

Foster Family Papers

Yale Divinity School Library Record Group No. 1

Finding aid for collection available at:

<http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.001>

Series II. Journals: John Marshall Foster

Box / folder: 7 / 7

Folder label: Vol. VI: 1888 Dec 24-1889 Feb 23

For copyright information see: <http://www.library.yale.edu/div/permissions.html>

Originals of collection held at:

Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511
(divinity.library@yale.edu)

Scanning and computer output microfilm prepared by Conversion Service Associates LLC, Shelton, CT with financial support from The Center for Christian Studies, Shantou University, 243 Da Xue Road, Shantou, Guangdong, China 515063

But that is a small part of the vocabulary needed. It is much more difficult to understand the Chinese they run the words together so fast.

Monday Dec. 24th

Long-Hung was at Am-Pon over Sunday not to be back till noon so I went to Swanton in the morning did various errands - tried to find some things for Christmas - got some cards a toy some little pentecosts - something like the ones I sent to Fanny May. looked at photographs - case for Mrs. Partridge & afterwards sent for it - In the afternoon read Matthew found it easy. In the evening I got out the pop-corn that came from Mr. Vass. & by using a little "spider" & a wire dish-cover - (fly screen) improvised

a popper. The boys took 2
hold & popped a large bowl full
which I sent over to Miss Fielder's
as she had invited me to come
over for the evening. Miss Hess
strung some corn for the two &
played Reversi with Miss F.

Tuesday Dec 25th/88.

A very Merry Christmas I
tried to spend at home. I
began by going to Swanton at
9 A.M. & sitting in the dentist's
chair all the forenoon. Dr. Peter-
son will be here this week & I
shall be with him every day.
He says my teeth are in much
better condition than last year
that the work he did is in fully
as good shape as he expected to
find it. He took out amalgam
fillings from two large teeth -
"upper ones on the starboard side"
as the sailor said & filled one -

not very painful - All the amalgam³
fillings of which I have a great
many must come out sooner or later
they discolor the teeth badly and
work loose. They will not stand
in this climate at any rate - my
mouth will be quite a gold mine
but I want to keep my teeth & the Dr.
thinks they can be saved.

In the P.M. I helped about
the tree which Mr. & Mrs. P. were
preparing string corn fastened
the tree with it &c. Miss Field
& Miss Hess started to make some
corn-balls. Couldn't make them
sticks so built some little corn
copies of white paper with a
red band about the top filled them
with the corn & they looked very
nicely on the tree - which was a
fine setup in the parlor -

In the A.M. I recd the next recd
a card from Mrs. Lyall
I thought she might like a taste
of pop-corn so did up a little

box fit & sent in the forenoon.
she wrote that she should almost
think she was in Canada.

The corn proved a bad investment
for Miss Field. she eat some of the
hard kernels & crushed a tooth
upon which she had spent much
time & money & for which suffered
intensely. still if it must break
better break while the dentist
is here. - We were all invited
to Mrs. P.'s to supper - had
a company of eight including the two
little Campbell girls at the table
& the nurse with small C-boy was
at the side table - A Christmas
Card was provided for each - We
had oysters (Fancy Roast), chicken
with potatoes rice, vests, Parker
House rolls, ^{& cranberry sauce} Orange pudding, pumpkin
pie, oranges & bananas.

We then repaired to the parlor &
the tea was a great success. - There
were presents for all. I rec'd. a glass

5
man - a tooth-pick glass, a
dozen table-knives - with
events cast their shadows before
written on the box. - a silk tie
from Miss H. who also gave me a
pair of cuff-buttons - round plain
ones, neat & just what I needed.

I did not succeed in getting what
I wanted but gave cards to Miss F.
& Miss C. the photograph case to Mrs.
P. & Miss H. a set of half a
dozen tea-cups & saucers, & a little box
made in Swatow. I found a paste-
board box with Abram Franchot's
label upon it which just held the
crochery ware & was very appropriate,
but they did not seem to infer
that the ware was imported.
The children had a grand time -
"Oh-ed" & "Ah-ed" at a great rate
the little C. boy had a most amusing
spectacle of himself with some choco-
late drops - the drops were not
large he had but few. yet he plastered
his face to an embarrassing extent

6
I had the palm of our hand
well filled - Mrs. P. makes very
nice candy ("Sweets" the English
people say) & gave each a bag of
it. The crowning event of the
evening was when Mr. P. unveiled
a doll house for the little Camp-
bellites - a wonderful affair - 4
rooms with a set of furniture in
each two dolls whose clothes
were take-off-able &c. &c.

Thursday - Dec. 26th/88 -

A hard forenoon with the dentist.
In the P.M. I was not fit for much
but to take a nap after a very
little study. In the evening
we had prayer-meeting at Mrs.
Campbell's - After meeting
I arranged with J. H. H. to
make a desk like Mrs. C.'s to
give Miss Hess when she comes
to Mrs. " " . The prepara-
tions for "the day" are planned, I
believe. Latest news from the

United Kingdom is that the 7
Couple who are coming out to the
E. P. Hak-Ka Mission were
married in the P. M. I had
simply an "afternoon tea" - that
is "good form" would be vastly
less trouble than a breakfast, so
I presume we shall follow
that example - probably have
the members of the other mission
with our own circle. Miss
Allen of Wingo expects to visit
Mrs. Campbell about that time
& may be here. Our new mission-
aries whom we suppose to be
en-route may arrive by that
time but I do not expect them
till later. Thursday - Dec. 29th
Another forenoon with the dentist &
the prospect of an hour's nursing this
P. M. - but he does splendid work
which is satisfactory when done -

This P.M. I had another seizure. &
2 hours in A.M. 1 in P.M. - much
pain of various kinds - but I have
now two good teeth for service.
To-morrow I expect to be the last
session for this year. The Dr. is
in a hurry to get back to Shanghai.
His partner, Dr. Hall, who married
Chas. Barney's daughter, is go-
ing to America. I have crossed
& recrossed the bay four times
to-day - 3 trips in native boats -
little things. The first time there
were several other passengers
I had a talk with one of them
who had heard the gospel quite
a little & thought it good; also
on the other trips talked with
the boatman who had formerly
worked as boatman on our boats.
He complimented me on my command
of the language, but I do not lay
too much stress on the words of a man.

to whom I am paying cash?⁹

"The brother with the square mouth,
as they call that attractive coin,
is a wonderful lubricator of muscles,
those of the tongue included.

After my dental sitting I called at
the E. P. Mission & took a walk
with Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. & Miss
Harkness. Had a pleasant chat
with Mr. McK. The ladies had
a consultation together. I believe
Miss Harkness is a prospective
bridesmaid. I shall be very
glad when this teeth-work is
done & the things that come in
at Communion season out of the
way so I can study regularly.
It seems really providential that
Dr. P. came just now. Earlier I
could not have got out (during over
two weeks at least) on acct of
cold &c. & later it would have been
inconvenient - & this week the
waters are very fine for crossing.

Sometimes for a week it is so rough our boat is hardly safe to cross in. Tek-Sim succeeded in closing his days work by falling overboard as we came up to the stone wall on which we land at high water when the boat is kept. The water was about a foot deep over the mud. I heard a splash & looked up in time to see him with his feet on the boat his head & hands in the water. His body ^{above his hips} exactly vertical, but inverted from their natural position. He probably lost his balance - his pole slipped or some such accident. It was quite dark I admired the promptness with which he righted himself & said "Bô siang-Kan" "No matter" - & ascended to moor the boat. He held her nozzle again the bank with all the heroic firmness of Jim Bludson. Only it was water

not fire that caused his
trouble.

Friday, Dec. 28/88

Mail-day. but no home letters.
letter from Mr. Merrill, Sr.
Ashmun. Thayer of my class.
Will Lyford & a lady in Chi-
cago who wrote previously about
money for a boy in the school.
It was a good mail. but I
should have enjoyed a home letter.
I went to Swaton at 10 - Mrs.
P. also went at that time to do
some shopping. I went to the den-
tist - waited over half an hour &
suffered in the chair for over
an hour. He worked about two
old cavities took out some a-
malgam & much decayed matter.
& finished one filling - it was the
back of an eye-tooth - He says
I fear it is well it is easier
to fill my teeth - but that does

not lessen the pain. 12

Coming back I had as fellow
passenger a school teacher
from Soat-Pon a few miles dis-
tant - talked with him a little.
& with the boatman's assistance
made him understand. The boat-
man asked if we had steam
boats that could travel on the
tops of the mountains - I endeavored
to explain that he had confused
the motor with the method &
that it was not a boat but a
Carnegie on an iron track which
traversed a level road - He also
asked about the telegraph & the
Electric light - Some one had told
him of the latter & that with it
men could work at night. I
tried to impress upon him that
this was the office of "the doctor" &
it made the "after death" dark-
ness light - so we need never fear
it. Hope he took it in.

after dinner I finished a 13
letter to Dr. A. & some "jottings"
for The Kingdom. mailed them
& did some more writing - Miss
Hess rec'd a dress by mail to-
day - black lace I think that
Miss Harkness got for her in
Ireland. Their parcel-post
is a great convenience. This

evening we had a good meeting.
I sang - I led reading Mt. 9:35-38.
Mr. P. read the "Macedonian
Girls" of which Dr. A. sent a
proofsheet & told them of
our appeal for prayer that we
began to receive an answer before
the time for prayer arrived.

