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Vol V Sunday Oct. 14th 1888 -

To day Mr. Campbell has been at
Tang O. Whether Mr. P. & I went
last winter - I write of it to New-
Britain. We started at 8.25 had
a long trip, outside the bay for 2 or
3 miles, got to the beach at 10.45
one of the boatmen took us ashore on
his back. C weighs about 200 lbs.
said boatmen grunted - We got to the
Chapel after a warm walk of 20
minutes - Found that morning service
was over. We decided to have Communion
at 2 P.M. - Meanwhile C. & I went
to the upper room water talked and
eat lunch, at 1.30 they landed the
gang. A good no. assembled, I asked
Hong An teacher of the boys school
to lead, give out the hymns &c.
After hymns & prayer Ling sang spoke
on Phil. II:12 - necessity of the inward
life of the spirit & the outward life of
a good life active in giving the gos-
pel to others. Hong An spoke on vs. 13.

I read the passages in I Cor. XI & 2
the Communion Service went off well.
After it I made a few remarks. The dirty
crowded rooms made me very uncom-
fortable & I told C. I was inclined to of-
fer them 20 cents towards lime for white
washing the Chapel if they would pay
the rest & do the work. He said he had
some lime left over from the Mun
Kew Ling Chapel & would contribute
enough for this. So I made a short
attempt at speaking after the service was
over & they had left their seats - told
them I was glad to be there, glad to see
them & that I could hear & say more than
before, also glad they had a boys school. I
hoped the boys would grow up to be Chris-
tians. But I noticed that outside every
thing the hard mode was beautiful &
clean while this house was covered with
cobwebs & dirty. asked them if that was right
for God's house. They agreed with me, said
they would get rooms clean & do the work
whitewashing. one bro. would bring the lime
from Swatow. so I hope they will get
a little start. We had a comfortable

trip home tide & a light breeze in³
one favor: talked on mission plans go-
ing & coming. There was a booth
for a little theatre being put up
by the machine shop & I stopped to
take a lesson in conversation. had
quite a talk with one young man who
talked in a very promising way, said
he had heard at the hospital would some
day go to chapel to read the Holy Book.
I got some of the Dr.'s leaflets & a copy
of John went back & tried to talk
with some of them. had audience with
one or two gave them a few papers & read
John III:16 - It seems like futile la-
bor sometimes but I go on Eccles XI:6 -
I saw Miss Hess a few moments before
supper & compared notes she had been with
her teacher to Swatow. talked a little with
the women - Mrs. Inglis kindly sent up
a book on the early history of Canton
which I have glanced at a little.

Monday Oct 16/88 -

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Not an eventful day - Chinese a.m. & P.M. with a little writing - Mrs. P. invited Miss Hester to tea & we indulged in 2 games of dominos in the evening -

Tuesday Oct 17 - 1888.

This a.m. I started to go to Swatow but both the steersmen were over after Miss F.'s new boat so I waited till afternoon & then was obliged to go in a little boat as the men were at work burning off the bottom of our mission boat preparing to towing it away - I interviewed a Chinese dentist Mr. Hong Tai - Fung I believe his name is. He says two cavities need filling but he wants to put in amalgam which I have had too much of already - So I am not certain what to do. I fear Dr. Peterson will not come now. L. H. & I went to the Chapel & he talked for 3/4 of an hour I should think. The average crowd must have been 60 & certainly 100 or different ones were in I should think. They were very orderly & listened closely.

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In the evening, Miss Fuedermin
Hess and myself were invited to tea at
Dr. Ryalls - had a pleasant time. This
is about the last social company of
the warm season I suppose. Mr. Duffus
spoke of Gw'il Hung (Pung Tai jin)
being in trouble because some of his
relatives, sons or nephews, insulted the
Po-Long magistrate who is an inde-
pendent party with high official
connections. Mr. D. says that the
Gw'il is a mild & gentle appearing
man. The Chinese say he has "the face
of a sheep & the heart of a tiger". They
have a "sok gi" (proverb) that signifies
a "Chhiu-min hou" - a smiling
faced tiger".

Wednesday Oct. 17th
Chinese in the forenoon - in the P. M.
I went to Swatow, let the gentle dentist
do some work upon my teeth. He will
not hurt if he can help it but I have
not the fullest confidence in his work.
L. H. went over & talked at the Chapel
had 20 or 30 new present. This morning

we had our prayer-meeting. I led⁶
taking some passages from Luke II
describing our Lord's early life &
suggesting the model Christian. & more.
It was a good meeting - Thursday Oct 19/88

Mail this A.M. One letter from
mother - Sorry you did not get
my letter by the Riv but I feared
it might have missed. I was at the
Island - Miss F. got news from
Mrs. Cauldwell of N.Y. that she
will furnish 1000⁰⁰ for a cottage
at Double Island. Miss F. will go
down next mo. to oversee the work
the contract is already made.

Clara got a very nice letter
from her older sister. I have
been reading the Advocate this
evening, was greatly cheered by
the reports from Waldo Ass'n.
hope the work may go on.

Today I have felt dull - the warm
weather holds on & makes me languid
but I took a good row between 5 & 6.

and by being lazy all the evening
& going to bed early I hope to be all
right to-morrow. Had had a letter
from Dr. A. in which he speaks hope-
fully of candidates for China & Japan.
Says if definite appeals are made
men & money can be had.

Friday Oct 19th '88

Rainy to-day. Mr. & Mrs. P.
left for the Country to-day - then
go to Pan-thai. I take my meals
at Miss Fielde's. Have worked
at Chinese to-day - am now working
up what I have done in Turk and
Lurke & am beginning in John-
that is much easier & I think it
will be better for me to read
that first - In the first 4 pages
I only found 8 new characters.

Saturday Oct 20/88

10 P.M. Miss Fielde is the
only one of our foreigners present -
Miss H. has gone for several days
in the boat "Grace" to a station
9 miles distant. It is her first

trip alone & she draded it out⁸
started off with very good courage
Tik Sim goes as cook he bring the
only span cook on the premises.
I have been taking a "Saturday", have
felt a little dull, a trifle dyspeptic
during the week, the result of too heavy
a breakfast & browning about in the
foot last Sunday. This P.M. we
had a call from two gentlemen from
San Jose Cal. Rev. H. C. Minton and
a parishioner of his a Mr. Alvord.
Presbyterians pleasant people forny
they could not stay longer -
After dinner I rested & did some
work on one of the drawers in my desk
which you could see it. it is very
convenient for holding all my
letters &c. After tea Mrs F. had
asked me to play Reversi so I did.
3 games. won 2 by having the 2nd
play - should have won the other
but was careless after getting the
advantage once & being obliged to
play first I lost. It is quite "game."

Miss F., told an incident that well
illustrates the dangers of generosity in
this country. When she first went to
Chung Lin, she found that the ch.
was composed almost entirely of old
women - Thinking it strange she made
careful inquiry: she found that sometime
before the wife of one of the Missionaries
a well intentioned worker, had been much
interested in an old mother in law
a good Christian. After her death the
lady of the said thought it a tribute
to her memory to give her a good cof-
fin - the course of reasoning which evi-
dently followed in the astute minds of the
good - coffin - loving & death - expecting
women I need not further indicate.
It is needless to say that their children
forbore persecuting them for adopting
an alien faith - Sunday Oct 21/88 -

A bright beautiful day - warm enough
for a white suit. At 9 A.M. Hak-
Jui - preached from Matt. 7: 8 - After
that we went to Swatow - He talked

with some men on the boat so
going over. preached at the Chapel
& led the afternoon service, a
fair ^{Sunday} work for a school teacher.
We saw a lot of theatrical trappings
as we landed. H. J. told me
that the people in Swatara were to
lay out \$20,000 in theatres this
season to show their devotion to the
"Father & Mother of Heaven & Earth".

The weather changed wonderfully
after 4 P.M.: at 5 o'clock I took
a walk & found I must keep brisk,
moving not to be chilly. At 6 - I
put on a flannel suit & was none
too warm. The moon looked as
clear & red as in winter - that
peculiar clear-cut silvery bright-
ness we see on cold nights.

Monday Oct 22/88

I heard that at Mr. Duglis's house
the thermometer was 61° this
A.M. Mr. & Mrs. P. arrived
early. The boat came down &
anchored at the head of the Bay
last night - has been at Chamonix
quite steadily. Fair John Emery

I am trying Lovette. 11
arranging the words learned
each day & their rearrange-
ment to his system. Cannot
tell how long my motor will
hold good but hope to carry
the plan out. I am beginning
to do a little in analyzing the
characters & am getting a better
insight or in-learning into the
peculiarities of tone & inflection.

Wish I could have taken a fuller
course under Prof Curry. What
I did get is very help-ful-

Tuesday Oct. 2nd/88 -

Cool & delightful - but windy
I should have gone to Swanton
but it is too rough on the bay.
do not think I shall row either;
was out last evening & bounced
over the waves - enjoyed it much.
To-day the usual programme of Chi-
nese has been followed. The Lai-
sette thus far works well.

This forenoon after study I began
 trimming the bamboos in front of
 the house. They "get their growth"
 the first year + some have shot
 up in the place where the rest have
 their tops cut off so as not to
 hide the view of the bay. I dis-
 covered one of the floor timbers in my
 study is all gone decay or white-
 ants or both. Ji nau says their
 theater cost \$150. + that Allen
 + the other foreigners gave \$15. +
 towards it. This afternoon

I told L. H. about that young
 man in Dr. Green's church who
 saw John III:16 written on the wall.
~~we~~ we were reading that chapter -

After the lesson was over I had him
 tell it to me + I was pleased to find
 he got it all + did not make
 as many changes as I expected
 in choice of words. My tailor
 sent the mitt of my last order to-
 day. He has made me another
 suit from the brownish grey
 + camel matter got from Boston,
 a double breasted sack coat, vest + trousers

a neat comfortable suit. He ¹³
furnished trimmings cut made it
for \$35⁰⁰. He also turned yr-made
a black coat vest I got 3 1/2 yrs.
ago & they are almost as good as
new. About \$40⁰⁰ I think he charges.
Wednesday Oct. 24-

A perfect day - I have done about
as usual - only have had more inter-
ruptions than usual. The subscrip-
tion for Mrs. Dr. Pollock family
comes about to-day. They have now
about \$1400⁰⁰ - It seemed to me
much like paying for liquors -
that was the cause of the whole
difficulty - Mrs. Hill has been
interceding to get a house here
for the Dutch Minister who
wishes to spend the winter here -
But Mr. P. concluded he had no
right to let Dr. A.'s property & the
Mission's houses on all in use.
It is not safe to let houses to
foreigners their way of living are
not in conformity with N. J.
teachings. There have been over
two cases here that prove this.

