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who has been having trouble  
 on acct of repainting the letters  
 on his ancestral tomb. The  
 people have returned the goods  
 stolen from him but say he must  
 pay for a theatre, or worship  
 the ancestors & at the end of the  
 year must pay the assessments  
 for idol-worship. He shows  
 a very good spirit, but wants  
 to sell his property & move  
 elsewhere. We advised him not  
 to do so, as he must sacrifice  
 heavily to do so. The preacher  
 told him to remember the 3  
 Hebrew Children who did not  
 worship the golden image.  
 "Yes", he said "at our worship  
 last night I explained that passage.  
 He this two young boys are  
 the only Christians in their vil-  
 lage. There are some 250 of their  
 own clan or surname than who

are the special persecutors. 2

Some time was spent in taking notes & preparing also for our departure. At 2 P.M. Mr. Howell & I went to Swatow. I hoped to see the Baron & ask him further what we can do about the matter of a proclamation to release the Christians from paying assessments to idol-ceremonies, but he was away at Hong Kong.

Prayer-meeting with us - Mr. H. gave a Bible-reading on the Word quite good but I did not agree with him in all things. After words we had a sing for a few moments. Thursday April 18 - warm & pleasant - not too hot for my home clothes yet. Dr. Heng & I have been preparing some books - gospels tracts & leaflets to sell on our journey. A shower show to-day. Clara after teaching at the women's house has

gone to do some decorating. <sup>3</sup>  
I shall go down at 3 P.M. &  
behold the exhibition -

It was a fine one especially  
impressive because in a large  
upper room of the sugar-refinery  
where there was plenty of space.  
Clara took the first prize for  
basket of wild-flowers & for  
button-hole bouquets; her table  
was the best arranged of the three  
but not so showy. I did not  
stay long - came back to arrange with  
the teachers for Sunday - finish a  
letter to S. Mathews & begin prepara-  
tions for our departure. After tea  
Clara read me a most excellent  
review of R. Ekoner by I think  
"a man by the name of" Rankin  
in "Christian Thought".

Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> 1889 -

Rainy this morning but "early rain  
early clear" (Chinese proverb) proved  
true. Hung-an sent me a note mit-  
ten in the best hand I have seen

from any Chinese pen (Romanized)<sup>4</sup>  
requesting me to escort him to the  
boat because the former cook of  
the boys-school was lying in wait  
for him & he has since told me  
a long story about it & the said  
cook seems to be a quarrelsome revenge-  
ful savage fellow. I hope he will  
do no further damage. We were

especially favored to-day in getting  
our mail before leaving & in having  
an overcast cool day - North wind.

We walked across to the large  
boat & passing through a place  
where a theatre was to be held  
were followed by a mob of young-  
sters who reviled, threw gravel &c.  
I talked to them & they started back  
but were altogether too bold, gathered  
on the bank & "called names".

I went out & ordered them off &  
afterwards tried preaching to such  
as would listen & that was no better  
after Houghlin came up. We have  
crossed Hai-min bay & are lying

opposite the Southern side of 5  
Tou-Dien city - The other 3 preachers  
came here yesterday & their boat is  
near by - I have not seen them but  
H.A. tells me they have found good  
opportunities here. a Catholic has  
"welcomed" them & a former chair-  
beaver is going to guide them to the  
villages hereabouts to-morrow. they  
have also sold a few books, a hope-  
ful beginning. A very small  
mail to-day - only a letter of  
congratulation from Upton for me.  
Clara had good letters from home.  
Miss F. heard from Dr. A. that his  
son will not be able to return this  
year -

Saturday - April 25 8 - P. M.

A cool East wind blowing - about  
as cool an afternoon as we have met  
on this day. I wore my thin overcoat  
before the camp was lighted. This  
is a surprise for so late in April.