Saturday - Dec. 29/88

This morning I finished a letter
to Mr. Simmons of Canton & business
note before going to Swanton -
I took Tek-Sin along to do some

Errands - I had a painful 14
session with the dentist & got back
to dinner at 1 P.M. - I talked with
my boatman and found he knew
quite a little about the doctrine.
Said Siau thing had talked with
him - so it is evident that he
uses what opportunities he finds
to spread the truth - would that
all the church had the same
spirit - After dinner I settled
up my a/c with Tek Sun - I
give him a dollar as he needs
from time to time to change into
Cash. The boys things or pay
boatman for me keeping awake
of it all. When he is establish-
ed as cook he will buy all
supplies & under a/c meiky -
that is the custom here - The
Cook goes to S. Every day after
dinner does his buying & gets back
in time to prepare supper -

I had another appointment at 5
40 p.m. I got quite interested in
a man who crossed with me. he
lives in the suburbs of Tientsin &
knew our carpenter who lives
there to whom I referred him.
I gave him one of the "Judgement
after death" leaflets after saying
as much as I could. Coming back
it was late & I began to fear all
the boatmen were away - but a
man who had retired for the night
with his boy & partner heard me
asking about another boat & rose
up promptly: they quickly rolled
up their mats and were ready
to start - returning is not so elab-
orate a performance as with
us. This man was from Tang-
& lives near the chapel. He said
if he opened the chapel Sabbath
he would not have anything to eat.
I hope it will not be entirely over

less talking with these men - '16
It certainly is our duty to press
on every body the claims of the
gospel & it is the best sort of
training for it lets you know
by the answers rec'd how much
is understood - also what im-
pression the truth makes upon
them. I rejoice to say that
my dental work is over for the
present, though there is a lot more
work that must be done now again.

Sunday Dec. 30/88 -

A dull morning but fine day -
a large congregation in the a.m.
short sermon by Bu-Chien -

Four preachers & five boys from the
school with the brother of one of the
preachers met to Swanton - We took
out boat - the steersmen were all
away but B.C. said he could
steer - he nearly ran us into a
boat at anchor on the return trip.

There was a large crowd at
the chapel much of the time, &
I never have seen them listen
with so much interest - nor heard
the preachers speak with so much
force & freedom. Sam spoke
first on I Cor. I: ~~XXI~~ dwelling
largely on the folly & sin of idola-
try - then Po-heng spoke on Acts
XVII: 26 - The gospel not a
"foreign" teaching - but for all men -
He is a son of "Lotus" the former
medium & has an intense
nervous temperament - he fired
up & held the people well.
He has his brother with him
for whose conversion he is very
anxious - Next, after singing
"Just as I am without pro plea"
I suggested to the Elder that it
might be well to explain the
meaning of the hymn because
they cannot understand it
when sung the tones being changed.

Bu-Chhien spoke and duct 18
on the sinfulness of all & that
was the reason all must come
for salvation to the only Saviour.
Last the Elder spoke on
Gal. I: 11 - The gospel not of
man but from God. He ram-
bled somewhat, but made an
effective arraignment of idola-
try & plea for the true worship.
He was very free & rally elo-
quent - never saw him so vigor-
ous in gesture or so able in speech.
It was encouraging to me & I felt
what a power even these few
men might be if fully conce-
rated & swayed by the Holy Spirit.
I was much interested in our
old man who listened with
great seriousness. It is easy to
mis-read these astute Asiatics -
but I have not seen any man before
who seemed to know much and
troubled by the truth - He kept

Changing his position but did ¹⁹
not move far - occasionally his
chin would drop & his face be al-
most covered by his hand as if
thinking on the matter which he
heard.

In the afternoon
Mia-an preached from Lk 8:42 -
I have been reading my neekey
papers quite a little - Advocate,
Match news, also a little from
the Standard & Examiner.

Monday Dec 31st / 88

Class in the morning at
10 - meeting in the afternoon
at 4 - Philippic was being
taken up - first read in the
Colloquial - All the helpers
are in and well.

Tuesday Jan 1st / 89

"A Happy New Year" to all at
home. He had a 7 o'clock

20

~~prayer-meeting~~ preaching
service P. O. King preached from
Matt XX: 20 to 25 - The class
met at 9:30 & at 10:45 - Mr.
P. & I set out to make a round
of calls - I have not been going
to Trimmis at the Community
& thought as I expect you to be
a householder it would be well
to call - The modes of calls -
Mrs. McKinnons - the Cassels -
Mrs. Campbells - Mrs. Hills -
Mrs. Allums - & also Mrs. Argue
hart & Mrs. Kerrs - The last
two are not "in society," but
missionaries are a privileged
class can call upon all receive
calls from all & be abused by
all indiscriminately. Mrs.
offer refreshments everywhere -
some said "Of course it is us
are to offer you mine" & others
offer it. After tiffin

We crossed the bay first 21
called at the new home, the
Sawsons. But found they were
at her father's on Double Island.
Then we visited the Matchitts;
they have a fine place. But
as to Lewis & Co. his successor a
Mr. Smith was there. They had
half a dozen Chinese from their
office up treating them to wine
& cigars. If any one is infected
with the notion that a people
should be civilized then Christian-
ized let him come & see.

Matchitt 'goes in for' raising
poultry &c. has a large yard
& some splendid fowls. He is
a rough fellow but has a frank
way that you cannot help
liking and one convinced is the
ablest business man in the port.
He goes to Tientsin by North -
He asked me when our modeling
was to come off when David in

the latter part of this 22
month, said - "Oh then, we can
attend - I was a trifle non-plussed
as we are not expecting to write
any but the E. P. Mission but
thought the safest reply was "Then
you are not going this month?" -
To which he responded "None, as I
got out of it easily. The called
at Mrs. Pollocks - not in society
but a good hearty woman I
think a real Christian. The next
called on our E. P. Mission friends
then upon Mrs. Adams a German
lady who has a large family
of dogs cuts & breeds, which we
did not see - Then we made
the last call upon Mrs. Welch,
a very ladylike person with
her five children home from
school - She has been all week
in a Reclining Chair - She is
not in society her husband being
a retail dealer -

Society lines are strictly drawn
 In Hong Kong some one said the
 distinction was whether a man
 sold beer by the barrel or by
 the bottle. Between the "In-
 door staff" & "Out-door staff"
 of the Customs a line is strictly
 drawn - of the latter no one but
 the Harbour-Master is included.

Sunday night the "Upper End" had a big-party at Mrs. Hill's - danced till 2.30 a.m. but managed to call or receive all day. On our way back we stopped to call upon Capt. Hunt on the "Mee-fo". But he was ashore. Mr. Frater, English Consul, said a telegram was received by the Swatow J. Magistrate from Canton saying "Chinese not admitted to America Americans not admitted to China". but he had done nothing about it

Capt Hunt says no fears ^{at} ^{are}
entertained in the North ex-
cepting by persons employed by
Chinese on steamers or elsewhere.
I think the other foreigners would
be highly pleased to see us all
go - I got back in time

for a part of the afternoon meeting
Wednesday Jan 2nd

meeting at 7 - not a very good
sermon from Chuan - class
at 10 - after class they dis-
cussed a few matters about the
schools, about going out the next
3 mos. & about the mission as-
sisting the preachers to buy copies
for Graves's "Life of Christ" -
I had rec'd an invitation to
take tiffin at Mrs. Campbell's
Miss Hess & Miss Falconer
were there had a quiet pleasant
time. got there at 12.30 left
a little before 2 - attended the
communion of the boy primary

The "Shales" come in to-day ²⁵
Mr. Urquhart brought several
things for us - a ring for "the
occasion" - & also the cap - but
Mrs. Clark gave me Christmas
which she wished to have a
monogram. They put on a
neat & tasteful one. I also
had a new hat, much like
the one I last wore at home.

Mr. U. is very kind & obliging.
One of the most striking things
about the boys at examination
was the dress of some of them.
I counted 18 shades on one and
14 on another - the most kaleido-
scopic mingling of reds, greens &
yellows I ever saw -

Thursday Jan 25th
Cooler, damp & cloudy. I was
at early service & at the class
but did not attend in the after-
noon - as I had the intimation

of a cold & stayed in my 26
room - feel all right now -
did some writing & looking about
the house preparing to deciding
what preparations to make here.
This evening I went down with
Mr. Partridge to the preacher's home
they were listening to Hui-tien
who read from a tract on Baptism
published by the Chinese in Can-
ton. I wrote before of a tract
prepared by Mr. Henry, Presbyt.
Elian, on the subj. Dr. Graves
prepared a reply & the Chinese
Baptists published it on their
own acct. - Afterward the
br'n sang a hymn offered prayer
& then the matter of sending out
the men for the next quarter
& the question of a cook for the
boys' school were both discussed.
Friday Jan 4th 1849
Just a year ago to-day I landed.

I did not think of it, till I was 27
reminded of the same by receiv-
ing a present of a decorated Chi-
nese plate with brass frame for
hanging on the wall from a
young lady with a note of presenta-
tion accompanying. I presided
at the meeting when the preach-
ers & Bible-women gave in
their reports - did not have much
talking to do so got on fairly
well. Afterwards had a talk
with Sam who goes to Kho-Khoi.
Sam to take charge of that re-
gion this year. The girls
school was examined in the P.M.
& the prizes awarded to the boys.

This evening a good prayer meet-
ing. I have written a friendly
letter to Dr. Musdock -

Saty Jan 4/89 -

Cold in morning & evening. Sam
not having a fire because I do

not want to get accustomed ²⁸
to it before going to the Country.
This a.m. A. Hi' & A. Khong-
were in & I had a long talk with
them about going out. also
questioned A. Khong about matters
at Chhiat-lian, I was amused
at one thing. Hasker about
a young man who has applied for
baptism - who, I hear, used to
gamble a little. K. said yes
but he had repented & did not do
so any more. adding that his
mother had adopted another son.
& told the young "sport" that if he
persisted she would cut him
off & give her possessions to
the other boy - he accordingly
"repented". I was starting for
Swatow at 11 a.m. when the no-
tice of a mail to Hongkong came
& I delayed to send that off - worked
fast for an hour - took an early
tiffin & got there early. looked

over the things to be sold 29
at auction but saw nothing
I wanted. It was very sad to
see all these wrecks & think
that poor Pollock might be
still alive & happy with his family
how if it had not been for liquor.

I did an errand or two at the
E.P. Mission & came back to at-
tend the Ch. business meeting.