This party is represented as a ¹⁴
pleasant elderly gentleman, but I
am glad he is not coming. He has
no return, but his servants may
smoke opium & make our own
dissatisfied, too. It is not agreeable
to so many of our fellow-forgiv-
ers, but the world knows about
them the less I care to have to do
with them, tho' many of them
are quite nice people & the relations
between missionaries & community
are pleasanter here than in almost
any part besides, so I am told.

We had a good prayer-meeting
to-night. Mr. P. led, reading

Phil. III. Thursday Oct 25th/88

After the usual Chinese in the forenoon
I planned to go to Swatow in the after-
noon. In the forenoon wrote up
some letters to send with copies
of the 'appeal'. At 3 P.M. I went
taking Lung Heng so that he could
preach at the chapel: my company
gradually increased. Misses & Miss

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Father sent word they would like to go over. & later Mrs Campbell sent up to get the boat. So besides the 4 boatmen & H. H. were the 3 ladies & 2 of the Campbells - the two little girls - so I had plenty of company. The little G. s are funny little things. In their U.S. churches every body was "brother" or "sister" which titles are abrogated here. It sounds odd when these girls designate Mr. Loring (the oldest a little over 5) saw Gov. Andrews's picture in the Century & exclaimed "Why! there is Bro. Andrews!" It does show a resemblance to Dr. A.

Miriam the next one, had a copper cent on a ribbon about her neck & answered my inquiry about it by saying "That's mine Bro. Bortidge made the hole in it."

"Bro Bortidge" has a rather nice quite a little such work. I finished my accounts & at a little before sundown went to the E. P. Mission. Mrs. Lyall was having

a Friday party in honor of 16

George Gibson, had all the Community youngsters on the lawn, they were having a fine time -

Friday Oct 26/88

My day was broken up somewhat by the carpenter who had discovered 4 decayed sills under my study & shoved things up to replace them. Fortunately they were so far gone as to be picked apart & they ^{mine} did not take up the floor. In the P.M. I could not study very well in the afternoon & could not use my room but discussed the revelation of the old & new covenants with L. H. it was a help to me in the language & I hope it was to him in doctrine. We had prayer meeting in the evening - Chinese service. In the afternoon I went to Jimmie at Mr. Woodruff's. He is an American & the present Commissioner of Education. It is the first time I have been

since Spring & the last as 17
long as they have liquor. I am
more than disgusted with their
social drinking. Dr. Pollock's
Career has had no effect at all.
I should not have given this time
had it not been one N.S. &
neighbor's first "social event".

Saturday - Oct 27 -

I had a bad headache come
on Friday afternoon & suffered
from it in the night. Mr. P.
I had an appointment at
the Consulate in Swatow so
went over at 9. A. M. Miss
Hess had taken some of the
women & gone for a days
tour to Kuoh Chiu in our
"sompau" so we took a
little bar-man boat &
went over, after some errands
in the city we trucked up
to the Barnis that a pleasant
call. Shipping was active.

5 Steamers at morning & 3 more
 on the way in. The sea was very
 rough coming back. I forgot I
 did not have a dollar with me & had to
 get trusted at the bazaar for 20¢ worth
 of peppermint. Mr. C. had 40¢ cash left
 & I managed to fish out a five cent
 piece & one cent - amounting to 10¢
 cash in value. A couple to Kak
 Chick found out, "Boatman do not
 hurry for ~~we~~ will give thee all the
 cash ~~we~~ we got to row us over the
 ferry." My last Sunday's man
 turned up his nose & said with crush-
 ing emphasis "Mái". (I do not want)
 Later two youths "took us up" & took
 us over in a "Lai Chiáw" - a boat
 with a wide stern narrow bow that
 rides the waves finely. I slept
 most of the afternoon - tried as com-
 pletely as possible to get ready for
 Sunday. The headache improved
 very much.

Sunday Oct. 28th 19
8 P.M.

This a.m. I finished my breakfast & packed my lunch so as to leave Mr. P.'s house at about 6.30 - stopped for one or two things at my room & went to the boat. Last night the wind was very strong from the East, but this a.m. was N. W. steady. The first time for weeks, so we had opposing wind & tide both. The men were obliged to row all the way & it was fully 3 hours before we halted at the necessary place in the crowded if not "raging" canal. It was warm walking. Yesterday I donned a thin set of flannels. We had a safe passage through the straits & I was not thronged so much as usual - though often accosted as "Foreign devil", "Little foreigner" etc. etc. At the chapel we found a few brethren, An elderly bro. who is in the Students class had come over yesterday & I had him take the lead in the morning service as he has

been there several times before²⁰
& is a "lão nãi" (venerable man)
I requested him to preside. The
deaf, loud-talking man, who has
been excluded for gambling, was
there & was insisting that the doors
be opened to the heathen public fully
an hour before the time. He was
silenced by the old-woman who
acts as chapel-keeper. Soon come
time I informed him through L.H.
who shouted in his ear that in a little
while they would be opened, as they
was quite a no. come listened
quiet. Mrs Pan led, a hymn
was sung, prayer offered & then
L.H. read a little from Isa. xvi 2-3
They explained how we conduct the service
at K.C. They did not respond
quickly - a hymn was sung N.P.
spoke on the call of Rev. etc. then
my formerly advised Carpenter spoke
very well to the heathen about the
manner of our worship & the mean-
ing of the Lord's Supper. After a

hymn & prayer L. H. preached 2
very forcibly from Rom. II:16 -
I was rather amused at his appearance
in a "tug-tug sa" (a long coat) of the peculiar
proportions. the first time he had
indulged in the teacher's garb -
but he forgot it & held his audience
well - part of the time heather tall
was perfectly still. He then
distributed some of the Dr's leaflets -
& the service closed. I had a chance
to talk to an "outside man" to
a young man who came 7 miles
to service. he seems to be promising
though not yet ready for membership.
An old woman present had come 10
miles & seemed very happy.

I eat my lunch prepared for the
Communion & at 2 o'clock that
service was held after a short ser-
mon of 10 minutes from L. H. on
Phil II:12. I believe a partial re-
petition of what he said at Lang O.
I made a bold attempt at Com-
munion on the passage road for
Communion - spoke of the first
Supper when there were but a few

10 persons know Christ has
 10,000 times 10,000 disciples all
 over the world, so were were but
 a few more than 10 but if we had
 faith & were faithful we may see
 a great company soon in Trinidad -
 It was good service. The big
 Dr. who was excluded was most
 appeared well. A heathen came in
 to see him sat very quietly through
 the service, hope it may do him good.

We left with the salutations of his
 sisters - got safely to the boat passing
 a theatre in full blast, had a long road
 home & got to the home just 12
 hours after I left it - Little
 things sometimes are encouraging -
 I asked N. P. after service if
 the heathen generally behaved as
 well as to-day she said "Some-
 times so, sometimes not." "To-day
 they did not offend" I said - "No, I
 I prayed that they might not."
 Prayer has strength" he replied.
 The woman who walked 10 miles has

bring feet

Monday Oct 29. 23-

Have been at work on my worn
most of the day. got the mattring
down. furniture back. books in the
case still in good condition. The
boys are excellent helpers. L. K.
has been at school but has worked
all his spare time. This A. M.
I was cheerd to see that Dr. Bright
had published at least the article I
feared had gone to the waste basket.
This P. M. I met Chinese, talked
with L. H. about Jui-Lo's affairs.
He says the people understand what
I said yesterday surprised.
I feel much better for Monday
little study room active employ-
ment. Miss Hess has invited
us all to her house to a musicale.
Imagine she, Mrs. C. & Mrs. P. will
do the music - Mr. P. & I the
rest. The weather is perfect.

Tuesday Oct 30/88

Another fine day though rather
warm & oppressive. This P. M.

Miss Hers must for a two days-
 trip. On the way to the boat she
 & Miss F. called in to see my place
 as I had asked them to do & I wanted
 to ask them about my planting
 of flower-seeds. which they ad-
 vised putting in pots. Miss F.
 was greatly delighted with my
 desk.

I studied Chinese but
 not so long as usual. I find it
 Exhausting work I must be content
 till the cool weather is establish-
 ed. It seems a very simple
 matter broad after a teacher
 but it calls a great many pow-
 ers into action & demands close
 application. I tried translating
 from English into Chinese the first
 Chap. of Mark I have read so many
 times & got on very well.

At noon talked with Mr. P. & decided
 to go next week for a fortnight

Trip to the South.

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I am taking an easy week to get in good condition. Went to Swatow at 4 P.M. Miss F. D. took tea with the Lyalls. It is a glorious starlight night & I was coming up from the boat with J. K. behind carrying a lantern. My own thoughts were on the stars & how they must have looked to Abraham, when I heard J. K. give an exclamation of disgust & say "Da' chuan!" Just then I looked down & saw a snake glide by me. J. K. picked up some lumps of mud & killed the reptile who glided upon the Chapel verandah. I think it is a cobra - feel very thankful for the escape.

Wednesday Oct 3rd 26

It was a cobra about 3 ft long.
Mr. P. said it could not have bitten
me through my shoes or clothing,
but a barefooted Chumana would
have succumbed. After working to
prepare for the evening prayer meeting
I went to the Stir Me Ho whose
Capt is a N. E. man & had his
wife with him on this trip.

Mr. P. sent them an invitation
to "tiffin". I found them very
agreeable; they could not come
at noon but could come for 6-30
supper. He is a Salem-born
man now hailing from Malden,
she is from Durham N. H. is a
Baptist. but I fear she has not
taken a very decided stand
here. L. K. has done very
well this mo. & as I did not
raise his wages I made him
a present of a cap. His father
got it in Swatow. A gaudy blue

one of watered silk - He thanked
me for it. Capt. & Mrs. Hunt come
& we had a pleasant visit from
them. We had the prayer-meeting
after they left - 8 to 9 P.M. - I led.
~~took~~ Isaiah - LIX: 16 To LX: 5 - The general
thoughts of Isaiahs grand vision gave
him this faithful narration of it, al-
though the condition of his people at
the time was as bad as shown by
the first part of ch. LIX. Then the
connection of the last of LIX - & the first
part of ch. LX. the word of the
Lord & the Spirit of the Lord dwelling
in Gods people will transfigure
them & their glory shall be seen
by all nations. True lives feeding
on the word & purged by the Spirit
thru by enlighten'd shall illumine
the world. of Christs words "You
the light of the world." Let your lights
shine etc". Thursday Nov. 1 -

I also gave J. S. Mosey & my him
a Cap which seemed to please him.
I also sent him to Swanton for some

photographs which are promised ²⁸
I can send them by this mail.