This a.m. I went out with the four  
men to a village "Bua Hoi Sai" a  
few rods - or possibly 1/8 of a mile from  
the boat. Hong-an & A-Hi went to

one part of the village & I went  
with Lung-Hung & A-Khong to another  
we emerged into a square lined with  
little shops. Some yellow wrinkled  
men came out of what was apparently  
an opium den & listened also bought  
several leaflets, also brought a <sup>stool</sup>  
for me. I sat for a time & then  
stood & did what I could reading  
& talking to them while the others  
talked with other groups. I was  
encouraged to find they could ap-  
proximately understand me & I could get  
most of what they said. It seemed  
to me I was at it an hour.

also on the way back we had an  
audience & a number of women  
were much interested said they would  
like the "Trochens" to come & read to  
them. We sold some leaflets &  
small books & leaflets. I was  
very tired when we reached the boat  
& took a sound nap. We started  
out after dinner, but finding that two  
of the men were preparing at once  
to go to "Tie Li" for Sunday we hastened  
back to make letters to send back

to the Compound. Starting again  
L.H. Clara & I went again to the  
village - and such a crowd - such  
a Babel! C. stood it remarkably  
well & did a great deal of talking  
to the women (& the men who gathered  
with them) in the streets. But  
~~there was~~ such a swarm of youngsters  
crowded & chattered that the con-  
fusion was very trying. We sold  
some leaflets & small books & did  
as much talking as circumstances  
would permit. One kindly disposed  
old man invited us to his shop  
& took out a chair for Clara to  
sit upon or loaned it to us -

Clara gets on wonderfully well in  
work of this kind & seems to really en-  
joy it even when bothered by a noisy  
crowd. I think that after we have  
visited a place several times & curio-  
sity has abated it will be possible to  
get access to some house and  
gather a company of women who  
can be taught. She thought to-  
day some were really interested.

some of the men also seemed to  
be and asked questions. One young  
man asked some questions about  
my country & we did not send  
opium here.

Sunday April 21/89.

Easter. We had an Easter service  
in the boat. Lung-Hang, Hong-An,  
Teh-Sun, the steersman's boy, Clara  
& I were the only attendants, though  
there was a gathering on the stone  
pier outside & some more boatmen  
on the bow of the boat.

We sang "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove"  
& Hong-An offered prayer, after which  
I read John ~~IX~~ with a few com-  
ments on the devotion of Mary Mag-  
dalene, the interprise of Peter, the  
secrecy of the apostles meeting for  
fear of the Jews compared with  
our freedom here, the sunproof  
given to Christ's identity by reason  
of his being crucified & bearing the  
wounds: the blessing for us who

who have not seen and yet have  
believed" - We sang "Christ the  
Lord is risen to-day" - Long-  
Heng read from I Cor. XV; We sang.

"O could I speak the matchless worth".  
L.H. offered prayer. We sang

"Come thou fount of every blessing."  
+ closed with prayer by Kk-Sün.

There were no floral decorations  
+ no "special music". but for one  
I enjoyed it more than any Easter  
service I ever attended + felt  
better fitted to go out + work.

We then (L.H. K.A. + myself) went  
out on the pier + had audience  
with men who were coming to  
take boat for Tientsin - I was much  
interested in one elderly man who  
gave especially good attention.

+ without asking bought some  
leaflets: Another man did the  
same. For an hour I read the  
leaflets + talked a little besides.  
They perhaps did not understand

all. But I had proof that <sup>10</sup>  
they did get much of it.

After dinner I started to go to  
the village with the two men but  
found them busy with an old  
Catholic, an energetic man of over  
60 yrs. who had heard in Singapore.  
He seems a sincere believer in Christ  
as his Savior. They talked and  
read to him some time, had a  
prayer before he left. He knew  
to-day was Easter & was much  
pleased to meet some other  
Christians. We went to the village  
talked with a knot of men out-  
side the gate. then went to the  
old man's house. (i.e. J. A. + I went  
there. & L. H. elsewhere) when  
we had a crowd of some or more  
the man's house was a large room  
in one end of which was a place  
for the buffalo, on the further  
side a bed - or a lot of straw

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piled up in the center, at our side I noticed a Catholic picture. Over the door was a red paper with a black cross printed thereon. As H.A. finished speaking a young man, whose face I remembered, came along & brought another leaflet inviting us to his house. We found a dark school room with the customary red tables & a little square room adjoining where the teacher's bed, table & chair indicated that he lived there. Above was another room from which a younger man soon descended. The teacher proceeded to make tea for us.

Many people crowded in to look at the stranger so that it was necessary to clear out the place occasionally. We had a very pleasant visit, drank tea, talked & answered questions. The teacher had a book on Christianity he had read somewhat. One of the visitors asks a no. of questions evidently sincere.