A large no. of cases for disci-
pline came up & various matters
beside. I am elected church
treasurer. Miss Field's spoke to
me about taking charge of the
acct of books sent from Shanghai
to be sold. so I am gradually get-
ting into the harness.

Only two came forward for baptism -
our a boy of 12 - who took the first night
in the primary school. The Elder said
"you are a very small child do you
think the Lord Jesus will accept you?"
"yes" - "What proof?" - The Holy Book
Matthew says. "Suffer little children
to come unto me".

Sunday - Jan'y 6th 30

Both were new & I had the privilege
of baptizing them. We had ser-
vice at 10 a.m. Hwa-lin & Miao-
An preached - I went out before
the last hymn & prepared for the
ceremony. My robe was greatly
admired by Miss Field. & there it
also spoke of it - I spoke of try-
ing an custom at home of singing
a verse as the "Amen" is pronounced.
They sang "Happy Day" - it seem-
ed like home. First they
sang two verses - then A-Hi
read the "great Commission". Com-
mented on the meaning of the
ordinance the Elder offered pray-
er & the two men baptized.
The man came first. He trem-
bled like a leaf - partly from
cold & partly from nervousness
I think & I had some trouble in
getting both his hands, but
succeeded in baptizing him
without trouble. The boy was quiet

& looked very bright & happy - 31

He is a younger brother of the
blind girl & the girl who un-
bound her feet - After the first
man was baptized they sang the
3rd vs. of "Happy Day" & the 4th after
the joy. They were led by Mr.
P. ^{with} afternoon. He spoke on Romans
VIII - & then he & the Elder administ-
tered the Communion. After that
I had a lot of church money af-
fairs to look after - This evening
we met the preachers again. had
several prayers. Mr. P. spoke to
them on Haggai II: 4 - & we
talked over a few small matters -
I went again to his home to
get some advice - It has been
quite a busy day - I enjoyed the
baptismal service very much
they said the formula was plainly
spoken & they could all hear.

Monday Jan 7th -

All preachers & Bible women left

During the day. I was busy in the
 morning looking after some matters
 about the Chapels & then studied
 Chinese. rec'd a letter from John
 Cummings - he is well & happy -
 Mr. P. had some boxes to ship to
 Miss Danville & also heard that
 our goods from Boston were on
 the Pak-shan ("Nothow Mountain")
 she came in so he was able
 to get the goods - Miss Fulor
 Miss Hess & I were invited to
 tea at Dr. Lyall's. The ladies
 had some calls to make & returned
 early - We had a pleasant evening.
 had ~~Escalloped~~ oysters for supper.
 The oysters here are very good
 this year. Tuesday Jan'y 8th

My box was here last night but
 I had no soldering-iron so could
 not open it. This a.m. I borrow-
 ed Mr. P.'s iron & opened it

I found the articles all in good 33
shape excepting our bottle - a flat
one which was empty, its con-
tents having been absorbed by the
Cotton & papers - Everything else all
right & nice - All the rest of the
glass was safe & sound - except a cup
& glass of jelly - but their contents
were saved - The tin was very
nice - the little calendar is
greatly admired - The cake I shall
not unpack till the day draws
near. the cork box is a good size.
Mrs. P. will be highly pleased
with the shipping & has already
expressed her gratitude. She rec'd
a lot of things for the girls school
& also gifts from friends to themselves.
The thimbles, needles & threads she
is always glad to have. The vana
meat & the lunch cloth will
come in very nicely just now.
The Eatables also. I told the
boys to-day of the expected change

& they expressed pleasure. I shall
 have the work of getting this half
 the house ready go on now. have
 had a few repairs made. the cook-
 house whitewashed, a ceiling mended
 &c. I engaged a man to act
 as cooly - bring water keep the
 garden in order act as boatman
 &c. &c. 3 servants seems a large
 no. but a home hen cannot
 well get on with less & they do not
 cost as much as a good girl at
 home. The cook gets \$5.00 per mo.
 the table boy \$3.00 (or \$4.00 at most) &
 the cooly \$4.00 - & find themselves.
 The cook does all the marketing.
 the boy does all the washing of
 table linen & small pieces of work.
 & the cooly is messenger boy & guard
 as it helps carry a chair if
 necessary. The man I engaged is
 Lai-Kui a transmigrant of Tek-Sui's
 a refugee from a village in the
 hills near Kho-Khoi.

We went to the E.P. Mission 35-
at 3.30 - to the prayer meeting.
During the week of prayer two
meetings are held - Mr. P led
Reading Ps. 65 - All but Miss
Hulow she had been to the Island
& was tired. The house is nearly
finished - After coming back there
was a little time before supper &
Miss H & I walked down with
Mrs. Campbell to hear her new or-
gan - which came yesterday: it is
like mine of excellent tone.

Wednesday June 9th -

Cool in the morning. warm at
noon. & raining this evening -
The boys have been at work clean-
ing to-day & I have been looking
after some necessary repairs &
improvements - There are some
servant rooms to be put in
order besides various repairs
about the house -

Mrs. Campbell rec'd a letter ³⁶
from Mr. C. to-day. He had
an encounter with Dr. Riddle
of the E. P. Mission in which
Dr. R. treated him rather shab-
bily accused him of being an
interloper - they & the Basel
Mission divided the Hak-kew
between themselves some years
since & seem to think no one
else has any rights - notwithstand-
ing the facts that a Baptist was
the first to preach among
them & that they were not
occupying the field. I expect
we shall have serious oppo-
sition from them in the com-
ing years. When the Mission
is weak they patronize us,
but if they see we are likely
to be strong they will not
show any favor to say the least.
But we have nothing to do

save go straight on and 37
teach what we believe the
Bible teaches. I have
been looking over the Oracle
& am strongly tempted to write
an article for the Echo, against
the impiety of such stuff.
I fear poor Dr. Chaplin would
sneer a look of sadness - a
flush of shame even in glory
should he know of it -

Thursday Jan'y 10th

This A.M. Ji-nou came & arranged
for framing "Christ before Pilate" &
the long photo. of the College, al-
so for a book-case similar to
my Newton Center bookcase -
from the pattern Mother sent.
I got on very well reading Chi-
nese - L. H. asked if I would
not read in Chapel Sunday.
The P's left after dinner.
I went to Swanton looked about

for myself & did a few errands ³⁸
for Miss Fiddle - We rec'd two
presents to-day - one an elegant
silver butter dish from Mrs.
Allum - a tall article with the
center a globe in form the upper
hemisphere dividing & falling
back revealing a glass dish
within - The frame is of taste-
ful elegant or at least beautiful
design - Miss Fiddle also pro-
duced a breakfast coster neat
& dainty - The first is a trifling
of Embarrassing as we do not
invite the Community - but
it is a very kind & generous
gift -

Friday Jan'y 11th 84

A still more unexpectedly gener-
ous gift in the order in further
letter - a most beautiful provision
Just now do not know what we
shall buy - as the market is lim-
ited & we do not like to get

39

too many things at once a nice
set of table ware such as we should
like we of course would prefer to
select ourselves. Perhaps if
the summer proves very trying
we will take a trip to Japan
as a present. This A.M. I had
Chinese attended to some small af-
fairs, & began a letter to Father
After dinner read some more had
a call from Mr. Campbell, went
to prayer meeting at Mrs. H.'s -
Mr. Meagher Miss Black, Miss
Rickatt & Mr. & Mrs. McKnight
were present. The latter a fine
looking couple seem like well-
bred refined people. Mr. C. & I
took a walk. Hak-jū lead
the prayer-meeting read Luke
XI - 5 to 8 - Subject - Prayer.
very few present but a good
meeting.

40

Saturday June 12th / 89

A dull day - at 9 a.m. L. H. came
I read Chinese; at 10 - Hak-jū
came & I talked with him about
his sermon for to-morrow. He is
to take John III:19 - as a text.

I have set the boys at work
putting down some matting in the
dining room. Miss Hira has

rec'd some more presents, a
little tea-set - for "afternoon tea".
a beautiful little set, very delicate
of Japanese ware. also a fine
Irish linen table cloth & set of
dinner napkins from Miss Black
& Miss Harkness - the quality is
notably excellent & the pattern, of
ferns, is unusually pretty.

We are likely to have an imposing
array of gifts for "poor" missions.
In the latter part of the afternoon we
went to Swatow & called upon the newly
arrived people. In the evening
did some writing & reading.

Sunday July 13/89 - 41

The usual services - In the A.M. too long - L.H. preached in the P.M. - very well from Mt. X healing of the blind man - I want to Swatow when the attendance was good.

Monday - July 14th '89 -

Last night a bat was in my room & wakened me at 2 a.m. He flew into the bath room & shut himself in where like "a juis bug & a beetle" in the song he could "buzz and but his head against the wall".

Again, my window blew open so my night's rest was broken - Today I have read quite a good portion of Chinese & have attended to various matters about the house. Mr. Uqubart came today & brought the Carpet, it is exactly the thing, is neat in design appropriate in color & they sent up

also on approval a rug to match
 so that the two cover all that is
 needed of the large parlor & they
 will answer nicely, whatever
 house we have. The two will
 cost about \$300.00 Am. money, & that
 will be all our bill for carpeting -
 as we leave the parlor matting
 down. If any injury is done we
 will remunerate the owner.

The Partridges got back very early
 this morning - had a good trip to the
 Au-city & a very prompt return -
 the weather is very mild. Mr. & Mrs.
 McKenzie, Dr. & Mrs. Hyall were
 in the latter part of the afternoon.

Tuesday - July 16 1899

A dull day - I went to Ji-nou's
 shop after breakfast - saw the desk
 & various little things - he came up
 with me - & I ordered frames for 3
 pictures - Christus Consolator.
Christus Remunerator & a motto.