This has been a good day for me
in studying. I had a "good bit" in
review, & in advance a chapter in the
Lute review John (IX + V) not 20
new characters in both. I also in re-
sponse to a request fr. L. H. gave him
an analysis of a sermon. The one I
~~took~~ preached here in the Winter.
Eph 2: 20 - "Jesus Christ himself".
In the P. M. I examined him on it
& he gave it quite fully. This gave
several expressions that are valuable.
I also read back from the English
Nik III - feel encouraged as study
has gone hand in glove. It is
worn - Friday Nov. 2nd

Write an Exodus to-day. Miss
Hess left for Tang-O - will return
Monday. The Partridges left for
up river above Pan thai, expect
to be back Monday. I sent to Sun
to Swatow for flowers - pots, do
not know if he has fallen

into the bay with them or not. ²⁹
hope her will get them here safely.
I board with Miss Forde, have
been reading hymns in the little
old hymn-book used in the ship
to which we are going -

Saturday - Oct 3 -

Besides finishing a letter to Father &
our tutor A. I have done out
little - have begun preparations for
steering off the boat on Monday
getting dried fruits & a few such
things laid out & given J. S. direc-
tions for the things he is to make -
also have put out a part of my
clothes & bedding to be taken -

The day is overcast - looks
like rain to-morrow -

Sunday Oct 4

No rain - a delightfully comfortable
day - An morning service was a good
one - & kept within the hour - Longden
preached on Heb. 4: 9 - I had the

privileges of hearing the analysis
 I gave him put into use. It was
 apparently satisfactory to the Chinese.
 I spoke to Tak Sim about going
 to Swatow with A-jin a Hak-Ka
 & working among the boatmen (J. S. by
 the way got back all right from Swatow
 with his purchase & unit again Sat 4)
 I found him ready to go. I tried using
 his warning me of the snake the other
 night as a "pi jin" (parable) of his
 having the light & being able to
 warn his countrymen which seemed
 to impress him. A-jin was at
 first not quite ready to go, but later
 after I had nearly exhausted my vocabu-
 lary upon him he started off in
 good spirits - They L. H. & I went
 in a little native boat. They had
 opportunity to talk in two boats.
 There was a large crowd at the
 chapel. L. H. & the Dea. preached. I
 read the Dr.'s tract before service

to the amusement of the 31
edification of the crowd. At the
close I tried talking upon it
got quite interested & held forth
with more volubility & vigor than
I intended had quite a crowd about
me, fear they did not understand
much but hope they did a little.

Miss Fields went to Tivⁿ Idⁿ &
had an encouraging day, so we
were all away at noon. I took
tiffin alone, & slept till 4
P.M. Service. A young bro. talked
for $3/4$ of an hour I fear not to
the edification of the people. Channing
Sui, spoke several minutes to set
the subj. right after he finished.
This evening I have been talking
with Miss Fields on mission
matters. Monday Nov. 5/88

Rain to-day - This a.m. Miss F.
told me something I want to re-
member so will jot it down.

As you may infer from Stockton's
 & House's stories Missions are
 the common subject of ridicule
 on steamers & by foreign residents in
 the East. & there is a small library
 of anecdotes about them that
 would add materially to the world's
 stock of fiction if printed. One
 of the most memorable of these
 is the "few remaining bricks"
 story - of a missionary who said
 he had money sent to build a
 chapel which he constructed &
 with "the few remaining bricks"
 built himself a modest cottage,
 but when the two were seen -
 there was a large airy house
 & a small one-roomed chapel.
 Mr. Barnard's heart on the
 Pacific Striper that a Japan-
 missionary was the man thus
 reported as he inquired of foreigners
 in Yokohama when he might

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view the "F. r. b." "Oh", they said
we have heard all about that but the
man is a Shanghai missionary;
at Shanghai - they said "He is
in Tientsin." At Tientsin they
said, "That was in Canton". At
Canton everybody in the foreign
community was familiar with
the facts(?) but Singapore was
the scene of the story. At Singa-
pore they had never heard of the story.
This probably now they tell it
of some one in China & Japan.

The day has been quite broken up by
preparations for going away. I went
to Swatow ~~early~~ in the afternoon &
brought some needed articles -
The steersman of the Peace the smaller
boat which I take to go through the
Canal it will be to night. Tek
Sim has been up for medicine
a new thing for him. but I hope
they will be all right - The
blown seeds were planted to-day.

Tuesday Nov. 6/88 34

Chined in the forenoon. In the P.M. I
sent off a letter, as a Blue Funnel
Steamer come in to go out very soon
& took the mail to Hong Kong. I feared
this steamer's coming in might make
a difference with Capt Williams being
at home Wednesday so went about
in the Post Office gig. by Mrs.
Milkman's invitation. There were
between 500 & 600 Coolies going to
Singapore. They must all be count-
ed & the little ones asked if they
go of their own free will, as there
has been trouble about kidnapping.
I went to Swatow with Capt. Palmer
of the Customs. & had quite a talk
with him about shipping. He
was 4th yrs. on the Great Eastern.

Wednesday - Nov. 7/88
This P.M. I worked an hour and

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move before breakfast getting ready
my things to be taken to the boat.
At 8 a.m. I went to the Island with
Miss Fielder. We had the tide & got
there in an hour. went up to look at
the Cottage which is coming on
well: the walls are now more than half
done: there has been a little trouble
from officials but I don't think
there will be a fight over it. They
want to find out who sold the land.
It is a trick of theirs to find out this
thing the man up by the thumbs or
otherwise torture him till the foreigner
may be so distressed at causing such
suffering ^{as} to relinquish his land.

I had a greeting from my friend
the dog, who remembered me & rap-
ed with joy. He got into the boat &
had to be thrown out when we started
home. I had a cordial welcome
also from Capt Williams who in-
sisted on my having some Cocoa.

We talked an hour or more & had
 at last a good chance to broach the
 subject of the house & he surprised
 me by saying he would sell for
 \$8000⁰⁰ - After we got a little way
 out Miss F. was so much im-
 pressed with the bargain as to want
 to go back at once & look the
 house over, which we did.
 It is quite a habitable place &
 there is ground for building at
 the rear a "bungalow" in an ex-
 cellent & cool breezy place. That
 will give the Hak Ka Mission
 a good summer retreat.

In the afternoon I studied a little
 & we had the prayer meeting at
 Mrs. Campbell's in the evening.
 Mrs. C. thought so did their servants
 that they saw my boat coming back at
 dusk, but it was a mistake as we start
 in the morning.

Kui Siu River Nov. 8/88 -
Dear Father,

Please glance
over the enclosed &
send to Dr. Bright.
I hope that this mail
will reach you via
the City of New York and
that some account of my
trip will go also -

Affectionately Your Son
John M. Foster.

Thursday Nov. 8th 34

This P.M. I found enough to keep me busy half an hour before breakfast & until 10-30 doing the last things needed before going away. J.S. got his bread baked & all his numerous cooking materials & utensils ready at that time. We had a beautiful day - "obedient tide, obedient wind". Made good time to Tier 2. There one boatman awaited us & carried our goods to the house boat. We walked out side the city wall but I was the cynosure of all eyes & observed of all observers. All these observations I regret to say were not complimentary - I was hungry & ate 2 bananas & an orange on the way & a hearty lunch of bread butter jam & gingerbread after reaching the boat. J.S.'s bread was perfect.

It is light, sweet & just 38
Cooked through - I got a nice
nap on the seat of the sampans
& felt in good condition. We
got quickly into the bay, had mind
& tide still with us so got to
a stone bridge which is the
worst obstruction in our way
by 5 P.M. They moved to lower
sail & in step the mast by a
little but when an old man
hires & catches a "fish-privilege",
L.H. went ashore & talked with
him, preached him quite a
"gospel sermon" - left him a
leaflet. The old man worships
A Ma - the sailors goddess.
He is alone in the world &
gets 5¢ per day for watching
this - he gets fish & crabs to
eke out his living - We were
fortunate in reaching the bridge
when the water was low enough
to let us through & made a

I wanted to go ashore & walk 39
but the men protested so I took
hold of my car & got some good
exercise, which gave me a good
appetite for supper.

Friday - Nov. 9th 88 -

We travelled a part of the night
but I slept quite well - & rose
at 6 a.m. We stopped at Si Bejan
as I decided to visit Kho Khoi.

J. S. roasted a piece of beef &
some potatoes so I had a capital
breakfast, & made some sandwiches
to take with me. P. S. was not
well, had a fever so I gave him
some acornite & told him to keep
out of the sun. We set out at about
9 a.m. going first through some
villages where lime burning &
stone-cutting seem to be the chief
business & thence our way was almost
wholly through the fields of rice & sugar
corn with sweet potatoes & other
vegetables at intervals. L. H. in-
quired the way of various per-

Sons, All of whom were greatly 40
interested to gaze on a foreigner &
quite puzzled that I could under-
stand any of their speech. As we
nearly the village an old woman
followed us with whom L. H.
talked about "the doctrine" - she
said "gāi chāi" "very nice" but
he told her no it was "God's word".
At the chapel we found a lot of chil-
dren, the matron of the girls' school
& one of the girls who is betrothed
to a grandson of Hāi Lāi the
sick man. Some a lot more of
his descendants came. I went
in to see the old man & presented
the salutations of the people at
Kah. Chieh. I ate lunch at the
chapel & tried to get a nap on one of
the benches. At 2 P. M. we started
back. had a warm walk - had oc-
casional opportunities to talk with
people by the way. I got quite
interested in a young man who

who walked with us some 41
way & an old man who was
standing in his field. He started
at about 4 P.M. for Kui Si
I was tired & read a little, & took
a nap. In the evening we visited
the chapel which is on a miniature
island surrounded by bamboos.
The Bible Woman was there & was
quite urgent that we go to the Man-
darin about a man who had been
stealing bamboos.

Saturday Nov 10/88

I did not feel much like stir-
ring about so made a call at the
Chapel & did a little work
preparing for Sunday. In the
P.M. we went to the Chapel & talked
with an woman 72 yrs. old who
wishes baptism. She is not very
well versed in the doctrine but
seemed to be sure that trusting in
the Lord would save our soul &
to be genuinely happy in worshipping
God. I had opportunity to experi-

ment with my Chinese in question-
 ing & also in doing a little preach-
 ing to a woman who came in to
 listen. She thought I was a doctor &
 was anxious to get help for some
 of her family: she sat down & soon
 put on a pair of huge round specta-
 cles & went to work upon a pair of
 cloth shoes for her bound feet.
 I endeavored to explain to her
 that this doctrine was medicine
 for the soul. Quite a lot of people
 came in the course of the day.
 Later I finished getting ready
 for Sunday. Sunday Nov. 11/84.