The scholars all began to read aloud<sup>12</sup>  
soon & we made our adieus -  
inviting them to come to Kak-  
Chieh to chapel - As we came  
near the boat we fell in with  
an official from Hui-Lai. &  
gave him some copies of the  
gospels a tract & leaflet or two.  
This is a grand distributing  
point - great numbers of people  
from adjacent villages take boat  
for T'u-De<sup>n</sup>. Swatow & other places  
beyond - it is also the end of  
road from Hui-Lai - so that  
people on business, & officials too,  
going to the Hui-City pass here -  
I hope we may get a foothold  
here.

Monday - April 22<sup>nd</sup>/89 -

Returns 6 & 7 A.M. - a wrinkled  
old woman came down to get  
some medicine for her grandson  
who had tou' thia' = gastralgia  
= stomachache. I started out with

a bottle of pain-killer to see what could be done but turned the case over to Hong-An who is something of a doctor. Later I found him at the patient's bedside, a great crowd gathered about in the narrow court before the door.

H. A. had called for hot water, which the young man's mother brought. But said water as he turned it out was black. He repudiated it with indescribable disgust called for "Hot water". She had mixed up the ashes of incense burned at the Lau de temple with the water.

We went to an open square that had a great crowd. Some listened but were not a very satisfactory audience. Several women were very prominent in the discussion of me & my mission. One thought that if the imperial officials should decide on this religion there would be the time for the people to take it up. One old woman wanted to know

all about my Country. if we<sup>14</sup>  
had rain, rice, wheat, pigs, chickens,  
ducks, geese, etc. I try to tell them  
that we have the same rain, sun  
moon & stars, though our clothes &  
customs are different, so we are  
all creation of the One God who  
created the sun & we all should  
worship him. Our next

village was more satisfactory.  
Lung-hung spoke very well indeed  
& the people listened attentively, show-  
ing by their replies that they were  
impressed by the truth. He offered  
prayer at the close & but our  
was very still & understood  
the service. At both places we

sold leaflets. I got back at  
11. or a little after & took a nap.

After dinner H. A. & A. Khing  
went with Clara to the old  
Catholic's house, where she  
had a good audience & had  
good attention from some women.  
I went to another village with  
A. Hi. & had a large audience out

side the wall. There were <sup>15</sup>  
several who asked questions with  
genuine interest: there were some  
nice boys who bought leaflets.  
One fine, strong, clean looking young  
man came whom I remembered  
talking with Sat-y. He did not  
seem inclined to own the acquaint-  
ance. But after I referred to our former  
talk he said "Thi<sup>n</sup>-t<sup>n</sup>g s<sup>i</sup> h<sup>o</sup>"  
"Heaven is good." In this com-  
panion walked back with us.  
In the evening I was with the  
preachers we read Acts. XX and  
told them also about Diaz's  
work in Cuba.

Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

We did not get started very  
early because we had oppor-  
tunities to talk & sell leaflets  
& ~~talk~~ to men on the pier:  
one was from Chow-ling & another from  
Hui-Lai districts & another from Kit-Si.  
Showing what a center this is.

We visited 3 hamlets named <sup>16</sup>  
Ao-Chiss. Had excellent oppor-  
tunities: at first we divided -  
L.H. + H.A. - went to our place -  
A. Khing + to another where we sat  
down on some stone slabs in the  
shade of a house - A lot of men +  
women came + listened - I had the  
best conversation I had had at all  
with a middle-aged man, who  
I think, had been to foreign parts  
& previously heard the doctrine.  
He either had previously known  
or else remembered all I said.  
So he turned to a new comer  
& gave him quite a digest of the  
doctrine". I had handed him  
some leaflets telling him we sold  
them, while L.H. offered prayer.  
He went away - But soon came  
back with cash, another also.  
Sought. At the next place  
we had the porch of an ancestral  
temple for a pulpit. Said temple  
seemed to be filled with straw.