43
Looked after sundry other affairs
about the house & had some Chinese
also started the young man on his
Sunday's sermon -

Wednesday June 16th

Wrote Swatos with Mr. P. Miss
H. & Mrs. H. Cook had errands -

I rec'd a letter from Kelly & Walsh
of Hongkong which revealed the fact
that they had printed the sample
I sent instead of my "copy" for
wedding announcements - the
most utter, idiotic, stupidity I
ever heard of - I tried in Swatow
but could not find any nice
stationery - Ji-kou brought up

the desk my wedding present
to the other "Contracting party"
A most beautiful Japanese tray
came from Mr. McKenzie & a
set of "tea-pots" from Mr & Mrs.
Gibson, both beautifully orna-
mented -

Thursday July 17th 44

This A.M. Miss Fulwider & Miss
Came over to look after vases etc.
We talked over the matter of an-
nouncements & finally decided to
use some curled-edge correspond-
ence cards. Clara has asked
Mrs. Campbell to write out e-
nough to send out here. She writes
an easy hand & will be able to
do it. Envelopes we can get in
Saturday. I was obliged to make
another trip thither - met at
a man going over but he was a
hardened subject. Still he seemed
to entertain some things. The same
boatman brought me back - he in-
formed me my "doctrines" was
upon him the fact that it was
revealed truth. Some men with
whom I talked informed me that
I spoke the language very
plainly so my spirit was somewhat

cheered. - I did not state
 that last night we had prayer-
 meeting at Mr. P.'s I understood
 Mr. Campbell was to lead till
 about 10 minutes before when I
 was told I was expected to do so.
 Fortunately I had a sub. in mind.
 & took the words in Mark II:52
 "Their heart was hardened" - the
 callous-ing effect of contact
 with the world & need of keeping
 the soul impassible & faith un-
 dimmed. - So-day we rec'd
 our mail - I had the best one
 yet - or one of the best - 2 letters
 from home - long Mrs. - one each
 from May & Fanny - one from Dr.
 Ashmore. from Mrs. Meorian & a
 very cheering one from Mr. Rowley
 of the No Adams Ch. Dr. Burleigh-
 has also acknowledged the "appeals".
 at No Adams they had a morning
 sermon & afternoon meeting on
 the subject, & show great interest.

To-day Clara has sent over a 46
lot of things & we are getting the
rooms quite well filled - shall
have a very good outfit - Some
more mutton she had sent since
to replace mine that was spoiled
by last years rains -

Friday June 18 -

A very hard blow last night -
the steamers that came in to-day
report an unusually rough sea.
The Hokien from Amoy did not get
in till ^{after} 4 P.M. - 10 hours later
than usual. The Formosa came
in early from Hongkong & went
on board to see if the Norvells had
come - then went to Swatow &
did some errands. got the papers
found that the N.S. did not come
on the Gaelic - Mr. Simmons
wrote Mr. Partridge that they
are to be here on the City of New York

due Jan'y 24th - but probably 47
she will be late.

Our arrangements are being further
carried on - goods have been
90. - At prayer meeting I at-
tempted to translate a part of
Mr. Rowley's letter - about
their service for China - justin-
ed some of the men after meet-
ing I found some got about all
some only a part of what I said.
Saturday - Jan'y 19th / 89 -

Mr. P. was in to-day - he seemed
to think I got on very well last
evening - told me of some errors
in giving the tones in full force
where they are to be modified. eg.
Nō" sa" Kái gieh = two or 3 months
there the high sharp tone of the last
word is given - but tōi sa" gieh =
the third month - gieh becomes

Enclitic - an additional stress ⁴⁸
being placed upon sa - &
the last word like the ultimate
of a paroxysm - I have found
in my reading that this is true
in antithesis - e.g. Chi K'ai-nang
this man - hi-K'ai-nang =
that man. (hi & ille) - nang
(N character) is high tone - but the
second expression is like a pro-
paroxysm with emphatic stress -
&c. &c. &c. - It is said that some
Customs officials (clerks) have
become unbalanced by too long
application to Chinese - I should
not ^{like} give myself to it as an
occupation for fear of similar
results. - To-day the boys
have been bringing down more
books & things so it looks
as if we were really to have

a house full of things - 49-

A new present arrived to-day -
a pair of handsome Japanese
scrolls from Mr. Duffus - Yesterday
a pair of Jap. vases made of
Copper wire braided wire brought.

Jan. 19 - Saturday was a
not very successful day - I
found that my coat which the
tailor has re-made apparently
does well need to have the
sleeve taken out & so sent for
the tailor - Ji-nou arrived
with a lot of things - some
pictures - frames - articles of furni-
ture ~~to~~ needed &c.

Sunday Jan 20 -
Raining - but cleared by 9. A. M.
So we started for Yang Ou. Reached
there in time for a service be-
tween 11 & 12 o'clock. a good
number present. The Chapel is much better.

56

a wet January day is bleak indeed, but I did not mind it, had on an overcoat & rubber coat, a shawl & rubber blanket over my knees. Lung Hung & Hong An went with me, the latter has just finished his school at T. S. We met to call on Yin at Kowah-chiu where we landed but one had gone to chapel & another had a lame foot & could not go. The walk was not unpleasant. We found some of the people awaiting us - & they called others so we had a good audience, Hung An - preached on Acts. I: 8. talking the first part - the Holy Spirit. Lung Hung preached on "Witnessing" & did very well. I was much

pleased at the appearance of
 the Chapel - They had thorough-
 ly swept the ceiling & washed
 the walls at least two good coats.
 I made some remarks in the
 afternoon before Communion
 on this work being a witness to
 their labor. that if the Holy
 Spirit wrought in us till our
 lives were pure they would be a
 testimony to the world. Fear was
 not very intelligible - but am
 quite sure they understood my
 last words about cleaning up
 the premises. They use the yard to
 store dried sugar cane - ploughs &c.
 I read the passage on cleaning the
 Temple & told them I did not be-
 lieve the Lord would be pleased
 if he should pass through this
 place. He met a little train
 before reaching the boat & had a

52
not rough passage & anchor
& a half against wind & tide -
I caught no cold however but
was tired & fell asleep in my
chair during the evening.

Monday June 21 -

Cloudy - I went to Swatow to see
the tailor & do one or two other er-
rands - the day has glided away
with almost nothing to show for it -
a lot of little matters to look after
about the house - They have gotten
the house beautifully decorated at
Miss F.'s - Mr. Mestup tried the
formula of going in & standing up.
Baron Von Seckendorf has been
laid by with a sprained foot
result of playing tennis after
dancing all night - but he hopes
to come in his chair - He is
to give the civil sanction.

He has given the sanction &
 now - at 3-0. M. Tuesday
 afternoon we are on the boat
 "Grace" started upon our visit-
 ding trip - going to the region
 Mr. Campbell I visited last
 year - Mrs. Foster - first
 time I have written her as
 such - has been resting on one of
 the couches at the side of the
 Cabin & I am writing at the
 table - she still has orange
 blossoms in her hair, which
 Miss Falconer kindly sent -
 & at my right in a tumbler on
 the table is Per Fouquet which
 Miss Whittle, governess at
 Mrs. Allunis, a very nice
 young lady, made for her. Mr.
 Sawyer & Mrs. Andrews gave part
 of the flowers. Everyone has

been very kind - Embarrassingly
 so the people in the Com-
 munity whom we did not in-
 vite - Filmore was given in
 abundance - Sat'y Dr. Conland-
 & Mrs. Lyall assisted also Mr.
 Campbell & Dr. Lyall a part of
 the time. Miss Friede had
 the parlor decorations under her
 charge & Mrs. Partridge the din-
 ing room. Both were very pretty
 Mrs. P. will send you a description
 There were lots of potted plants -
 lilies (Callas) - Gramineas, Begonias
 &c. The curtains were taken down
 & the poles covered ^{the} with rich dark
 foliage of the Fir - tree
 relieved by brilliant sprays
 of poinsettia leaves -

I was adorned with a sprig
 of orange blossoms & a bit of fern

in my button-hole - 55

My suit-came back from the tailor much improved & looked as well as new. I had a nice pair of low shoes which came in play - Clara had made me a white satin tie so that my "wedding dress" was all provided for. The brides dress was very pretty becoming - I believe she sent samples & description some time since.

The parlour of which you have picture was quite well filled. Mr. Partridge as we intend comes out & stood before us facing the people. Little Louise Campbell came in with Miss Hess & stood by her till she ceased to be a Miss. Mr. P. read a few

passages from Genesis. 56

Ruth. Psalms, & Johns Gospel
& I Cor. showing the origin & divine
Sanction of marriage. - I spoke
very impressively of that
view of marriage as resting
on Gods word, ordained by
God the Father, sanctioned by
the Son, & honored by the
Holy Spirit. - who inspired the
Apostle to give commands em-
bracing it. - Mr. Campbell
stepped forward & standing by
Mrs P.'s left offered prayer.
They congratulated us & returned
to receive the Barnes Congratu-
lations & then those of all the
Company. We then went to
the dining-room. Had coffee,
tea & cake. I had a pleasant
chat with several of the people

then we started to prepare for our trip. Mrs. F. had a chair to take her to her former home & thence to the boat. I went to my rooms - made a few preparations & went also to the boat. Mr. P. came & accompanied me. Mrs. Campbell who had assisted Miss Hers & Mrs. F. to dress for the different occasions come with the latter to the boat. We had an opposing wind did not much tide to favor us. But have kept moving & now back of Swatow shall probably not get far to-day - Wednesday July 23rd

We only got about opposite the mission in the river back of Swatow. the tide is now running out we cannot make

much headway against both ⁵⁸
wind & tide. Yesterday the chair-
bearers met off in a hurry &
took Clara's basket and hand-
bag with them. They were not
missed in the hurry of leave-
takings - the hand bag contained
some money & valuables so we
plan to go back for a walk
& return here by the time
the tide turns. If there is a
steamer I will mail this.

We are finding the boat quite
comfortable. This the morning is
quite cold - J.K. Sun is slow
so we had breakfast late a little -
We can take a boat here directly
to Koh. Chik come back to Swatow
to walk across - The Chinese
are all bundled up with hoods
& many layers of jackets.
J.S. waited on table with a hood
of brown cloth on.