We got to the Chapel between 8 &
 9 o'clock. An old man & his
 two sons were there who were
 Candidates. We questioned the old
 man without great success
 & decided to wait till more came
 in so that the two could also
 be questioned. At 10 o'clock we had ser-
 vice. L.H. explained about the

way the K.C. Service is con-43
ducted & then several took
part. L.H. preached from Jno. 3/16.

1 - The goodness of God in creating
& preserving us.

2 - The gift of his Son. 3 - Faith

necessary to appropriate this gift.

Conclusion as God has loved us we
should love him. At 1-30

I went again to the chapel & we

questioned the candidates. One

boy I feel much interested in, he

is 18 but looks ^{over} 15. His mother
is 13. A man of 48 also came &

seems promising. We decided not

to baptize any now. It was low tide

& I did not feel like taking the

responsibility of accepting or post-

poning the people. I tried to tell

them it was a very important

step & vitally affected the church.

I forgot to state that a messenger

came in the forenoon to announce

Han Lan's death & invite us to

the funeral at Khon Khoi on Sat-

urday next. I expect to be there.

At 2 - We had Communion. 44

I proposed a sort of Bible-reading using Heb. X: 25 - as a starting point

The assembling of Sam Linn's family gave me a first point. Relatives are disposed to assemble at the family home - or on all one family as Christ says in Mark

III - all who do Gods will are his relatives. This old man is dead & can no more help anyone

but Christ has risen & has promised to be with ever 2 or 3 who meet in his name. Mt XVIII: 20 -

People go to a temple when or unless idols how much more should we go to a chapel when our ministers are & when the Lord has promised to be present.

Then we should be anxious for the salvation of others - They said they understood me & hope they did. The most difficult

question of the day came up in the presence of 5 or 6 E. P. Mission ch. members. I did not want to offend them, nor to

as the Sr. Dowling as told 45-
L. H. to tell them to do as their hearts
prompted. I did not feel that I
could invite them because I
believed it was the Lords will
that persons should be first
immersed. The "Kiri Kiri" custom
was one he established it was
not ours. They took it in good
part and sat aside. It had a
good effect on our members
too, apparently. After service
I talked near to some boys at
the door. one of them quite a
bright fellow. "His father is
a graduate" they told me with
great emphasis. I was tired
& slept the rest of the afternoon
wrote a little in the evening
Monday P.M. Nov. 12/88.

I have been writing up the
last few pages on a little boat
going up to Howe Id.

6.40 P.M. 45

We got along very well in the
little craft, rowed by an un-

for beginning of this - over 46
Compromising looking old
man with a frown on his face &
varicose veins on his legs. His
voice is savage & gruff enough
to answer for "Charlie" in David
Copperfield. We walked 3 or 4
miles from Nam Sên to Chhiak
Liâu. & were welcomed by the
bro'n & sisters there. We had worship
there & questioned two old women
& one young man ~~to~~ whom
I deemed very satisfactory. The
young man is one to whom the
house belongs wherein is the room
we use as a chapel. There are
some other believers in the
same region not yet baptized.
The young man was at first
disposed to come to Kak Chieh
to be baptized but was willing
to witness before his neighbors -
so decided to receive the ordinance
there. There was a brother who

seems very genuine & faithful, 47
He is greatly interested for his
aged mother. One coincidence
interested me. As we entered the
village I noticed an ancestral
Temple nearly finished one of the
best specimens of stone cutting & hand
finished walls I have ever seen in
China. The thought occurred to
me, "What a good chapel it
would make & well it ever be
used as a place of Christian
worship?" - As we left the
village this bro. & two others
accompanied us. We went into
look at a Buddhist house of
worship & as we came out he said
"Some day perhaps the people who
worship in these places will
give them to God as his due".
I have not been in any place
where I enjoyed more meeting
with the church members.
We met a great many people
on the road among them a

Young queue-less Buddhist 48
Brist, whom we met going & coming
back - the latter time he seemed
inclined to stop & R. H. had a
long talk with him. hope it
may do him good - At a little
roadside eating stand he also
had an audience. At a Catholic
village they were rude and
insolent. I was tired when we
reached the boat - We got back
here just at dusk - One peculiar
feature I omitted to mention in our
trip from Si be pon - at our place
nearly every home-top was decorated
with a bamboo stuck in a socket
made of sheaf of rice straw put on
the ridge-pole & then were little
red flags on some of the bamboos.
Two theatres were in full blast &
crowds of people were in attend-
ance. They remind me of the Uni-
tarian churches at home that
have a stage & fixed curtain in their
vestries. as this is a part of their wor-
ship

Tuesday - Nov 13/88 49

This A. M. we went to Hen Chin's
the home of several ch. members -
One of them was outside her house &
invited us in, then got a bench for
us to sit upon in the st. L. H. spoke
to several there who listened for some
time. The old man who applied
for baptism & his elder son came
& greeted us. We then went to their
house. L. H. stood in the doorway
& spoke for a few moments. A young
man came in sat down & listened
for some time with good interest.
He is one of 8 or 9 brothers, whose
parents have recently died. He
himself has never worshipped the
Lau Jai. An older bro. urged him
to go with him one evening to wor-
ship & attend a theatre. The bro.
was taken sick the next day &
died suddenly - This man con-
cluded the Lau Jai did not help

to any great extent & declined to ⁵⁰
believe in them. He talked quite
a little & admitted "the doctrine" to
be a good one, one that each should
believe for himself. I have not
seen anyone who seemed really
so much impressed by the gospel.
We cannot tell how lasting the
impressions may be but trust
they may lead him on into the
light. We went with an aged sister
to her house, she has several daughters
in law who do not believe. The
no. of women & children that flock-
ed in was astonishing, there is
no immediate danger of the race
becoming extinct here unless several
successive rice-crops fail.

As we were coming back a Chi-
nese woman, the most ugly-fierce
looking one I have seen was calling
after her little daughter who had
apparently run away to see the

strangers. She seized the poor ⁵⁷
little creature by the hair & threw
her head against the wall with one
hand & pummelled her with
the other fist - the child all the
while crying piteously. L. H. went
up & stopped her telling her it
was all well ^{enough} to whip the child's
body (which he gently illustrated
with his umbrella,) but to pound
her head against the wall was
not safe. The woman seemed to
consider his advice friendly &
changed, holding the girl's head with
one hand & pounding it with
the other, when at L. H. again re-
monstrated telling her the child in
the future would be "no good." Could
not do any work if her head were
damaged. This eminently practical
view seemed to place the matter
in a new light & the fond (of
beating her child) mother desisted.

The young man's view was decidedly utilitarian, but let us hope in the future this "civilized heathen" will remember that she cannot get much money when she wants to marry the girl off if her brains have been disturbed by too vigorous discipline - I felt quite encouraged about the old man Nie-
Buan His son they appeared very well & glad to have us preach in their house. I suggested to L. H. that as most of those present were believers he ask the old man if he would like to have a prayer offered which was glad to have. I tried the young man's memory of the little tract which he learned to read on Sunday. He could read it quite well. He led us out by a shorter way so we got back to the boat before noon. They are thrashing the rice now by the primitive

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method of pounding a sheaf at
a time on a little wooden rack
put inside a tub, a mat is
set up in the tub at the back sides
to prevent the grain from flying out.
We passed a hand winnowing
machine about as large as a
good big modern Churn.

The absolute self-satisfaction with
which they carry on these ^{ancient}
operations falls little short of the
sublime. In the afternoon

I studied for a time & took a long
nap. This evening went up to
the chapel & talked with F.
& the Bible Woman who is
chapel-keeper. Expect to go
to Hue Suan Chau to-morrow
morning. It is a beautiful
moon light evening -

Wednesday - Hue Suan Chau Nov. 14 -
This P.M. We started a little after
8 o'cl. walked through the damp dunes

streets of Kui Si much to the ⁵⁴
delight of many curious observers.
This is quite a center for trade and
will be a good center for work, when
there are men enough to span one for
this place. Our way lay all the
way through rice fields, past 2 or
3 villages when they have not seen
many foreigners & when the journey
seems out in great numbers thinking
me "very entertaining". The last
part of our route led us to a hilly
region where we could see a large
no. of fields planted with sugar-
Cane. The chapel is in a secluded
spot, was built years ago as a
residence & center for work before we
had anything established. 5 or 6 of
our best stations are now located within
a radius of 25 miles & there is a vast
work yet to be done here. At the
Chapel we found the Bible Woman
a very good sister & one of the brethren
who received us cordially. A man
came in who is raising a mission

tion to build the dikes along ⁵⁵
the little stream that flows by
this place. I went over the list
of Ch. members with L. H. & the Bros.
who is now gone to tell some of the
Bm sisters in neighboring villages
that we are here - 1-15-P.M. I
have taken a short nap & eaten my
dinner of chicken sandwiches, ginger
bread with raisins in it, & fruit, an orange
& a piece of pummelo I guess it
is spelled - at any rate it is pro-
nounced just like the name of the
Frenchman who used to work at
the R. R. shop & do chums at Mr.
Philbrick's. The fruit without
looks like a Florida orange 5 or
6 inches in diameter, the pulp is
divided like an orange, is not
very sour, tastes like a very
mild lemon with a flavor with
malic acid - We get my good
ones brought from Amoy also
from Siam. I have been

Waiting for some of the boys to 56
come. - 4.40 - P.M. On the boat -
I got some useful hints from
the conversation between H.H. & some
Bible Women - They were criticizing
certain general sermons for being
too long &c. &c. Two of the boys
came over had worship, then
we walked back - had one very
good opportunity to talk to some
men one of whom went some way
with us & H.H. gave him consider-
able truth. A woman ~~was~~ stood a
woman came invited us to call
at her house said she attended
the chapel regularly & worshipped
God, asked us to visit her when
we come again. We got back
back to the boat a little
after 4 P.M. & as the tide
was full I asked why we
could not go down to the stern -
man said we could so I went to
the chapel to summon R.H. &
hid the chapel-keeper faithful.
We are now en route for the before

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We had a fine row by moonlight & reached our mooring at 8 o'clock. After a session over Chinese language we started out to try it on the listeners. We found by conversation with an old man close by that a "sister" was still living in the next village so we went thither but she was not at home. Her daughter-in-law invited us to call & finally brought us a seat. But we did not go in, promised to come next week. L. H. had a good chance to talk to the people in the street. After dinner I took a nap & we started for Tra' Pin. saw several aged sisters now nearly ninety, with the sight of our eyes destroyed by a cataract but put on a clean jacket & donned her checked head-dress & pair of sandal-like shoes, took her staff & trudged off to guide us to the chapel. We found the Ho. in whose house is the

room used for worship - After talk-
ing with him & going over the list of
Church-members. L. H. talked with the
men & children who crowded about
the door and offered a prayer. Then
we went back by a different route
calling at the house of one of the women
who was baptized last Communion
& two others came to greet us. They
were very anxious for us to come in &
eat & drink tea but we had not time.
Our guide was very loth to leave us
at a cross road but the steersman
who was with us assured her he knew
the way so she gave us her salutations
of "Peace" & we parted. I found
letters from Mr. Patchidge & Clara,
which the messenger brought back -
I was as you may suppose delighted
to get them & there was just light
enough to read them. This was the
first news I had of the Election, although
I dreamed a few nights ago that
Harrison was elected - a case
where dreams did not go by Contraries.