Several attentive listeners here. 17

In the afternoon we visited  
in all of hamlets belonging to  
Khov-tung. We separated into  
two companies. I went with  
H.A. + A-Khing. <sup>to 4 places</sup> The first place  
was in front of an Ancestral Temple  
where an old dried up man was  
sunning himself. This was a noisy  
place. But some heard. At our  
place we found an old man sitting  
on a grassy mound, probably a grave,  
in the midst of the fields. He was  
tending a cow + calf - the cow having  
a long rope attached to a ring in  
her nose. We talked with the  
old man soon had a good sized  
audience about: sold some leaflets.  
At the last place I was feeling  
very tired + at first there seemed  
to be no chance of a hearing but  
we soon had two audiences. I  
did more talking than at any  
place + found a knot of young  
men who understood me + ad.

mitted the doctrine to be good! 8  
I also had a talk with a little  
old man who come into the  
crowd - a large number bought  
leaflets: The preachers all did  
a good day's work.

Wednesday, April 24.  
10-a.m.

Cloudy. The men had gone  
by themselves to a cluster of  
logs near the sea & I am here  
to do some writing & finish up  
this journal also to ret as my  
yesterday's trip made me very  
tired. We have had a troop of  
men passing all the morning.  
I sold a copy of Matthew to a  
young man, or boy rather, who  
waded out to the boat window.  
Clara also sold some leaflets.  
I must write to Mr. Partridge &  
send Lai-Kui back to Kakchich.  
He came yesterday with meat  
vegetables & news from head quar-  
ters.

I rested about all day. Found my  
several days of field work had  
tired me more than I supposed &  
a quiet day rested body & brain.

Thursday April 2<sup>5th/89</sup>.

Have felt much "fussed in spirit"  
about this region: it is so great  
meedy a field & it does seem wonder-  
fully ready to listen & assent to  
the truth. I went out after  
breakfast & talked to the men who  
had come to take passage. Had  
some attentive listeners, several had  
heard before. One young man  
quite kept ahead of me in announcing  
some of the truths. A young  
boatman & the man who sells  
fruit & candy were excellent  
hearsers. Clara's eyes began  
swelling & a sort of erysipelas  
like eruption came on the  
night before which kept getting  
worse. So we concluded it

was best to go home which <sup>20</sup>  
we did. Although a heavy  
rain <sup>lasted</sup> all night. By noon it was  
beautiful & we had a fine sail  
across the bay. Clara took a chair  
& I walked across with J. S.  
to the other side of Tiv. Den where  
we were besieged with beggars &  
boatman. Finally got a boat  
& got rid of the former, though we  
perched on the rail & persisted  
in being recognized with some  
cash. We had a fine wind &  
I enjoyed the sail lying on the  
bottom of the boat reading the "Missy  
Review of the World". There was a  
mat-roof over the boat so it  
was a trifle close - & Clara was  
sick just as we got to Swanton.  
We went at once to Dr. Lyell's  
He thought the trouble was caused  
by a spider's crawling over her  
face & neck. There is a spider  
whose feet leave a secretion behind

behind - said "nasty Feast" <sup>21</sup>  
as our English friends would say,  
is called a "la-gia" - is not a  
good thing to have in the house.  
Dr. L. gave a lead lotion + some oint-  
ment that work well.

We hired another boat + went to  
our side: after tea Mr. + Mrs. P. came  
in bringing the letters they had  
written us - Mrs. Campbell + Mrs.  
Novell also came in so we had  
a lively evening. Mr. P. told me  
of a remarkable experience: he  
called on the new Commissioner  
a Mr. Syaford - found he was an  
Irish Wesleyan Methodist, as  
they were leaving, he said.

"Well, Bro. Partridge, you know  
the promise, 'where two or three  
are gathered together,' can we not  
have a word of prayer before you  
go?" - He had before asked if  
there was a prayer-meeting here any-  
where. To one who had never lived  
among a "Foreign Community" it

the "Far East." This might not <sup>22</sup>  
seem so astounding, but to us  
is a most remarkable & delightful  
experience - Some of the people are  
devoted Church-men & women. But  
anything of this sort is seldom met.  
The last Commissioner was a New  
Jersey-man (U.S.A.) A Canton woman  
lived there as mistress of the house,  
who claimed she had a marriage  
certificate. The previous man used  
to give his Sundays to amateur  
photography - His wife was said  
to be the "best-dressed woman on  
the Coast." Both were very worldly.

Friday - April 26<sup>th</sup>

The forenoon was given largely  
to sundries & getting our affairs  
settled. Clara's eyes were so much  
better she did quite a deal of  
writing. In the P.M. I went to  
Swatara to see the Baron - He was  
kind & offered to write the officials  
about the matter of protecting the  
Church members from extortion.