59-
He took a boat that went down
around Swatow & to K'ok. Chieh
in less than an hour. He went
to the house found all that we wished
to take with us. Sent a line to Mrs. P.
who came over & made us a short
call. He took the same boat
back to Swatow walked across the
city took a little boat at a landing
for our craft that lay on the op-
posite side by a mud flat.

In the afternoon we did a little
sorting of clippings read a little from
Robert E. Howard. We have be-
gun to read together the German
of Exodus - Clara had been read-
ing in course & I thought it would
be well for both of us to use as
good an opportunity to combine
scriptural & linguistic study. I know
very little German but can read
some passages & can pronounce
fairly well. I am anxious for C.
to keep up her practice for she

Can speak as a German, ⁶⁰
having been accustomed to both
languages at home. It may
be very useful to her & help
her to reach people at home too.

Thursday Jan'y 24th 89.

The weather seems to have exactly
suited itself to our plans. The
first sunshine in days broke out
at noon Tuesday & this is the
first clear really fine day in a
week. Night is beautiful with
an East Wind so we have sailed
a good distance. - After break-
fast we went ashore & walked a-
bout a phor 3 1/2 miles, but I
think in all it must have been
5 miles as we went some way
to the walk along the dike back
to the river. The landscape was
a varied one from the high wall.
The river traceable where not

61

seen by the masts & mat-sails,
above the fields of sugar-canes
moving slowly up stream. In many
fields now the sugar crushing
& boiling huts I have described;
men & boys working in the fields;
& occasionally a long row of them
Each overwhelmed by a great
bundle of sugar cane: hereabout
are many large pools where fish
are reared & caught. By the side
of our boat was a man with a sort
of rude ladle dredging & spitting
the earth on his field. The
land is very low behind the
dike & stretches away for miles
to the hills now gray in the dis-
tance. A great many villages are
scattered about - all idolatrous;
& along the roadway are many
shrines. We talked a little
with passers by. But so many
were beggars that it was
not pleasant, as we had no cash.

62

We had dinner & afterwards
sorted more clippings - but perhaps
you would like to know what we
had for dinner. There is a hard wood
table in the boat (about $3 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ ft) -
It was covered with a linen tablecloth
& set with blue-edged ware, the
bridal bouquet being the only floral
decoration. We had roast beef -
(not as rich as from Doris but
very good) - roasted potatoes -
beets & lettuce from Mrs. P.'s gar-
den, nice bread & butter & gravy -
dessert - troussard of rice-pudding
& cake (sent by Miss F. from their
wedding tea preparations) - fruit,
oranges & bananas. J.S. at last
found it too warm for his new
cloth hood & waited on table
without it for the first time since
our departure. We had the
little organ & attempted a little
singing after dinner - Both
felt the need of a nap after our
long walk - Since that time

has been sitting on deck at 63
the stern: she has never been
up this river as far before -
is now ~~in~~ here exhorting me
to go out & see all the wonders
of the landscape - just at the right
time as this journal is finished.

Friday. Jan'y 25th/89.

Last night we reached the Hu-
city & moored by the bank below
the bridge near a boat-mending
yard. There were not many
boats ^{close by} near us so we were
not disturbed save by fire-crackers
& shooting of guns as worship -
It is a strange scene here, the
low dirty houses of the city,
the rows of boats with varied
Cargoes, the long bridge of many
piers with shops on each pier
& the steadily moving line of
passers to & fro - almost every

64

over with the inevitable pole
over his shoulder with a bundle
or basket at either end.

The spaces between the piers are
not more than 20 or at most
25 ft. - two long blocks of granite
fully $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft thick & wide are put
across as sills with a wooden
platform above. Not far from
the right bank is a wide
space filled by a pontoon -
bridges fastened at either end by
chains to the abutting piers so
that it can rise & fall as the
water is higher or lower.

We are now moved above the
bridge, T. S. has gone to buy
fruit & charcoal. Mrs. F. made
her first venture in cooking ^{on}
boat. I made some exceedingly nice
rice-cakes. But I have had others.

65
Again more favored by the
day wind. as the latter was westerly
enabling us to sail all the afternoon
& get up among the Grand hills
which I described to you last yr.

We sat on deck most of the after-
noon & enjoyed the scene. Clara
read some Robert - Clivers.

We had a light breeze but it was
enough to take us some distance
by night. We moved at dusk

& C. & I took a walk on shore.
visited some trees with ash bark
at their base, got some grasses
with feathery tops & returned in
time for supper. In the evening
we played a game of Purssi.

I had the second play & won -

We thus far have kept the Ger-
man - have read Chap. s XV & XVI
in Exodus. Saturday - Jan'y 26/89

A little foggy early in the morning.

66
But a light breeze so that we sail-
ed up to the place where Mr.
Campbell & I took a long walk
last year & thought the boat was
running off to leave us. We cut off
back of the hills near a ~~wide sweep~~
& sharp bend of the river & saw
among other things a row of rif-
flers lying in the water, tethered
to pegs on the bank. This time
we sailed around said town.

Clara was anxious to give a name
to the place & considering the afore-
said herd we concluded she might
name it after her native city &
call it "Buffalo Bend" or Buffalo
anything - you please - There was
a Cascade which we decided might
be Tenic Falls & Keonelec Run
etc. etc - The E. P. folks up at
Agou-ka-pou have named about
all the mts. & hills in that region.

67.

The sky has been overcast all the morning & since we turned to come down - at 9.45 - the wind ceased so we have rowed along comfortably. I got some good exercise helping at the large stern oar. The mts. have been more beautiful than ever under the mist. It is warm but the dampness makes the air penetrating - so that on deck an ulster was comfortable - In the cabin where I am writing I need no overcoat though a window behind is open. (I hope to get a photo. of the boat to send with this). This weather is a daily marvel & cause of thankfulness when we recall the cold storms of last week. We think of advising all friends to take their wedding or Anniversary trips up the river - if they can have us good a boat & such fine weather.

5.15 P.M. -

68

Just back from a long walk in
the City - We met with Lung-Hung
as guide to the chapel. The Keeper
an old man accompanied us. We
first walked on the city wall -
a high embankment of stone &
earth faced with crenels which
extends as a sort of battlement
above the inner wall - having
openings for shooting through -
very good for Chinese warfare.

But a single shell from a
modern gun would shatter
the whole affair - Looking
through these port-holes or notches
in the top of the wall we got
a good view of the river, the
boat-building, the houses out-
side the walls & the "Semi-
ford the river" - On the other side
were the roofs of the city. It is
interesting to see how they ~~pro~~ pro-
tect their walls by putting bits of
broken crockery in mortar as a

69-
discomfort for thieves as walls at
home are guarded by broken
glass in similar array. An
interesting feature of this great city
is its trees - Looking off from the
wall you see the rich green
foliage of the Banyans rising
high above the tiled roofs; one
huge one we found outside the wall
apparently growing out of the wall
itself but looking down we saw
it rested upon a roof - its roots
~~from~~ probably running down
the sides striking into the earth below.
We afterwards saw a large number
of trees in the city seemingly grow-
ing up from "roof-trees" but a glance
within an open door revealed a huge
root or possibly more than one ex-
tending down by the side of a par-
tition - The most peculiar of
all was a gateway formed by such
roots - up at "Kin-sua" - a mountain
"Gold-Mountain"

ful place up on a hill at our ⁷⁰
corner of the city - a sort of University -
a series of buildings on the side of
the hill rising one above another
accessible by flights of stone steps.
Officials contribute to its support
& each of the districts has a
section or a house where young
aspirants for literary degrees can
come to study. The large house
at top has glass windows of Chinese
make - glass fully 10 x 20 ins. &
an airy well lighted room
that would not disgrace even a
Boston school-house - We descended
to one of the largest best streets I have
seen in China - lined with shops of
all kinds - It is noticeable that here
as at home shops of the same
kind are found near together. We
passed a whole row of shoe-stores -
in one place nothing but gamb-
ling shops were to be seen. L. H.
took us to a famous Buddhist

Headquarters - we passed through⁷¹
a huge gateway - used as a place
of business by vendors - having at
either end two hideous images
of colossal size - then we passed into
a large paved court at whose op-
posite side was a sort of temple.
A crowd had followed us in the
street then - "Well I do not un-
derstand your friends" decreed him
that he would not admit us
himself into the theatre" - for this
crowd were not ugly only noisy
& in for a good time - and such
clapping & shouting & screaming as
they crowded around us I never
experienced - It seemed as if there
were hundreds of them - at times
they began crowding us but
L. H. spoke sharply to them & they
did very well - but I was thoroughly
glad to get out of the place.

72

I was a little anxious on Clara's account (tho' she stood it bravely - did not even lay hold of my arm) & because I did not understand the situation. I thought he was taking us through this court on our way to the boat & the way seemed blocked up. He had not told us that this was the celebrity we wished to see. We finally got back safely & the street seemed a paradise. Soon we met Tih-Sün just in time to send him after some 'summelos' we had seen for sale. L. H. said he had asked some one what he thought of the hospital work Dr. Couland has been doing. He ^{said} it was good but the Dr. came to get the confidence of the people & then afterward would want their country - a good example of the suspicions entertained against foreigners. This city is far better than formerly. They used to hate foreigners intensely.

Sunday, Jan. 27th 73

This a.m. we had worship at 11 1/2.
The Dea. Lung Heng & I spoke -
The first on I John. V: 6 sq. - L.H.
on I Cor. VI: 20 - I spoke again on
Heb. X: 25 - illustrating by the people
who assemble at Kien-Suan to
study - who come together yesterday
to stand at us, & by a great convocation
of officials here to-day - a high of-
ficial who holds jurisdiction over
3 departments (Tia Chiu, Kia
Eng Chiu & Hui-Chiu) has just
been appointed & a general as-
sembly seems to be convened. There
were a large no. of boats decked
with official flags & a large col-
lection of fine sedan chairs, with
glass windows - near a house
in full sight from our boat. Each
official was accompanied by a
retinue of men in soldier pos-
ture & generally one on a pony.