Friday. Nov. 16/59

This morning there was a dense fog -
but about 8 o'cl. it "burned away" -
at 6 - Chiang sui + Bu Chien
passed by on their way to the funeral -

I noticed some preparations of a Huang-
Chui nature on the opposite bank &
asked L. H. if they were not prepara-
tions for a funeral. Finding they were I
started out to see. They had a portu-
ble shrine with offerings of oranges
& whiskey & incense sticks before it.

A Huang-Chui Teacher was present &
several men who were preparing the
grave. We talked with them some
time. They seemed to be amused at
my questions as to the fate of the
oranges if the Lau Ia would eat
them & when was the month that
would eat them. L. H. had a
long talk with me & others who
seemed quite impressed with the ideas

of a savoury taste. "If a man's ⁶⁰
sins are great, can he forgive them &
the man be saved?" - He was formerly
impressed with the doctrine. All, even
the Huang-chi Teacher admitted that
this "Mid-water" business was not a
vital matter & that there is a God.

Later we saw from the boat that the
Coffin was being borne to the grave &
again went over. The Coffin was painted
black & had evidently "been on hand"
a long time. The man covered it
& a new suit of clothes was on the coffin,
his sleeping mat under it. Also two
red cloth parcels filled with poddy-
chaff with one or two cash sewed
on the outside to simulate pieces of
gold - a lot of paper money had
been scattered along the road.

L.H. had further opportunity to preach
to them & some showed quite an interest.
I have been writing this with a lot
of youngsters looking in at the window.

At 3.30 P.M. we set out. I ⁶¹
enjoyed listening to L. H. who talked
about all the way - the first half
to one of a company of young men
platen to a party of 3 boys 13 or 14
yrs. old who had been to market
with a 'carry' of bowls to sell.
L. H. quite out did himself in
talking with them. They evidently
were pleased with his kind & pa-
ternal way & what he said showed
genuine ability as a teacher.
He led them along to see the
folly of worshipping the little
shrines in the house, the Landā
or Heaven & Earth, the last he illus-
trated by a house. He applied
the argument ^{from} design very aptly
by the bowls they sold which
could not for want them not a
maker. I think he must have been
tired when he got here at 5.30.
J.S. got my supper in good season.

There was a large delegation ^{61 1/2}
from K. C. at the chapel. & they
talked till late so I could not get
to sleep & a theatre in the distance
kept me awake so I got very
little sleep - Saty. Nov. 17.

The crowds are just dispersing
it has been a hard rainy day.
A great crowd here probably 15-20
in the procession. They went first
to the house had a hymn & prayer.
Then to an open square where

Chiang Sui preached from Heb 9/27
Then the procession formed &
filed along towards the grave -

At one point some of the relatives
& others left. Further on still
more fell out. A few went to
the grave; a hymn & prayer closed
the services. It was very hot
in the sun - all the children
of H. L. were clothed in sackcloth, the
next generation in white with sack cloth
on their heads.

In the afternoon I wrote & slept. 62
Ching Siu & all the Hak Chick
friends left & I sent letters to them.

Sunday Nov. 18-184.

A very good service this fore-
noon - quite similar to that at
Kui Siu excepting that here 60 or
70 assembled & there were several
to take part in the exercises more
than at K.S. They gathered early
so while waiting I called L.H.
to lead them in practicing some
hymns. I did not get much
time to myself between the ser-
vices. At 2 P.M. we had com-
munion I made a few feeble
remarks on Luke X: 17 & 20.

In the evening we had worship &
practised a few of the hymns.
It was a tiresome day for me.

Monday Nov 19/84.

During the night a lot of dogs
 serenaded me but I got a fair
 night's rest & at 8 o'clock we
 set out for Ken Khau some 6 miles.
 At first the sky was cloudy, but
 no time was the heat oppressive.
 at a village a mile distant is
 a pottery where common earth
 iron ware is made. 2 of the brick
 are there so we stopped & watched
 the making of some large bowls.
 The Bro. A. Hong showed us
 his living room where they have
 table & chairs arranged as in
 our chapels & 4 of them the
 only Christians in the village
 meet for worship every night.
 We next came to Liang Hu -
 a great market place the booths
 cover several acres, I should say.
 It was not market day but a
 crowd soon gathered & showed

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they appreciation of my visit by
boisterous demonstrations till L.
H. told them I could speak their
dialect & after a few remarks from
me they quieted down & I got through
without any serious discomfort.
A little after we came to a little
wayside shrine, several idols
under a mat-roof - a woman
came along to worship L. H.
talked with her some time -
she had two baskets on the in-
evitable pole balanced over ^{her} shoul-
der. From these she produced a plate
of cakes looking like fig-paste,
some spirit money & a bundle of
incense sticks - Several persons
by stopped to look & listen, one
of whom assisted the proceedings
by lighting the little peanut-oil
lamp which the woman produced
& placed before the idol. Then

she "Kow-tows" & said her 65
prayer to the idols - put the plate
of cakes before them, arranged the
paper money so that the silver
& gilt would show plainly then
after showing it to the idols, burned
it. After more kneeling & prayers
she put the plate of cakes back
into the basket & set out for a Buddhist
temple a few rods distant. Mr.
Knapp ought to find his principle
of "amity of religions" flourishing
here, it is sadly evident. When
L. H. showed her that these idols
could not help themselves, that
one of them had 2 insects nests
on its person & could not re-
move them she would say "Uā
fō lō ēng." "I am not a per-
son of understanding," & would
not heed his words. They all
say when you ask them to listen
"I do not know letters I do not under-

stands". Our Lord's often repeat. ⁶⁶
and words "He that hath ears to
hear let him hear", are very
useful. Our journey was
near a range of mts. that mark
the Hak-Ka boundary, the fields
are full of yellow rice & green
sugar-cane so that the landscape
was varied & pleasing. Part of
the way was on the high bank
of a stream fringed with Bam-
boos. We had a few opportunities
to talk with people - one of
them a woman whose relative
who was baptized last Communion,
& who is interested in the doctrine,
she intends coming to K. C.,
at our village a great crowd of
children followed us & we went
clear to Ker Khai. There we
found a few of the bin & our sister,
who were very glad to receive us.

He stayed in the chapel. a 67
few came to stow & our man come
listened for a time. He tried to
answer back with Confucius's max-
ims but L. H. was well enough
posted to meet him. One of the
discouraging features of mission work
was revealed here. There were 15 or
more hearabouts who worshipped
but a persecution at Chou Wang-
nia frightened them away. A
man come in & talked over an
important matter of "Kai Ngün"
"a piece of silver" (1.00) that should
have been payed him on the chapel.
His father & mother were good church
members & contributed this dollar.
After their death he claimed it
as a part of the pay for the
work he did in building the house.
For over 10 yrs. he has had this
dollar in view. He is a smooth
spoken fellow but a born traitor.

judged from his looks. 68

I Eat my lunch & our members
of the household of faith brought
in a beautiful repast of rice, fish,
cakes, & various dishes to which
they sat down & which they busily
enjoyed, I inferred. I lay down
on part of a bed (boards on
trucks) in the next room. Soon
I shall be able to rest well on a
Chinese bed if I keep on. The
mattress I now have is a few
hard bundles of straw not evenly
distributed. We had worship
& I talked a little repeating what
I said at Tsin^{sin}. They seemed
to understand & to find the truth
helpful. We had a comfortable
walk back, called on a venerable
bro. & again stopped to visit
the potters who were exceedingly
hospitable, insisted on boiling tea.

I took boiled water without ⁶⁹ tea the only drink I have here. the water is villainous. I am obliged to disguise it with orange juice to drink it. A-Hong insisted on accompanying us clear to Khow-Khoi. In the future I hope we may have a little congregation at his house. Anything that looks like self-support is a welcome sign. The bin in the evening, as they do at all stations, brought up their need for a preacher. I talked with them on the needs of the region beyond & the necessity of the church's exercising its own strength. To my amusement, I am the chief speaker brought the "beginning-at-Jerusalem" argument, which I told him was an old acquaintance, that many told me not to go to "Tsu Sui" (China) for a great many at home did not believe it.

I examined him a little on 70
what I explained to him in I. C.
XII + XIII last ~~Saturday~~ I do not
recall just when, he seemed to have
grasped it. Tuesday Mr 20/18
Last night one or two theatres were in
full blast but by stuffing my ears
with cotton I slept well. This
A. M. I planned going to an
Khê, but one of the venerable sisters
from there called so I shall not
go. T. S. is away else I should
go to the boat - I want to get
Hsin Lai's biography as much as
possible. He was born here in
Khow-Khow was a Farmer.
Afterwards with his two sons
he went into business buying
cloth having it dyed & selling
it, which is carried on now
by his 2nd son. He came to
be respected as an uncle

and was the representative of 71
his village in their affairs
with other village people -
The grandson whose name is
Lah-muday met a fellow
business man of the same surname
name of Li' (pron. Lee) who
was a Catholic & told him
of the worship of one God &
the savior. A-lah invited him
home & all were pleased with
his doctrine inviting him to
come again, he lived at a
distance & could not but
told them to go to Kwei Su
to the worship God-house
that the essence of their doc-
trine was the same.
Lah Lam of the same sur-
name went listened came
back & ~~heard~~ told the father
of Lah-Hain.

That was about 10 yrs ago - ⁷²
Hain had smoked opium so
old years had not strength
enough to go to Kiri - Si.
So the other men went & returned
brought him the reports - A year
after afterward he managed to
go himself once - but the trip
used him up & he was sick.
At evening his family came
together to worship God.
Afterwards his family gave
\$100⁰⁰ & the mission gave \$90⁰⁰
& this chapel was built.)

Shortly afterward he believed
the doctrine & wanted to be bap-
tized but was not need be-
cause of his opium habit.
His children told him he could
not give it up but he went
to an opium refuge in Swatara
gave up his opium & was

very ill. But an old 73
Baro by the name of Sang Peh
Cheem picked him up - he was at the
hospital for a broken leg &
the two were put together.