The pleasant episode of the visit was the arrival of his mail some of which come via "City of Peking". I hastened back & read the same ship's cargo for us - two nice home letters, a very kind sisterly letter from Mrs. Heist, in reply to one I wrote Mrs. Hees; one ea. from "Van Kirk, E. F. Merriam, Mr. Walker, C. H. Wheeler of No. Attleboro Mass. & Dr. Ashmore - I wonder if he has sent Mother's dress yet he should be written about it. He is so forgetful he may give it to some one else. He has so much on his mind in his work that minor matters are likely to be forgotten -

I believe I wrote before of the new Prefect who is making great innovations in refusing bribes & ousting men of itching palms. Recently a man from Canton came up to "Kutai" & tried to bribe the Man domin who did not directly say he would not take a bribe, so the deputy with the other hand gave him his dismissal from office.

Perhaps some of the items I (2) &  
have written about this man might  
be worked up into a paragraph  
for the Mail. I have not time to  
do it tho'. This Prefect is head  
of the 9 districts in this Tse Chien  
Prefecture, an area equal to the State  
of Conn. pop. 3,000,000 to 4,600,000.  
He is under the Tao Tai who is  
over 3 Prefectures, & who is under  
the Vice-Roy at Canton.

Mandarins are classed as  
"Bu. Kua" & "Bun. Kua" - the  
former military officers, the latter  
men of learning who hold official  
position judicial & executive both  
apparently.

We had a good prayer meet-  
ing - time fully taken up. I spoke  
a few words at the close regarding  
our work requesting prayer for the  
Bia Hui Legion for the old Catholics  
at that village. After meeting I had  
a few last words of conference with  
Mr. Partridge.

Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 25

On the boat near Tel. De<sup>n</sup> again.  
Just one yr. ago to. Morrow Mr.  
Campbell & I started for Hak-Ka-  
don. He just returned from his  
fourth trip this year. He rented  
a house last week, but the official  
posted notices warning the people  
against renting houses to foreigners &  
the neighbors threaten to tear the  
house down. So he has gone to the  
Consul who has written the official  
before mentioned at the Hi City.  
It is hot. I fear we may have a  
very hot week before us but  
if it is too hot we shall come  
back - I have written the last  
half doz. pages on the boat. We  
left before 8 o'clock. T. K. Sun  
got up at 3-A.M. made bread  
washed me at & got all ready for  
departure - Certainly you might  
enjoy such service - but some things  
are not so available. Still we are  
very fortunate -

Boat "Peace" - Hai Mun - Bay, 26  
8 - P.M.

Before leaving the small boat I fortunately crept under the hatch & rid myself of a suit of under flannels. or I fear I should not have survived to tell the tale - We walked a part of the way met a Seaman & took turns riding & walking - I did some preaching by the way & distributed what leaflets I had with me.

I at last found Clara surrounded with a great crowd not far from where our boat ought to be. but they said it was not there. I had a talk with some of the men particularly our stout good natured fellow who was well disposed.

J.S. went to look for the boat did not find it & we set out for the place where we left it. had a long hot walk - & then did not find the boat. The men said it had gone to Bua Hoi. So we went to find a church man.

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Mr. A-Phua. the Carpenter.  
He came to meet us & brought us  
to his room just off a primitive  
distillery (rice-whiskey). a little  
room contained two large beds  
several tables a bench & many  
sundries a space less than two  
feet wide being left beside each  
bed. Mine host with the young-  
est of his five children on his arm  
came in & some of the other children  
with him; the crazy woman he  
had lately taken was not visible.  
The people began to crowd in  
& it was very hot. We ate some  
lunch, got out the first Century &  
Natchman & managed to keep  
"jolly". But soon they lighted  
the fire in the still & it became  
"dzuah-si" - deathly hot - "Hong"  
Ah came in & said their boat was  
at the shore & coal. so we took  
our kind host good bye & left

for the boat; a large crowd 28  
followed us down on the pier.  
The cool breeze was delightful,  
yet still more refreshing was the  
sight of our boat ~~spending~~ along  
towards us. I could have sur-  
passed Mr. Lawrence Boythorn  
himself if I had let myself out  
on the steersman. either stupidity  
or pensiveness I do not know which  
made him do just what I told him  
not to do. This P. M. I have been  
reading newspapers. after tea we  
had worship with the preacher -