1954
A several flags, banners or lanterns are borne by the retainers.

It has been a very interesting location here - Besides the officials we have had opportunity to watch the unloading & loading of native boats near us. One boat was loaded with peanut oil in baskets made imperious by tugs a filling of some greasy compound that cemented the openings so that there was no leakage.

This is a great center for trade - & should be a great center for the gospel. Clara did not go to chapel in the morning as there were no women there so they thought her going might attract too great a crowd.

We had a very fine dinner - a chicken - vegetables - C.'s first attempt at dressing for such a bird. A great success. We had some of Ann Seais Cranberry that was delicious -

At 3 - we all went again to chapel I spoke a little on "Fear not" said to Abraham & by the Lord to his

disciples - I tried to expand the 75
thought that, ^{faith in} Christ is a shield to
the believer - He could control
Evil spirits, & all things - Luke in
the acct of the stilling of the tem-
pest say - the wind & the water obey
him. - (Huang-Kang Chui). Spirits
& "Huang-Chui" are the things most
troublesome to a superstitious Chi-
nanan. I seemed to get their
attention your brother asked some
questions about what becomes of
the spirit after death & what dif-
ference takes place at the resur-
rection. I referred to various pas-
sages that L. H. read there. it
was to me an interesting service
& hope profitable. The bro. who
did the questioning is a widower
with 4 children (whose wife died of
Cholera). All the children must
come to church & they transformed
the place into more or less of a nursery.
In the A.M. L. H. took the smallest
one up & deposited him in the
dock yard & the net followed; this P.M.

76
Clara kept them in a state of
respectable quiet & taught two of
them part of a hymn. I have
been out on shore wandering about
& practising Chinese - met with one
interesting case of a young man who
says he worships "Siang-ti" - He evi-
dently knows quite a little of the
truth & seems sincere.

Monday Jan 28/89 -

Saw the same man again but did
not effect anything with him. he
was at work. He started at 8-A.M.
& had an overcast but beautiful
day for sailing & rowing down. Had
a north wind a small part of the
way. In the P.M. we both took a
nap. At 5 P.M. I gave up hope
of reaching home before the evening. But
an East wind came in & we sailed
clear to the Bay & across. The
men rowed hard against wind & tide

on this side the bay & we
 reached home by 7-45. Sent
 word to the Partridges & Miss F.
 & they all came to see us.
 we had very cordial greetings
 & an invitation to breakfast from
 Mrs. P.

Tuesday July 29th

After breakfast I had a lot of
 accounts to settle & little matters
 to look after that consumed the
 time. Clara began work in getting
 the parlor to rights - had some
 Chmiss help in sewing - she had
 some curtains in her former
 house that were cut off make
 of the low rooms - now they need to
 be pieced again to be the right
 length - the men. covers where
 they are looped up so they be all
 safe - I did some work getting
 pictures framed - We had
 our first meal in the house at

noon. had a chicken - that '78
furnished soup + roast - potatoes.
turnips + lettuce - a pudding
(a Minnant) fruit - oranges - bananas,
pummelo - not an extravagant meal
as the chicken was a trifle over
20¢ - most of the vegetables were
grown here & the fruit is very
cheap - It was a very satisfacto-
ry dinner - Mrs. Campbell & Miss
Loren called a few moments -

Wednesday Jan 4 30/89 -

The day was given to putting
the rooms to rights - after I had
settled with Ji-nōn & attended to a
few details. We got the pictures
up in the parlor & things to
rights so that when the people
came to prayer-meeting all was
cheerful. Mr. P. led reading Act xiii.
Miss Loren spoke very well
of their meeting at Kingsport, said

they were accustomed to 79
King in requests for prayer she
had noted them down & afterwards
looked over them - it was evening
ing to see how many had been an-
swered. She had been especially
interested to pray for the girls in
the boarding school - she has a
service with them Sunday, talks
with them giving them some new
verse to think upon. She preached
all who wished to be disciples of
Jesus to stand & 12 or more rose.
She did not know how many were
nally believers "that was the
need heart." but of some she felt
sure -

Thursday July 31 -

Chinese New Year day - We expect
some callers - have laid in a
stock of Chinese Candy - baked some
cakes provided tea, & hope to have
some pleasant calls from the Chinese
Christians - It is a beautiful day.

4.20 P.M. 80,

I think about a hundred have
been here - all have been orderly
& most of them courteous in their
behavior. 7 came over from
Swatow. All the girls school
(or 19 of them) came together -
I hope it will prove to be a
good move they all wished
us "Kong-hi" - a compru-
pise expression of good
wishes - Friday - ~~Jan~~ Feb. 1.

I did some writing on a letter
to my ram rake Band. & a little
more work putting the house to
rights - We asked Mrs. Campbell
Mr. & Mrs. Urquhart to 4 o'clock
tea & tennis - as Mr. U. is at
home for a few days & we feel
under great obligation for all
the favors he has done us.
Wee Keep up reading a little

German from the old Testament
Each evening, also read a chapter of
Chinese in Matthew's Gospel for
family prayers which we have for
the servants after breakfast.

Saturday - July 2nd

Now writing & now finishing touch
to the house, which latter is about
done & is very homelike - The
parlor I like better than any
other in the Compound. I will
soon make a diagram of the
house & mark the place of each
article. Miss Fuld's took tea
with us & it was a festive
occasion. She has her husband's
meal at night so now provided
something for dinner. all the arti-
cles were excellently cooked, especially
some onions & turneps which the
lady of the house prepared.

she evidently has a "knack" ⁸²
of producing palatable dishes -
seems greatly to enjoy the care of
a home. Sunday Feb. 3 -

After morning service we went
to Swatow. A storm preventing
Kong was coming in so I went
aboard to see if any news could
be learned of the Norrells - but
none was obtainable save the fact
that they did not come on the
City of New York - We then went

to the chapel - a goodly company of
the men & 11 women were present -
Hak-jū preached from Matt. V: 8 -
& the Deacon from Luke IV: 18 ¹⁹ - especi-
ally dwelling on the 19th vs. starting
with the Chinese observance of
the New Year - He used it very
well - & emphasized the eternal
(over)

ing of the new year almost pro-
claimed. —

10 letters by the two birds.
Very yours —

joy of this year Christ pro-
 claimed contrasted with the short
 festivities of their New Year-times,
 this too is all peace & blessedness,
 whereas gambling & brawls are
 common among them now.

When we returned the Hai loong
 from Hong Kong was at her moorings
 so we went aboard but got no tidings.
 Our two mails - (City of N. York & Belgia)
 come & after dinner we sat
 down to enjoy the "plunder" -
 I had 10 letters - 2 from Father
 one from Mother, one from Ber-
 na - (Cummins) one each from Dr.
 Ashmore, Mr. Coleman, C. A. Mason
 J. P. Dixon, A. J. Stewart, Vankirk
 & a card from Mr. McKendry.

Clara had a lot of letters &
 papers - among them one from
 her sister which she has long
 expected. I enjoyed my letters

84

Much - was made a little anxious about Father's health - but trust he is not having a hard time, wish he could have some of our mild weather. Cummings writes in the best of spirits - Van Kirk still hopes to get to the Foreign Field.

We attended 4 P.M. service & called for a few moments at Miss Fielder - she had felt slightly unwell from a cold - found Mr. Wilkinson there - the first one of the Community we have met - He is the father of a very neat daughter - when said daughter was shown to the two older children, the little girl said "Why - it's a doll" - & the boy said - "It moves" -

Monday, Feb. 4/89.

The day for our mail to go, so most of the day was spent in finishing that. Miss Fielder

had invited us all to tea - 85-
Mrs had invited Mr & Mrs. P &
Miss Brown to breakfast. At the
early meal we got on very well
for beginners. They had a
good trip & such favourable
views that they reached home
Sunday night at 8.30 -
In the evening we had a most
enjoyable company.

Tuesday Feb 5 -

Clara's birth day & the first of
our "at home" days - But it
has rained so hard no callers
have come - My teacher is
not back so I have been writing
& have answered several letters -
This evening Miss Laven takes
tea with us. She is a very
sensible person & I should judge
an efficient missionary -

A very pleasant evening - Saw
pictures of the Ningpo Mission
& had some talk of their work.

Wednesday. Feb 6 86

Much of the day spent in writing letters to send with announcements. In the P.M. Dr. & Mrs. Riddle & Mrs. Adams called. It is a great nuisance to wait in the afternoon but it gives us an opportunity to do some reading, only it takes out the only time for out-of-door exercise which I miss very greatly.

Thursday Feb 7

Began Chinese again read in Matthew in the forenoon & read a Romanized paper to L.H. in the P.M. He had no callers. Excepting that Mr & Mrs. P. & Miss F. came in at 6 o'clock they had been to Swanton. A Mr. Sloan of the Scottish Bible Society & conferred on the subject of Bible work. In the evening we stayed by our "fireside" &

84
Read in Robert Elsmere.

Friday - Feb 7th

A most beautiful morning. Went
to the Shales at about 7.30
thinking it possible the Howells
might be aboard but they were
not. Mr. Urquhart came ashore
with me & told me of his oldest
bro. who has been in Russia
& has invented a petroleum-
burning locomotive & steamship
apparatus - Reading Clinica
& writing consumed the day.

Dr. & Mrs. Lyall called and
expressed high approval of
our room. In the evening
we met each to prepare
meeting & also met a little
in Robert Elsmere.

Sat'y Feb'y 9th
Dull & rainy. Mr. & Mrs. Pgar
up their trip to Nam Lung.

We have been sending 88
off mail - together about 60
of our announcements & a few
letters - This A.M. Long hung
came in to speak about his
sermon for to-morrow from
Tim. II:5 - a subject I ad-
vised him to preach upon be-
fore he went to Am-Pou.

