock when they can just as well start at 5 - "better late than" - sorry. We ate a cold dinner at 2 P.M. & supper at 7 P.M. I used part of the time for writing my class letter. I will describe the boat later. It has two large compartments about 8x10. In one we sleep & in the other eat. The most tragic event of the day was the death of one of the chickens by sun stroke so G. J. said. tho' I had supposed the trouble was in the jugular region. They eat it. Another of the 3 birds endeavored to commit suicide by flying out & falling into the water. G. J. promptly rescued it.

4/29 - all well - Goodbye for the moment J. M. F.

jumped out of his two garments & into the water; soon he came running along the bank with the be-draggled bird held by the feet; we met no special adventure and got up about 10 miles by night. The boat has a high prow & an inclined plane, down which the boatmen come headfirst with shoulder against a pole this makes a "knee-joint" at their hips  & gives an application of "inclined plane" also.

We had a late supper & "4 o'clock tea". I occupied some leisure in writing my class letter. After tea we had worship conducted by the two Chinese boys. Then one of the boatmen went forward, got his sleeping-place ready and got ^{an} opium smoking "plant" in readiness for a smoke. My object I told the Capt that he had agreed not have any such thing on board. The guilty party said first that it was wrong for "worship God" men & for Catholics but all right for him. The Capt. reported that when he found the Teacher did

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not want him to, he stopped, very
pleasing, but eyes are with more
than ears in getting the truth from
Chinaman & soon noticed a light
through the chinks in the deck, soon
it was evident that the poor victim
was dragging himself down there in
a place four or five times as big
as a coffin. I told the Capt. that
if he did not put a stop to it we
should head for Swatow Monday, &
with a very dejected air he routed
the man out. I got a fair
night's rest, took a bath before sun-
rise & got ready for church. When
I wandered under the shade of a large ban-
yan, near to another with a "Lau-
Ja Keng" under it. About 20ft
away was the dike a very solid
bank 15 or 20 ft wide faced with
white concrete. From its top is
a beautiful outlook over a wide
expanse of rice-fields the most
brightest extent of fields I have
ever seen. It was a few li to
Am-Bo so we decided to go
over & attend the Chapel. It
was a long hot walk most
of it through Chinese streets.
We received a great deal of attention

but were not vexiled much of any ⁵⁻⁶
It was a cheering sound when we got
to the chapel-door and heard the
buthorn singing - "Sweet hour of prayer"
I believe it was. Lung, heng - mia -
an & Yik, the sister-woman and a
few others were there. L. h. was so
glad to see us that he fairly shed
tears. I descended before the chapel
& service here. I wrote up this
journal that had been neglected for
a few days & did some talking with
the people. There are two young
men who expect to be baptized
soon. They asked me to take part
in the service so I read over the
2nd of Mark - the first part of it & got
on quite well with it. They said
it was "meng, peh" - clear. Lung
heng preached well from John 14:6.
There was a crowd about the doors
and windows & one heavy-eyed
fellow made some comments, so
L. h. addressed him directly and
came off in possession of the field.
We took our lunch up-stairs
& after a brief service at 2 P.M.
started back. One of the young men

"accompanied us to the ship" & ⁵⁷
brought back letters for L. to take
to Mr. Partridge. I finished up my
class letter in a rush & also got ready
some sheets to send home. There was
a strong wind & we started off at
3,30 & sailed some miles till the
wind drove us against the shore.
We moved by a sand & mud flat,
when C. & I took a walk barefoot.
Again the opium dodge was tried
but we interfered & got a good night's
rest, after a plunge in the river.

Monday, 4/30/88.