Hain was brought to a state
of faith & hope so that he renounced
& was always a grateful Christ-
ian. - was baptized & was a faithful
witness. - I am told his
doctrine was not very pro-
found but he always urged
others to believe. He would say
Look at me I used to smoke
Opium had no strength. The God
of Heaven blessed me in my
body I am glad to praise him.

(P. 72) - The results of the work
here have not been of
late as great as before the
persecution but have taken all
in all been better than any
other station in this region.

After Li' Hain's conversion 74
his village folk ceased to look
up to him & make him their
representative, but the release
from cows made him happy
as well as his faith so he was
strong & well. 20 members
here^{are} of the Li' family & many
more are by marriage related to
Hain or are neighbors whom he
influenced - He was deaf

to some extent but during his
last illness his hearing was
restored. While I was writing the
last sentence a young man
came in who believes the doc-
trine to be true but has a heathen
wife & is afraid his neighbors
will steal his goods. He
said the heathen say that the
foreigners come & take away the
Chiaman's eyes & heart when
he dies, but I saw Li' Hain
after he died & his eyes were

There: so my visit of a 75-
week ago may help to dis-
pel this illusion from at least
one mind.

Nov. 21st - Wednesday - 7:40 P.M.

On the boat again writing with
the aid of a lantern like ours
at home. The lamp was broken.

Last night quite a no. were at the
chapel & later I was invited to Jah's
house to drink tea. drank a
little tea; a little hot water and
answered a host of questions about
things in America over customs &c.
Some historical questions & the
7th day question which I responded
as best I could. Did not sleep
very well. had cotton in both
Ears but the theatre & passers
by disturbed me & the bed was
harder than ever. This a.m.
we broke camp & walked to Si-
Be-Pou - called on the aged sister's

house, but she was still away. 76

Came to the boat read a little
in the Life of Lincoln. & slept
a bit my head was not in good
order. We started out before noon
& are within a few miles of the
stone bridge. shall probably pass
it at early dawn. The men are
rowing & I do not know how good
a night's rest I shall get. have
begun to instruct L. H. in the
Life of Whitefield. also questioned
him about affairs at Kh. Kh. Am
glad to find my judgments con-
firmed in a no. of cases. because if
I can read these people & get
at their relations to one another
by observation it will be a vast
help in getting on with them.

Thursday Nov. 22/88 -

At anchor in Hai Nam Bay
waiting for the tide to float

us into the Canal. a strong 77
East wind is blowing the coolest
air I have felt for weeks. We
passed the stone bridge safely at
about 9 o'clock last night I got
a fair nights rest though broken
lay till late this A.M. We
had favoring wind & tide to cross
the Bay as before, do not know
when we shall get to K. C. I
am now finishing Hair Law's story.

We were at his house two weeks
ago to-morrow - That day ^{evening} after we
left he seemed to feel the end ap-
proaching & called his children
grand children their wives & those
to whom they were betrothed - They
gathered about his bed - between
30 & 40 persons - He bade
them all "put out strength & worship
God, then in their village affairs
to respect the rights of others & so act
as to win their respect - 3 of his
grand children married heathen wives

There he Exhorted one by one - 78

"You listen to what your elder
(your ^{husband's} father)
has to say & ~~then~~ his exhortation to
worship the true God." To his eldest
son 2nd son he said - You see
your father he is an elderly man &
work hard, in his business you worship
ing God. You are a young man & do
not. Obey him & follow his example.
Then his 2nd son's son he exhorted
saying, "You after you worshipped God
did wrong, now repent & do right."

Then his 5th son he said, You
day by day come to my house you have
a bad eye - You go to your house
& beat your wife. She is a good
woman, Put away these bad things
& act as you ought. If you do
not repent you will suffer.

To his 3rd son - who had 4 daughters
& thinking the family overstocked
gave them latest arrival away.

"This" said the patriarch, "is not
good. take the child back." (The
man obeyed & took the girl back)

Then he called for a little food 79
eat it & summoned his grandson
Chin Siaⁿ (our teacher at K'edⁿ)
& his father to lift him up & get
water to bathe him. After he was
dressed up they asked him where
he wanted to be bathed & he said
in the chair. So they put him
in the chair & washed him in
warm water & put on his "kut
robes with a ~~mandarin~~ ^{official} knob
on the cap - that signified the
dignity of the man & the respect due
him, or rather the title of Lan (Vener-
able) which he obtained before he
was converted by paying money to the
Mandarin. This title gave him pre-
tense at his village & easy entrance
to the Mandarin's presence.

So they dressed him & put him on
the bed again he lay back soon
drew a long heavy breath & fell on
sleep. Saturday the family gather-
ed again prayed & sang a hymn &
placed the body in the coffin. Missing

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Mr. immediately dispatched to announce to relatives at the different Chapels that the funeral would occur the next Saty. - The Coffin was all ready in the house & I do not know how long before his feet had been prepared & how long before he was converted & was prepared with all the Huang-Chin appointments. - It cost between 200⁰⁰ & 300⁰⁰ - At the funeral all the expenses of guests were paid by the family - a bill of over 750⁰⁰ - which would be as much as 800. or 900⁰⁰ at home & children & all there were about 300 at the funeral. - At the last his hearing was perfect & his peace of mind was a strong testimony to the strength of his hope. - Lott. says he was much pleased with our visit & said I was a good sort of a teacher that in the future men would revile me & want to harm me but I should not retaliate. - If the desires of a great many to do so I have no doubt at all.

Heathen burial
+ Christian biography

Wick-Bot in America
- Day-by system -
Cost
- System -

Friday P.M. 11/23/84 - 81

Just at the landing - in Kak Chieh.

Yesterday we came through the Canal; between the odor of some kerosene that had upset in the boat & the vile smells of the Canal & city I was in a state of supreme disgust internally. But survived & got to the environs by dusk rather of o'cl. Went to the mouth of the "Kang" & anchored. I had a good night's rest - woke several times just feeling the slight rocking of the boat - never felt so exactly "Rocked in the cradle of its deep" before. We had a most beautiful morning & a favorable wind so came down & less than 3 hours -

Mr & Mrs P. are away gone to Pih-Shah. I learn at the landing.

I got my things tonight & called on the two remaining members of the mission - met Miss F. out with her.

Camera - found Miss Hess at home. ⁸²

I take my meals at Miss F.'s.

got my mail, a letter from Mother
two from Feather & a note from Dr.
Ashmore. Hope he has been to visit
you ere this. The letters from home
were very welcome. I spent much
of the day in looking over the papers.

In the evening came prayer meeting.

Sat. - Evening - 9.45 -

I took a Sat. evening & played Purisi
with Miss F. brother twice & she won.
But both times I won I had the last play
which is a great advantage. This A.M.

Miss Hess started off to Pan-tai -
did not decide to go to 8.30 A.M. but
got ready & was off at 1 P.M. She
will be away several days. Miss F.

took a picture of her house this A.M.
& one of this house yesterday. Monday

A.M. she will try my room -
I have been preparing an article for the
Watchman to-day.

Sunday Nov. 25/88 -

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A bright beautiful day - I attended the services here & at Swatow. Os-san preached in the forenoon - on the Early work of the Apostles in Jerusalem in Swatow from Timothy II, 15 - Two men went to the Hak-ka boats. In the afternoon we rec'd our mail - the Choy-Sung came in as usual crossing the bay - I rec'd a letter from Ed. Merriam, one from Mr. Coleman & one from Shailes, here from home - hope to get more by the Oceanic. At 5 P.M. Miss F. & I took a walk - after the 4 P.M. service at which Chiang Sui. preached very well from II Tim. II: 1-2; he urged very strongly the duty of each one who knew the truth telling it to others. I talked with him some time afterwards. In the evening I read the Standard Advocate & Nat'l Bap't. was early. Ready to get to bed.

Monday Nov. 26/88. 84

Miss Fields went to the Island after breakfast. I read Chinese & gave L. H. a little more of Whitefield's life beside talking with him about some affairs that come up in the country. At 11 o'cl. the Circular came announcing that a mail by the Kut Sang of the Indo-Chinese line would leave for Hong Kong so I went at my writing & finished my letter for the Watchman - After dinner I began study but was interrupted by the advent of a Mr. Hall from Shanghai who came to see Miss Fields. I entertained him while T. S. went to see if Miss F. had retrieved & pilot-ed him over there - found myself tired on my return & took a nap - am going out in the little boat - had a half-hour's row - it was quite rough.

Tuesday Nov. 27/88. 85

Mr. & Mrs. P. returned this A.M.,
had a rough passage. were obliged
to lie at anchor off Go-Chan, a
15 minutes walk from their house -
reached there in the middle of the night.
To-day I have done a little study-
ing talk with Mr. Partridge and
in the afternoon went to Swatow -
plan to go to Am-Pon. Thursday
A.M. if nothing happens to pre-
vent. The weather is beautifully
mild. This A.M. Miss F took
two pictures of my room - hope
they will be good but doubt it.
The view of the house was Capital.

Wednesday. Nov 28/88 -

Felt rather limp in the morning
having perspired very freely, hoping
to get over the tendency to fever & a
slight cold - decided it would be
possible to go to Am-Pon & visit
Swatow with Miss Fields or rather

I went & she sent word she would
lie to go too. We went together to
look at dishes I wanted to get a
few to take to the Country & she to
find a set for the S. Isl. Cottage.
I found some, white with blue edges
Almost all the Commodore keeps
them. At noon I found myself feeling
wretchedly by reason of the sun and
the walking. I had the prayer-
meeting to lead in the evening. A con-
flict came up in the evening. I put
on a home-suit the bluish gray
one I had lost & found it comfortable.
I felt uncomfortable decided I would
not go to Am. Pov at once. The meeting
was quite good. I read I Tim II:3 sq.
also from I:18 sq. & II:16 - on the
accountability of the heathen. the fulness
of the gospel their need to know of our
God & the one mediator. Mr. P. said
that the question came up in the
class about the heathen who had
never heard of "the historic Christ"
& the men admitted that those who lived

up to what light they had 87
were very few ears judged by the
leather. ^{alternately} Mr. & Mrs. P. told of
their experience in bringing down
from Dr. Thak a little girl whose
step-mother beat her so badly
her father begged them to take
her. She is very bright & amused
them by talking continuously. Told them
all about the cost of things - that her
father bought a pig & paid \$8.00 for it.
that she went to get her head shaved &
paid 8 cash - but when her father
went he had to pay 15 cash. &c. &c.
In the morning as they were at anchor
she woke up & asked "Shiⁿ-Kung a-bue?
Stars-bright or-not-yet? Mrs. P.
Told her they were & she said "Ko bi ti -
"Chicken (or raven) not crowed" - she was
not used to being away from the fowls.
& could hardly believe the sun could
rise without such a herald.
This humor did not make me feel
any better & I went to bed feeling
very feverish & with a stiff neck.
Took some quinine -

Thursday Nov. 29/88 88

Instead of going to Ann-Pore at 7 o'clock
I stayed in bed all day. Dr. Ryall
came over in the P.M. & gave me
quinine - I read a little but led
an invalided existence.