In the P.M. we had a no.
of callers - Miss Black Miss
Hartness, Messrs. MacLagan
Duffus & MacKenzie from Swatara
Mr. Anderson, Dr. Layman, & Mr.
Woodruff from the Community,
Mrs. Campbell & Miss Anson
took tea with us & spent the
evening - Sunday Feb'y 10th

A cold "North" blowing - We
went to Swatara after morning
service had a hard pull against
the wind - a large no. of hearthens
came in to listen. We returned
at 1 P.M. nothing special during

the rest of the day. I began 89
my first copy of "The Missionary
Review of all the World". like
it much. - Monday - Feb 7 11 -

A most charming day. We cer-
tainly expected the Norrells to-
day but they did not come -
hope to see them Wednesday -
They were in Canton last week
& expected to come down Sat 4
& take this steamer but failed
to do so. We had a fine trip
to the steamer, & brought back
4 long chairs that Dr. Conland
brought from Hong Kong for Miss
Spilde's cottage at the Island -
We got up earlier than usual
this a.m. because the steamer
we thought would be ready, &
decided to attempt hereafter to
breakfast at 7 - instead of 7:30
o'clock. shall try it after to-
morrow -

Tuesday - Feb. 12/89

90

The chief event of a beautiful bright day was the advent of callers in the P.M. Tuesday there is no Tennis so the Community were all at leisure. First Mr. & Mrs. Allen, & Mr. L. A. Lyall of the Customs called. We had a very pleasant call from them. Mrs. A. was quite gracious. We talked over the country trips & photographs which especially interest Mr. A. He was much pleased with the plush-covered books Mother made me. While they were here Mr. & Mrs. Frater (H. B. M. Consul) & Mr. Leslie came. Mr. L. is 2nd man in the In-door Customs Service - an Irishman - a rake - formerly not admitted to "Society" but he did so much to make himself agreeable that they took him in. He & Dr. Pollock were

very intimate. Last week he 91
had a sort of fit. Result of heart-
disease they say. Poor fellow I
feel sorry for him. They did
not stay very long. After they
left Mrs. Gibson came & then
Mr. Ferguson - Belgian Minister,
an odd old man. He came to
our wedding after it was over
& sat in the hall before Mrs. F.'s
fire & looked at the decorations.
I saw he was very sorry to have been late.
It seems that European Custom
entitles anyone to attend a private
wedding at a house whether invited
or not. Mr. F. is writing a book
on The Philosophy of Civilization
in which he proposes to prove Christi-
anity by a historical argument
to be superior to Evolution. He is
an odd old man. Mrs. F. thinks
him an insufferable bore.
After his departure Capt. Palmer,
Mr. Moorhead (Customs) & Mr. Rich-
ardson called. Later as we
were just preparing for supper

72
Wednesday Feb. 13th.

My teacher left in the forenoon on the boat "Peace" which was dispatched to Trin Leⁿ so as to get through the Canal certainly before we started ourselves. I gave some time to letter writing accounts & sundries. In the P.M. the Baron called, & we enjoyed his call he was very social, told us about some of his friends an Uncle who for political reasons left Germany in '48 & was afterward met by Gestegeus in the Red River of the North - region.

The Baron said that this wayward man was his father's favorite brother yet he never afterwards spoke of him, though he suspects that he was himself named after the absent Edwin - He said he asked his father why he was called Edwin. He said it was a common family name - which the Baron says is not the case. It was a good example of the stern strictness of political feeling in Europe.

He had rec'd a letter from
 Consul Seymour of Canton sounding
 the praises of Mr. Novell - who
 seemed to be much liked in C.

Thursday Feb. 14.

Early in the a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. P.
 went out to the steamer "Namoa,"
 which came in by about 2 o'clock
 by moonlight. Clara & I did
 not go to the steamer but met
 them at the pier by the machine
 shop. I walked up with Mr. N.
 & was pleasantly surprised by him.
 They are both tired with their
 journey - She has been sea-sick
 ever since starting. Very sick
 on the way from H.K. Mr. & Mrs.
 P. entertain them till they get
 to housekeeping. Clara & I had
 an invitation to dine with Mr.
 & Mrs. Campbell - C just got back
 from a 3 weeks trip to the Mum.
 Kau-Nia region. He enjoyed the

meal & an hour's converse 94
much. He had no callers in
the afternoon save that Mrs. C. &
Miss Furness. He had invited
Mr. & Mrs. Howell to tea. They
came & spent a part of the evening
with us. We much enjoyed
listening to their accounts of the cir-
cumstances of their coming. Each
seemed to have a definite call
to the work & to go through a severe
struggle before being ready to ac-
cept. They had some grand
meetings at different churches
in California & there seems to
be a genuine missionary revival
there. They are sent ^{or rather supported by} by the
Women's Society of Cal. He had
worked as an evangelist in dozens
of churches so he had a special
hold on them. His friends were
at first opposed bitterly but after
listening to them supported
them heartily. He was for-
merly a Methodist - has been
doing evangelistic work since 13 yrs.

Friday Feb 15, 95

A mild beautiful day, with smooth sea, favoring him tide

We left Suva 10 A.M. & reached Tiv-Div or rather the landing in

the canal between 11+12 o'clock.

We started to walk across & half-way were met by a sedan chair

which one of the men had called. I

persuaded Clarato ride the rest of the way. We had dinner at 2 - steak,

& fried potatoes - cake & fruit &

walnuts for dessert - The fish was a tonic to appetite. We were

Sailing up Hai-Mun Bay -

tide & wind exactly right - We

went out on deck, enjoyed the cool

breeze the beautiful blue water

the mountains in the distant

haze - & the exhilaration of

the steady strong motion of our

boat - We are still reading

Robert Ekness - it is an able

book in many regards. But rank

& the writer seems to be showing

off - We got to the bridge by 3 P.M. & had just room to get

through on this tide. half an 96
hour later you must have waited
half a day longer. Now - 9 P.M.
we are a long way up the river
& shall soon be at Kui-Sui.
It is a glorious moon light
night. we have the windows
all open I have a thin overcoat
& Clara a light shawl on -
I have been most wonderfully
favoured in good wind & weather
in my trips here - We have
a great great many things for
which to be thankful -

Day before yesterday I had a talk
with Ji-hou - he seemed more
impossible than ever before. &
bought a copy of Matthew. He
also asked if he might come in
to our morning prayers. I invit-
ed him in once she said he did
not dare to come in there -

Saturday - Feb'y 16/89

A very warm day - We went to
the Chapel this morning.

Several came in, among them
 an old man, evidently poor.
 + a stubble of grey hair perhaps the
 growth of a fortnight sparsely scattered
 over his wrinkled face - Lung
 Heng began to talk about the
 Chapel + the worship of the true
 God, when he broke in with
^{great} ^{emphatic} ^{words} - for over 20 years
 I have not believed in the Lān
 Lā - for we put out strength + worship
 they do not know it - we do not
 worship them - they do not know.
 Early + late in worship they
 do not know. they sit still -
 made of wood. Last night I
 went to look at the procession,
 they carried the images round.
 One of them was not well carried,
 shook + wavered first to one
 side then to the other, could not
 help itself - no good. Another
 was in a fine sedan, but its
 head was crooked. If an
 head gets hurt, it is hard to

help. But if one of these Lün 98
Lün loses part of its head a
man takes a little dirt & mends
it - No good. ~~For~~ The
"Heavenly Ancestor" has great power.
I see his heavens every day the
same. I went to Fokien -

I am 76 years old - you
don't understand this. I am an
old man - you listen. I went to
Fokien (Province) I saw the sky
there just the same as here. the
rivers & streams just the same.
stars just the same. they all
followed me. The "Heavenly
Ancestor" went with me. His
power is great. He sends
stars to be great mess. Pung
T'ai Jün (Gen & Hang) one of them.
a bad man cannot escape
him. I had a friend who was
a criminal - I told him to run &
he would not be caught - he said
I cannot. He went. Come back

head 99
& was caught. his cutoff.

I cannot describe the fire with which the old man told this his eyes rolling & his arms gesticulating wildly. I wish our preachers were as much in earnest always - He went off soon. He is a poor old man who supports himself by a little trading. I hope he can be reached.

We are planning for a baptism to-morrow. In the afternoon Clara met with the little Bible woman to visit some of the women in the city and I had a session with King King. In the evening we went to the Chapel for worship -

Sunday Feb 7 17th

Warm & bright again. we met to chapel at 10 - service at 10-30 - a good attendance of all the Christians in the neighborhood. & some

"outside" men & women. The first part of the service was not as good as the latter part. Kim-Kek son of the old Bible-woman preached from "The wages of sin is death &c" but it was mainly on acc^t of the fall of man, & a large no. fell asleep. L. H. preached well from Jer. III:3 & all listened. At 3 P.M. we

met to question the candidates. The same ones as before. The old man Mie Buan was much more satisfactory than before. He, his 19 yr. old son, the old woman & the middle-aged man A. Jong were voted on. N.B.'s 14 yr old boy was kindly advised to wait. He is a bright boy & answered many questions well but I was afraid he was too well trained & watched to see what answer he thought I expected & he tripped badly when a chance was put in his way. The tide was not high enough

to make the ceremony as easy as
at Kuk Chirk but it passed off
as well as I expected - the two
old people were the hardest. To bat-
tise a bound-footed woman 72
yo old in shallow water where
the bottom is muddy is not easy.

After dressing we had Communion.
I do not know how much of my
welcome to the church the candi-
dates understood but I enjoyed the
service much - shall be very glad
when I get command of the
scripture in Chinese for these cases
furnish admirable applications -

The old man used to take care
of a temple, sweep - light the
lamps etc. I used Christ's words
"He was the light of the world" &
tried to point out the contrast
for him now. A lot of men
& boys were present at baptism &
as the doors were not closed they
stood & looked on at the Communion.

nion - As I came out a few 102
men at the door were waiting -
one who had been at morning
service asked me what it was
we ate if it was "cake" - I ex-
plained as best I could the meaning
of the ordinances & he seemed to
take them in to quite an extent.