At sunrise we got up & bathed & dressed
& had a 6 o'clock breakfast. I took
a run on shore for a few moments
before & got a fine view of the rice field
from the dike - a man was riding
a buffalo out to feed & leading a younger
animal. Yesterday we saw a man ride
a buffalo across the river when
it was as wide as "the Bay" at home
& a little later saw a boy standing
on the back of one who was swim-
ming & he led another one. After
they got a short distance from shore
he sat down astride the first & rode

across. We have not made much ⁵⁸ progress to-day - are now moored -
The boatmen are smoking their vil-
lainous pipes - Campbell is writing
the boys reading - There are a great
many orange trees along the river.
A cool shower came up at noon, &
cooled the air a little as I was get-
ting dinner and directing our prospective
cook. We had sliced cold corned beef
buttered toast - bread & butter, boiled
rice - for entree vegetables - Orange ^{to order}
jam for relishes - (Strawberry jam ^{to order})
sarts for dessert - Orange for fruit &
tea for drinks - On the return trip
I imagine our malade & crackers will
be the sole adjunct to boiled rice
& condensed milk. C. gets supper
& I have chigo of breakfast again.
We passed two large salt-boats that
were sunk in the freshet. at one
place 40 men were mending or
re-inforcing the dike - all at work
on a place about 30 feet long -
I stayed in the boat & read the Century
while C. & the boys went to the Chapel
& to make some purchases. A crowd
of men & boys on show stands at one
place a few even told enough to come

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aboard I made some efforts at
conversion with them & got one of
the preachers to labor with a young
man. Our Capt wanted money \$40.00.
I gave him \$20.00. He wanted \$20.00 for paying
a carpenter who must come & do work
on the boat. I promised to pay it if
the carpenter come. He did not
come, but he managed to scare up
an invalid brother, whom he failed
to identify as a carpenter. Then he
went after another, an able-bodied
man, & rather than have a long
long discussion in so thickly settled
a place I gave him the money on the
condition that he get his men back
& run us up stream to pass the
night. He did not show up till
9 o'clock but came at last & we
gave him no rest till he pushed
off & crossed the river.

Tuesday May 1st 58.

He slept well & had breakfast at 7 o'clock.
C. could not find the upper half
of his pyjamas & caught a little
cold. The "Carpenter" proved to be
a substitute for one of the boatmen
who probably is in New City with

C.S. jacket. We have been favored ⁶⁰ with a strong breeze astern that have come ≈ 20 miles. The scenery is grand: the river is broad & swift with high hills on either side, now "clothed in living green" - It is more like the Hudson than any river I had seen: not on so large a scale perhaps but even more varied. There are many wide bay-like reaches that are especially fine. One in particular was at the foot of high peaks whose sides were covered with short fresh green grass with large patches of rock intensely black, the most vivid contrast I ever saw. After dinner Col took a walk accompanied by G.I. It was warm but a varied country so we enjoyed the walk. We cut across behind a hill on a bend of the river. We passed a small pond where a row of buffaloes were lying with their noses out of water, each fast tethered to a peg on shore. The custom of going to a "watering place" in the warm weather is very ancient

These individuals seemed more ^{at} perfectly contented than many I have seen at fashionable resorts at home & much more decent in their behavior than many at Cney Island ^{other} ~~many~~ ^{other} ~~places~~. After we got to the river the boat did not come for us we walked several miles before they stopped. I have not yet ascertained whether it was a Chinese joke or whether they did not wish to cross against the current. whether they were half decided to run off & leave us. On shore I was about convinced that the last was true. It was very hot & pound water over each other's heads & feet till cool. It was beautiful on shore in many places, fine banyans & clumps of large bamboos all along the way. This a. m. I read some Chinese. Our opium-smoking boatman seemed to be interested. Read a little over G. T.'s shoulder & then I gave him the Gospel of John. he says he has heard preaching and thinks it good.

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Lia-ting. 7-15 P.M. The air is occa-
sionally mist & night made hideous
by the most distressing shrieks
from the throats of boatmen
calling the wind & emitting the
groans incident to "laying out strength",
also by the exploding of firecrackers a
part of the evening worship. We
are moved by a bark fringed with
stately & beautiful bonobos, the
thorny species. The village of 5000
or 6000 people lies a few rods away.
• I climbed the hill & got a grand
view of river hills & cultivated plains.
The boats have wing like white
sails & add much to the scene.
We sent G. J. & Pang-Ko. one of
the Hak-Ka preachers (who is now ex-
plaining to the boatmen why he asked
a blessing before eating) to the villagers
to hunt up any believers that
may live here. They found one &
heard of another 3 1/2 miles away. This
first has come to the boat. is a good
looking young fellow with a

agreeable face. It is an ^{encouraging} sign that the fellows are always so glad to see one another. He brought some little pkgs with him as presents to the "boys" here. 8.25 - We had a very interesting service on the boat. Ah-Pung read Mark 3rd after a hymn & an explanation about the nature of God & his sending his Son. He gave a very good exposition of the parable of the sower to which the Capt. & the Opium Smoker listened very well. Then they sang another hymn read & Jik-Sun read John XIV 16 - I gave part of Ling-King's sermon of Sunday: after a little more explanation G. J. offered a short prayer and they sang another verse.