Friday Nov. 30/88 -

Another day in bed - that being the
safest place - my stiff neck & back
improved but I had a visitation of
blisters or boils that annoyed me
greatly. Dr. L. was in twice, thought
I was doing well - He was not sure
at first but I had the sort of
hybrid measles that Dr. Crossland
caught in the Ho. City - He told
me quite a little about the two
Dr.'s who are candidates for the
vacancy in this post - Dr. Ryang
of Annapolis has a good reputation,
but Dr. Meyer of Hornum is a dis-
agreeable man not given to attend-
ing to his business closely. He has
told some awful stories about

his being appointed here by 89
Sir Robert Hart Inspector General
of the Customs - (usually called the "I. G.")
Opinion is in favor of Dr. Lyong -
but that course of Dr. Meyer. Mr. Scott
who is head man of Butterfield
& Swires at Shanghai sent orders to
their manager, Matchitt, in Swatow
to look out for Meyer. So he changed
at once from favoring Lyong to
conversing for Meyer -

Saturday Dec 1 - 188-

Was up & dressed had a fire in
my grate & it was very cheerful.
My head was not in good working
train so I read over of Pansy's books
about Changan & enjoyed it very
well - rec'd word from Mr. Partridge
that the election went 13 to 6 in favor
of Dr. Lyong. So if the Customs & the
British power at Peking do not refuse
to employ him he will probably
be appointed -

I am glad Butterfield & Swire 90
did not succeed in running in Meyer.
it is outrageous for them to attempt
such a thing - They are a sharp, hard,
close firm, grasping & unscrupulous -
I judge the hardest competitors in the
East. They are shrewd, enterprising
business men, though, & do a great
deal of business. They are putting
up huge "go-downs" - warehouses -
& a large fine office here. Dr. Russell
says the Chinese sooner or later will
get all this shipping into their
own hands & I believe it will be so.
They would do it quicker but no one
of them can trust another & a com-
pany cannot make dividends be-
cause every employee steal all he
can. They are not the best people
in the world. Mr. Hong-chun-foo to
the contrary - Sunday Dec. 2nd 1888.

Mr. P. made me an early call -
told me about the Saty meeting -
it amuses him much to see

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the English managers such an affair.
A set of school boys at home would
do far better & women in their
missionary meetings on models of
partimentarians compared with
their business men & officials.

All went smoothly no ill-feeling
manifested though a great deal had
been said before. The Baron had
told Dr. Meyer he would not employ
him if voted in. If Dr. Lyang
comes he will pay Mrs. Pallock
800 £ - for the "goodwill" -

I stayed in my room all day
saw a few moments when I walked
the front piazza at noon - In the
evening Mrs. & Mrs. P. came in a
few moments. He rec'd a card from
Mr. Simons of Canton in which
he congratulated us on the prospect
of having new missionaries sent out.
He evidently referred to a Miss Booth
of San Francisco & Mr. Norvell whom
she is to marry. We hope it is true

if so it will be a quick answer ⁹²
to our appeal for prayer as
Dec. 2nd is the day for which we
asked. May there be many who will
remember us & their prayers answered
We do need a great deal here - more
workers & a great spiritual blessing
upon the Church & upon ourselves
first of all.

Monday Dec 3rd 88.

Went to dinner first meal at
the table since Wednesday. Mrs. P.
has been very kind about shading
my meals to me - Went to see Clara
a little while after dinner -
expected Leming Harg at 2-30. tried
again but he asked if he could go
to Savatou with the Elders & Chiang-
Sui. There is a great time in Savatou
worshipping, having processions &c. so
many people are in from the
Country. It was their own idea
to go over. So that is encouraging.

In the morning L. H. reported 73
favourably & said they would go
again if I could speak in.

My strength seemed to be quite
restored & in general the prospect
favourable - I worked on a lot of
odd jobs -

Tuesday Dec. 4th/88

Harmer - no fire to-day. I went to
breakfast & hope to lose no more
meals now. have been writing
this morning. Feel quite myself
again & think I can get at work
again - hope to be better than be-
fore - shall be careful not to expose
myself to the sun too much.

The Hartan goes down to-day & I
will send this to make sure of a
letter by the City of Pekin but hope to
send others later. hope to get a letter to
Shailer by this steamer. To-mor-
row our mail by the Arabia should be
here. She had a quick run from Yokohama -
left there Tues. at daylight & left Pe-
cock of the Nansoo - who left Hong Kong at noon
Sat. with her to-morrow night sailing for that port.

Monday Dec. 6th/88. 94

Cool & cloudy - mail this a.m.

Mail came, good letters - My forenoon & indeed the whole day was broken up by little matters so it has not seemed to amount to much.

I sent a letter off after dinner - I had a consultation with Clara on our plans for the next month or so. About decided to have our wedding not far from June 20th, then we have the time from now on to do work here & leisurely make our arrangements for the house. It will also give us the time about the Chinese New Year, when no work can be done, anyway, to receive calls &c - We may take a trip up river in a mission boat - or run down to Hongkong for a few days.

I forgot to state a prof. Inc. several days since that Tek-Sün

is getting the instincts of a cook, 95-
When I soaked my feet I told him
to put a little Saleratus into the
water & he asked "Gram of Tartar
Bicarbonate or not?" - It was so very Chi-
nese it amused me hugely - Everything
must go by rule & custom -

Mr. & Mrs. P go to Chungking for
a fortnight leaving Thur. A. M.

Our evening meeting was an excel-
lent one. Mr. P. led reading from
Luke IX the acct of the transfigura-
tion - Thursday Dec. 6th, 188-

An uneventful day - the Partridges
left at about noon - had a good
day mid tide - I have worked
at Chinese quite a little, reading
translating back into Chinese from Eng-
lish and telling the boy about
Whitefield's life - I board at
Miss Fielder's - Friday Dec. 7/88

Another beautiful day. Chinese
& letter writing in the forenoon -

8.47 P.M. 96

Just back from prayer-meeting -
Chiang Sui said he had a daughter
born to him to-day - this world's
people think that is not very good.

But all, male & female, are from
the Lord & "all children boys or
girls are profitable". He thank the
Lord devoutly that he had the
child & all were well. At home
such a speech would be considered
out of place but here it is a
strong testimony to the power
of the Gospel to overcome

Customs the oldest & strongest
on earth - This has been a
very good day for me I have
given quite a little time to Chinese
& have not felt any ill effects -
took a walk with Miss Hare & called
a few moments upon Mr. & Mrs. In-
glis - he is confined to the house
with sore eyes.

Sat. Dec 8th 88-97

This day has slipped away with-
out much being done - This A.M.
Chiang Sui came up and
I had a conference with him
about the morning service, hope
to get it shortened - He spoke
with me about his sermon for to-
morrow fr. Titus II:11 - Asked
me about some other passages of
scripture - I enjoyed talking with
him very much - expect he will
come up again some time -

Miss Fields occasionally tells
some amusing story about the
Chinese - Speaking of their trying
every possible way to get money,
she said her boy A-U (whose
dealings with his mother-in-law
I wrote of some time since, after
her return the last time from the U.S.)
was not satisfied with his wages

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+ asked for more, which she
refused, as she was alone. but one
in the family - He said he should be
obliged to leave - to which she as-
sented. He stayed on several days
and at last came to say definitely
that he must go. She told him to
go - but she was displeased - & that he
was a "put ngi chiau" - "an un-
grateful bird" (this is a proverbial
saying - they have a story about a man
carrying for a wounded bird that flew
away or, at any rate, showed no gratitude)
He went away - & after a little came
back with a very long face & said
he should stay - he could not bear to
be called "an ungrateful bird" - if
he was that he should not go. - He
had no idea of going from the
first, but wanted to try every
means to get more money. finding
the scheme unsuccessful he made
this an easy way of letting himself
out of the dilemma.

Sunday Dec. 9th. 99-

I recognized in the morning sermon
some of the matter of Satys conver-
sation. The days services passed
off very well but not as well
as I could have wished. In the

P.M. Hak-jū preached fr. Luk x:

27. & made a full exposition of
the parable applying it more
minutely than I ever heard any
one before to a man leaving God
falling into sin and being rescued.

It was interesting & the Chinese
appeared to enjoy it.

Monday Dec. 10/88-

muggy - very warm for December.
have been studying the Ep. to
the Philippians, which the preach-
ers have at the next Communion.
Rec'd a note from Mr. P. They had a
comfortable passage and have been

making pastoral calls. 100

Thursday Dec. 11/88.

still warm but a strong East wind
& cooler towards night, a mid-
day to-day - Mr. Dawson of the
out-door staff in the customs was
married to Miss Pauline Focher
daughter of a pilot at D. Is. Their
Engagement cards were issued
some time since - The civil
service was at the British
Consulate, then the Episcopal
service was held at its church,
a chapel in Kak Chiek - I did
not attend but Miss Hess did.

The chapel was beautifully decorat-
ed with flowers and the lady-
guests were gorgeously arrayed.
The brides 3 younger sisters were
bridesmaids - one best man, who
during the service left his post
went to the door & arranged the

hats & canes for an early start -
 as the pair come down, some
 little children (assisted by Mrs. Higall)
 strewed flowers along their way.
 The party repaired to the Island &
 held the wedding breakfast - a
 pleasant affair I understand -

I made a beginning on the Ep. to the
 Philippians to-day - which is to be
 taken up by the preachers at this
 Communion - Last night we

had a slight earthquake shock. I
 told L. H. of it & he said the
 heathen say: "Tū giū wā Koi -

"The Earth - buffalo changes his
 shoulder" - They believe the earth
 rests on the shoulder of a buffalo & when
 one shoulder gets chafed he shifts
 his burden to the other. They
 move it by the hair found

at the foot of walls or posts, 102
which they say is "the earth buf-
falo's hair". Now believers in it
cannot so plently - being shown that this
hair comes from pigs or dogs or buf-
falo's who have been scratching
themselves against said wall or post.

They now want to thank the
Lai-dâ that the earth was only
shifted & not dumped entirely from
the enduring Tubbolo's back.