We had planned to go to Spie Sua
thai Monday but a bro. came
to let us know that there will
be a "Lau Su" celebration there
for a day or two. so we changed
our plans & decided to go to Kau Hau
Tuesday & visit the other places
on our return - our old man

Came to the Chapel again Sunday
A.M. & gave us another harangue
but did not stop to listen. L. H.
says "he likes to teach others, but
does not like to let others teach
him" - Monday, Feb. 18

Harmer - We are drifting in
the boat with all the windows
open - I have had my coat off

until the wind began blowing in.
 Clara started to visit the people at
She: Chiu. met the wife of Ni-
 Buan on the way. she walked
 back almost to the village when
 the sounds proved that a heathen
 celebration was in progress so they
 turned back. had a chance to
 do a little preaching to the by-
 standers when they turned-

Tuesday Feb 19/88.

Another warm day we had our box
 packed last night & by 9 o'clock
 to-day got everything ready to
 leave for Kan-Nam. We called
 two sedan-chairs - & our man to
 help carry our things. It is a
 great nuisance thus living as a
 civilized human being but I
 cannot yet live as a China-
 man. One man carried a
 bundle of bedding & box of clothes
 & books - two porters carried
 our food & cooking utensils -

This was my first ride in a "Chair" - they are rather rickety things made of bamboo - with a delapidated covering covering of waterproof cloth painted a very dark green - The poles are elastic giving a slight motion. I have enjoyed rides more. I had a port bearer - the "leader", whose legs were largely adorned below the knee with swollen veins, his shoulders were also red & somewhat chafed. We had an interesting trip but the country is not so beautiful as it will be two mos. hence, the rice fields being just broken up - but the sugar cane is much of it standing & there are great patches of mustard whose yellow blossoms make a bright variation in the landscape. There are many clumps of bamboo very beautiful ones. The houses are many of them poor, made of mud - sun dried bricks. We walked quite a little of the way. It has been very warm.

as warm at noon as the days ¹⁰⁵
I was last in this region. My
thin suit would have been an
improvement when walking but a
breeze was blowing & when in the
chair a shawl over my knees was
agreeable. At noon we stopped for
lunch when we got in the shade
of some banyans sat on a lot
of rushes that had been cut & spread
out to dry. We had chickens and wicker
cake - Eggs oranges & bananas for
lunch - It was very hot in
the sun & we did not walk
very far as the chairs were
less uncomfortable than walking
in the sun. We reached Kare
Nam at about 3 P.M. - They
have a fine new Chapel & the
room we occupy is high
about 10 x 20 ft. it has one door
& two little windows about the
size of a brick in the roof -
We bought a glass window that

will be someday put in. ¹⁰⁶⁻

They built a wall ~~solid~~ but
can cut a window out & set
in a frame. We found a Bible
woman & a preacher here. Several
of the church-members come in
to see us. & at 8-0'clock we
had worship. I stood & watched
a performance at a neighboring
houselet. for some time before dark.
A man had just died & they
were having a great performance
to save his soul from "dropping
into hell". A Buddhist & two
Tanist Priests, dressed in
sackcloth & one in white
one with a pair of cymbals
& the others with a little
flag. were running about
in a circle clanging the cymbals
& shouting. now they walked
& occasionally & leaped from

with great energy. A little later
a long procession of relatives in
white marched to the house for a
feast & the prints exhibited. This
is kept up for 3 days in some
cases. is an expensive luxury.
at worship I asked the preacher
to read John VI. & speak on the
difference between our faith &
the darkness of the heathen.

Thursday Feb. 20/89

We had a Chinese bed to sleep
upon but brought a "phine"
a very thick cotton-padded
"comfortable" - so it was not
very hard & we got quite a
good night's rest - This a.m.
I met out with the preacher
& visited several of the Gethens -
having first been visited by two
of them. One who has a "case"
wants some help - His relatives
got into trouble. two down

108

a house & committed depredations including the killing of two men - for which now a large amount of money is demanded & now this man expects that the mandarin will send soldiers to seize him make him pay an assessment when he did not take part in the outrage but on the contrary tried to dissuade them from it. He has been hanging about all day - wants me to "send in my card" to let the magistrate know that he is a "worship-God-man" & did not take part in the row. Some of the brethren here have been talking of the matter & decided it is useless to send in any letter yet to the magistrate. I shall endeavor to be prudent about it & not get into trouble.

189

We had some excellent opportunities
for preaching by the way.

One boy come up from Kak-
Chih with our mail a piece
of meat & some vegetables.

I had a letter from Wilson
and Mrs. Prof Andrews (Miss Harbock)
's cards. Besides a good long
letter from Mother. very glad
to hear from home. The boy
will go back to-morrow & take
our letters - next week we shall
have him come to ~~Kiisii~~
Khou-Khoi - if nothing happens
to take us home sooner.

Clara rec'd another present
to-day - a beautiful heavy linen
tea cloth from Mrs. St. Piddle.
She has been busy to-day teach-
ing the women - Several came
4 or 5 miles to see us - We shall
take a trip there in a day or two.

110

He had an unpleasant
experience - a man who has
a grudge was in at evening
worship & as he was going out
vented his venom in a torrent
of words not at all agreeable
to hear. I could only understand
a small part of it.

Thursday Feb 21/84

To-day the man was at wor-
ship quietly & afterwards came &
peacefully to bid me farewell
I found out by degrees that he
had taken offence at some
acts of two brethren & wanted
a-Hi to have them excluded,
& because he would not want
a-Hi himself excluded. If
they are not put out he wants to
be dismissed himself & be re-
funded what he has put into
the chapel - it is a peculiar
Case & I expect a great deal of
difficulty from it yet - but
we are continually meeting with

perplexities - To build up a "11
Church in a primitive state of society
is certainly less difficult than to
displace old customs or to set
down a church when the com-
plex relations of a civilization like
this are firmly rooted - Fields,
money, household goods + social
standing are the measures of value
& the love of them the ruling pas-
sion. But with all the sordidness
& filth there are many admirable
things in the industry & economy of
this people. This afternoon

Clara had several large companies
of visitors & then went to the places
which I yesterday visited - with
the Bible woman. I had before
been out with A-Hi' & we talked
with two men by the way. We
went to a village less than half
a-mile away & were surrounded
by a great crowd - I was the
center of all eyes. A-Hi'

preached to the crowd. He ¹¹²
gave some very vivid & caustic
representations of their mummering
at funeral services & told them
of this true doctrine - afterwards
I made an attempt at speaking
but fear they understood very
little - a good many laughed
but some paid respectful at-
tention, some objected to the
doctrine - a Bro. whose horse
is near by kindly brought us
a bench to sit upon -

Friday Feb 22/89 -

This a.m. the aged Bro. was here early.
the head man of his village told me
word that he must pay his assess-
ment or his house would be torn
down. He was in a state of solemn
despair. They talked about it for
some time & it was necessary for us
to leave as we were going to visit
a place 6 or 7 miles away. The man
evidently wanted me to interben in

his behalf - here he is ^{11/3}
again this minute - I fear
we shall have a discussion
on the subject - This morning
the men seemed to agree with me
I told him that if he did not
pay this money his relations w'd
all hate him & seek occasion to
bother & persecute him - if he went
to the Mandarin he would want
money - it was like two tigers
if he went one road there was a
tiger & if he tried the other there
was a tiger - also the "cut of the
fingering-paw into the fire" proverb
occurred to me & I told him that
would be his case. The Yin agreed
with me that it would be bad for
him either way & that he would
do well to propitiate his people
by paying half the assessment.

He owns 3.8 "bow" of land & the
levy is 45⁰⁰ per "bow" 162⁰⁰
probably as much to him as 1500⁰⁰
or 2000⁰⁰ to a met-to-do man at home

Clara says that after I left he
 was talking excitedly & she heard
 them tell him that the "teachers"
 was inside so I presume he was re-
 counting his grievance that I
 would not help him, did not
 "love him" &c &c. This evening he
 eloquently held forth for half an
 hour. I understood very little of it &
 it was supper-time before he fin-
 ished. A-Hi said he was complain-
 ing a little & was very anxious to
 get the "tang-hung"-card with
 my name upon it. I have had
 a little talk with A-Hi about
 "feeding the flock" & he tried to turn
 it upon me by finding fault
 with the plan of sending out the
 preachers to preach not letting
 them stay at the Chapel - He
 was called off to wash himself
 & the consultation ceased -

We had a rather tiresome trip
 to-day walked some 7 or 8 miles
 & rode 3 or more in a chair - we

visited several believers in ¹¹⁵
the village of Hou-lou-ti & I was
the gazung-stock for the Crowds
while A. Hi preached. One old
woman assented vigorously to all
the preacher said & I hope may
yet be a disciple. I ate my
lunch on the way back - sat under
a large tree near a large fruit
orchard - plum trees in full bloom.
This is an interesting country.
We went to-day along the side of
a high sloping plateau, where
we could look off on a wide
spreading fertile plain level &
under full cultivation. All
about were the hills high ranges
just dim in the haze. It has been
a perfect day for travelling as far
as the sun was concerned: saw
a little mist for a few moments at
a time it has been cloudy but no
rain. One of the boys went with
us as guide. I took a nap & then
my maid a call from a man & his
wife who belong to the E. P. Mission. Clara

116

was very much pleased with the
woman: she seemed to be a very
faithful Christian. Once she said
they told her they would push her
into the river if she did not worship
the idols but she said she could not.
They pushed her in & she said
when she came up out of the
water her heart was so happy
she could hardly drink it for
"holding fast to the faith —"

Saty. Feb. 23/89.

The worst of living here is the
lack of water. The stream near
by is used as a common wash-
basin & we are obliged to get
water from there. Boil it & let
it settle. I find it leads to in-
digestion & last night was quite
uncomfortable but to-day feel
fairly well. The old man has
been here all the morning &
I have had difficulty in silencing
them. Finally told them there
was trouble between China &