Now C. is getting information from the resident bro. about the branches of the river. We shall give him some tracts &c. to lend or sell to his neighbors.

Wednesday. May 2/88.

a cloudy but fine day. the river is broad & very swift. The men proposed to wait for a wind but C. & J. made a start to loose the moorings. counselors and after mending

ing a boat hook & eating breakfast. 64
They pulled along some way by the
fumbros on shore & then toward a little
further. This brought us to a bend
where the current was running like
a mill-race. A boat just ahead of
us got by & our men with the tow-
rope got on board & went with them
a little above the bend jumped ashore
& "made fast" - after a deal of pushing
& pole-ing another man went ashore,
the Capt came forward to pole
& at last with groans & grunts
innumerable we got past - a
heavy-laden boat behind us tried
to pass but could not make it.

There were 6 of them up in the bow "put-
ting out strength" - for all they were worth
but the river was too strong.

I never saw such desperate efforts
in any cause. They "lay themselves
out" literally their shoulders against
the pole feet planted on the boat,
& threw every pound of weight
& energy of muscle just at that
one point. They conquered &
the wind came up, which is now
taking us along. We passed a branch-
ful little catamot almost per per

dicular in its rocky course.

at a little distance we saw a body floating down with arms extended above the water. The boatmen think it a woman who had been drowned. One asked if the men are brought to account for killing women here. "No but in some other places no notice is taken of it." "How

women do all the work indoors and out. the men are literary or lazy often both. We have seen several

crowded boats going down to-day. One had fully 45 men ^{probably} bound to Swatow to take steamer for the South.

3 P. M. We planned to stop at Pak-Sai & explore the branch river for 10 miles or so. but the resident boatmen pro-

posed to charge a dollar to take us. as there was a fair wind to take us on our course we put off & have

failed ever since between these ^{ground} hills - covered in great part with patches of pines, little things used for fire-wood or with bamboos of a most

delicate green. these are planted & tended with jealousy care for them are the support of the people. One

place between the hills with a

a cluster of houses near their base is ⁶⁶
as picturesque as any picture of a Swiss
village I have ever seen: just opposite is
a beautiful waterfall - The boys have been
singing "O! could I speak the matchless worth
& "When he cometh to make up his jewels"
&c. &c. - A heavy rain began at
nightfall - & lasted all night - We
had worship at 8 A.M. the Capt. & the
S.S. were present & chrest. with the
rest during prayer. ⁵⁷³ Thursday - 2:50 P.M.

We took a walk about the village
near us this A.M. Pung-ko talked
to the people & they listened fairly well.
Some thought we were their an-
cestors come back. At one large
3-storied house the old man asked
us in & offered us pipes. 8 or 10
people gathered about. G. J. quoted
to me the passage in Mat. 7-12 sq.
& suggested it was a time to preach
the doctrine. P. talked some time
& offered some tracts as we left.
The old man wanted to take one
but a young son or grandson would
not let him. Two others took them.
The house had a rectangular court
in the center. with wooden galleries

about the two upper stories. 67
Later we come up to a market town
where they are having a special
worship-day. We passed within
15-ft of a temple where there were
tapers burning + offerings laid out
on tables in front. A pig laid out
in state + a great quantity of eatables
at one side were several musicians
I suppose the Chinese would call
them about equal to a lot of bag-
pipes out tune. The wind is
coming up so we go to make a little
distance as the rain has ceased. I
must go see how my ^{maxim effort} biscuit ^{is} getting on. Campbell thought that
the first half of the "batch" - baked for
dinner were good. 5 P.M. The bread
is cooked + the fry has some pears stum-
ing. The Capt. had a chill. I gave
him a heavy dose of quinine from
the bottle mother put in my dress-
ing case. C. saw his expression as
he took it + says it was indiscri-
ble, he reached for a bowl of water