Wednesday - Dec. 12/88

Suffered from a bad cold the first
since my arrival - it was coming
on for several days & some of the
fever came back with it so I
stayed in all day - was able to
read Chinese a.m. & p.m. Mr Camp-
bell came in & spent the evening
& enjoyed very much hearing
of his trip - He found many
very ready to hear and apparently
accepting the truth. Old Lai

Pak was delighted to see him and took him off to call on a "graduate" who, he said, believes. The crowd was very ugly but C. went & visited the man, found him to be one who had some books written by Dr. Gurne of Canton (So. Bapt.) & seemed interested. Loi. Pak wants to come down & be baptized - but while sincere & zealous he seems very ignorant - did not even understand about prayer - I understand that is the way the native preachers test a professed believer & worshippers - to call upon him to offer prayer. Thursday Dec 13/88

Better to-day - My head did not feel well on account of a dose of quinine. in the forenoon I must confess to reading a sensational story - "Mr. Meeson's Mill" - set out by Miss Fielder. the

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last of H. R. H.'s I propose to
read. His stories make me sad.
He professedly writes this sort of
high-brought stuff to suit the
taste for the sensational & the sav-
age in human nature & it is a
humiliating comment on the public's
taste of the much vaunted 19th Century.
He is able to do literary work of a
higher order but leaves that which
his own tastes would choose to turn
out these things that sell. There
is a shadow of Agnosticism & little
half-flings at piety & faith which
sound hollow - This P. M. I
began work with R. H. when Dr.
Lyall called. He stayed & chatted
for some time. He thinks I shall
soon be rid of all traces of fever
& that my cold will soon pass off -
He says it is the worst season he
ever knew in Swatow for fevers
& such ailments. The Summer was

Monday - Dec. 17/88 - The Partridges are
back from a very successful trip - Mr. C.
has started for a six weeks trip to San-Ho.
I am feeling quite improved have been studying
regularly. Had Philippians last week run
again at work upon Luke - My cold has not
yet entirely left me but is better & I do not
mind it very much. plan to go to Am-Pou
before long. Will write by next mail - more
fully if possible - We look for our mail via
City of Sadness by Thursday - she is nearly a
week late - Love to you all John.

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Unusually trying & now when cool
weather is due it is muggy &
debilitating. I have been at work upon
odd & ends of writing - Last evening
I read a very trenchant article signed
"K." in the Church Intelligencer -

(Church Miss. Society, English) in reply
to Canon Isaac Taylor. "K." Dr. Lyall
says is an old civil officer of the East
India service a Christian man. I
believe it was the Rev. no. It is well
worth reading. Friday - Dec. 14/88

In the forenoon Chhiang-sui came
up and talked over matters for Sun-
day & for the evening meeting. Then
he asked some questions about the
historical chart. In the afternoon
I read Chinese. Cold letters. In the
evening I read & wrote a letter to Cummings
whom I have been owing a letter for a
long time -

Saturday. Dec 15th 1866

Chinese in the forenoon. After dinner
we all went to Swatow - Clara &
having taken dinner with the Camp-
bells. Mr. & Mrs. C. & I went into
the city to do some errands & thence
to the E. P. Mission to call upon
Messrs. Lechler, Picevants & Ohler
of the Basle Mission who on invit-
ing there. had but little chance to
see them. Mr. Lechler is an
old man past 70 I think still
in the work. He was the first
Missionary resident in this part
of China - & still speaks this dia-
lect. The vocabulary I use, is
now originally prepared by himself
afterwards copied changed & printed
by the E. P. Mission. I met for the
first time socially Mr. MacClagan
the new man at the E. P. Mission.

I think him an able, promising man - quiet, but with reserve force. The two other Germans are members of the Home Committee of the B. Mission. All affairs are decided at home; the men on the field send home full reports & then all decisions as to locating new stations, appointing preachers, &c. are made there. They even choose the missionaries' wives. I am told, & shied them out. I fear they do not look with favor on us Baptists - They & the E. P. Mission divide the whole ^{Hak-Kai} field & expected to some day to occupy it, tho' going about not too rapidly. As, how ever, the first man to preach to Hak-Kas was a Baptist it is hardly to be expected that we be kept back, when a large part of the field is wholly unoccupied.

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I think my Chinese must be improving. I opened conversation with a man on the st. who held up one thumb, as if to play Simon looked at me & said "Gau" - I modestly raised the hand but he repeated the expression, which means "wise". He afterwards said, "You understand my language, I do not understand yours". Miss Fields told me that holding up the thumb signifies "You are a Great man." & a thumb of the little finger at the same time means "I am little". They ^{have} further finger-languages which I will get & write down. Miss Hester's a bundle brought by Miss Corbin near of Ningpo as far as Yokohama & sent by a Capt. It was from some Szechuan people containing some useful articles, & some not so useful, but pleasant to get as proof that she was remembered.

Sunday Dec. 16th/88 109

A good day - Hui-lin teacher
of the boys school preached well in
the forenoon - the service went off
with good "movement" & a good spirit
it prevailed. He handed me a
note requesting me to offer prayer
after the collection, which I did
not like to refuse so made the at-
tempt - my voice was bad from
the cold, not yet passed off, & it
was a sudden call. But I got
through a few sentences. Miss Hess
said it was all plain & correct.
But perhaps her judgment may
have been too kind. However the
people were very quiet & I could not
see any sign of amusement on their
faces as there is if a person makes
bad mistakes. In the afternoon
Ma-Ki, de't teacher, preached
also quite well. After the A.M. service

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Mr. C. & I went to Swatow - I to the
Chapel & he to hunt up his fellow-
Countrymen of the Hut-Kw persuasion.
He said he found a great many at
Emigrant hotels & had a good time.
We had a great many well-behaved
hears at the Chapel. I got to
talking to a man after service &
as usual on such occasions got
under headway & exhausted my vocat
along to the wonderment of a crowd
that gathered about - It probably
arouses them but I hope some seed
may result. We had a slow pas-
sage back very swift tide & East
wind that carried us a way up beyond
Mr. Campbell's - He goes again to
the North tomorrow for a 6 weeks
trip.

Monday - Dec. 17/88

Mr. & Mrs. P returned early this a. m.
I took dinner then - had a good day
with my teacher - read in Luke. worked

a book of phrases besides 111
doing a little more with White
field's life - besides sending off
my mail - Cold very much
better.

Tuesday Dec. 18

Cloudy to-day - Chineses in the
forenoon & some in the afternoon
decided to go to Am-Pan to-
morrow - & got things in readiness
I forgot to put down an incident
Hak-jü told on Sunday of Dr. Goble
of Canton. Once a Chinaman seized
him, flourished a knife & declared he
would kill the Foreign Devil - but
the doctor prayed for help & his
prayer was answered in the person
of another Chinaman who stopped
the would-be assassin saying that
this was a good man and it
was not good to kill him -
Canton is a hard field -

Miss Fields has learned of ¹¹²
a lot that can be bought at
the Island so the Camp bells may
have a house there after all.

The Hak-Ka mission has no house
at all now - the one they occu-
py is the property of this mission.
They have to be seen, the place at
Mun Khen Liang. but it is fit
for occupancy only a part of the
year & is an out of the way cor-
ner.

Wednesday Dec. 19/88.

a heavy rain last night & to-
day so I could not go to Am-
Pon. The weather is so uncertain
I shall not go especially as the
feast of the Winter solstice comes
off Friday & there will be uncertain-
ty about getting a boat. & the
people will have their minds
occupied with the feast - have
been working at Chause to-day had
in Luke & in Acts - also got the

names of all the books of the 113-
Bible & wrote them down in
Romanized - Some are easy but
some of the names are very diffi-
cult to transliterate - e. g. ~~Thip~~

Thiap - Saing - lo - ni - Kia - in
the N. S. & Saing - Kia - li - a
in the O. T. are not so smooth
as either Greek or Hebrew.

We had prayer meeting to night
Mr. & Mrs. P. Miss H. & I the
only ones present - Miss Fielder has
a cold it was too stormy a night
for Mrs. Campbell to get up here.

I led reading Acts XVI - 4 - 16 -
The hour was fully occupied
& I think it was a profitable
meeting - Thursday Dec. 20/88 -

Mail came unexpectedly at noon -
the best mail I have had in a
long time. a good long letter from
home. a letter from Mr. Giddings
as Pres of the Convention - one from
Dr. Ashmun. a note from Dr. Jackson
acknowledging the little contribution

made to the Church in N.Y. 114

a letter from Dr. Ashmun. & one from John Dearing very inspiring in its news of quickened Missionary spirit at the Seminary - I have been writing him this evening.

Friday Dec. 21/88

A beautiful clear, cool day. I feel quite relieved of my head trouble. I have done a fair days work. finished Luke & began Matthew - besides a little other Chinese - This evening finished my letter to Dearing & gave him a list of things needed for an outfit. A Mr. Mitchell in the West has offered himself & been accepted for the Huk-Ka work. it is not certain when he will come, possibly in a few mos. Dr. A. writes that he hopes we shall have reinforcements for this mission yet this season & Mr. Ashmun Jr. hopes to get back in a year so we thank the Lord & take courage - Miss Hess has been to Lo-Chian on an

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Evangelizing trip among the women
there & found good opportunities tho'
this is the "Tang Chai". Winter
Solstice Feast. She is very anxious
to do something for the people about
use - To-morrow she goes to Kâm-
Ling for Sunday. I shall probably
be here & go to Swatow. We have no
steersman to take a large boat away,
my being ill, & the tide is wrong
for going away for the day -

Saturday - Dec. 22/88 -

To-day a letter from Canton confirms
what we heard Dec. 2nd that more
missionaries are coming - Mr. & Mrs. Dor-
rell were to sail Dec. 18th - May it
prove true - This has been a fine
clear day I have read a little & written
a little - the cold troubles me some-
ly now - but I find my strength
has not been fully regained - with
my present appetite it must come
soon I think. The tailor brought my
suit home to-day he has been able to
do wonders it looks as good as new -

Sunday Dec. 23rd / 88. 116

Cool & Windy - Mr. P. preached in the a.m. a Christmas sermon. I went to Suatno afterward. Māka Ngān + 3 of the school boys went over. The service was a good one. I left the Deacon with a crowd about him talking to them. There were some very interested listeners to-day. We had a stiff breeze coming & the boat was laid over on her side as far as like - I did a little reading & writing after dinner & after 4 P.M. service.

Huk-jū preached from the parable of the "Wedding feast in Mt." described it as a Chinese feast. Told how they brought the "Siu phū" daughter in law home & how the "duck" & the "goose" & the "tu-nék" = "Swines flesh" were all ready - but his sermon was good one. I was quite pleased that in Mr. P.'s sermon I could translate every word but 3 or 2 of those I judged from the context. The other a word I knew in other contexts.