Sunday April 28/89 -

Very hot - My first donning of a  
white suit was April 29<sup>th</sup> last  
year. & this year April 28<sup>th</sup> is the  
date. Shortly after breakfast the  
boy returned from Kaka-Chick  
with my keys & some other small  
articles. At 8.30 the preacher  
came in we had service. After  
singing & prayer I had then

read passages bearing on Chint's 29  
Kingship. - Ps. XLV + LXXII - was  
not asking them particularly what  
characteristics of King or Kingdom  
were noted in each verse. Those I  
wrote down & read them at the  
close. At 10-A.M. we went to  
the Chapel - All quiet excepting  
a stone or two thrown in at the  
door. A-Khina & A-Hi' preached.  
The most encouraging feature was  
the eagerness of one woman to  
hear the Scriptures read. I under-  
stand she is a good woman &  
earnest to tell others of the truth  
she has a copy of Genesis & of a  
gospel in Colloquial which she  
carries about wrapped up in a  
cloth - & reads to heathen women.  
She has a hard time & is "now  
ready than was Paul "to depart"  
she goes without food sometimes  
hoping that her life may be short-  
ened. The preachers counseled her

against this telling her she <sup>30</sup>  
must be resigned to the Lord's  
will & serve him as long as  
her life should be spared.

It was very hot I walked a  
far all through service & was  
warm walking. We went through  
some of the principal streets & it  
is very interesting to see the many  
articles they make & sell. But  
not pleasant to be stared at & "called  
names" - still I got on comfortably  
& when they called me "Foreign  
dog" - "devil" etc. told them it  
was "not <sup>(<sup>50</sup> Kuei-Kuei)</sup> manner". It has a good  
effect to show you understand  
them & how answer.

After dinner we took a nap.  
(it is hot)  
Clara stayed at home it is so  
bad for women here in Tse Le  
particularly when there are two per-  
sons & it was very hot, too.

At 4.30 - the men came in  
again & we read as before, Eze. I:  
26-28. Daniel. VII: 9-14 - Zech. IX: 9.

Jno XII: 12 - 18 - 18: 32 - 40  
 19: 13 - 22 - Luke 12: 32 -  
 et Jo. 5: 3.  
 Rev. TV: 9 - 11 - VII: 9 - 17 XI: 15  
XIX: 11 - 16 - XXI: 5 - 8 & 22 - 27.

They seemed interested. L. H. took  
 down the references & I asked them  
 to study these passages for a sermon  
 on the Kingdom - to King. Subjects.  
 Laws - Place -

Clara & I went out for a little  
 walk. But rain threatened & we  
 came back. attracted 15 or 20 new  
 & boys to whom we talked & gave  
 a few leaflets. After supper  
 I read aloud the articles on the  
 Kings & Boardman in the M. Mag.

Monday - April 29 - 6 P.M.

Both Clara & I are hoarse to-night,  
 cause talking & the cool wind.  
 This A.M. "this" "la-lan King" -  
 ("Shewms. little - little bright") we  
 left on morning & with a stiff  
 East wind sailed across for the

villages of Chin-phow. 32

But the wind was contrary & we beached a mile or so from the village of Bie-Hue. Picturesquely nestled at the foot of a high hill - The preacher's boat was taken in tow so we were all on the ground & after breakfast started out for the village: the rice fields look beautifully, the young shoots about 8 inches in height are of a rich green. In this region are

large wells or cisterns in almost every field with "well sweeps" beside them: we saw several men dipping up water & pouring it on the rice-fields.

We talked with a Kuo-tai farmer by the way & followed onto the village which is a large one. We stopped in a large square before a large ancestral hall with only its front standing it having been destroyed by

Gen. Hung some years since.<sup>33</sup>  
The people used to be marauders.  
They once had an affair with  
an English gunboat so I under-  
stood Hong-an - shall enquire  
again of him -

We soon had a crowd &  
it was not long before each  
of us was talking to an au-  
dience of men women and chil-  
dren standing about us -  
I must have talked & read leaf-  
lets for full 2 hours - We  
were all about voiceless &  
left. I had some hearers who  
seemed generally genuinely  
interested. I sold all the leaf-  
lets I had & one or two small  
books - could have sold more  
leaflets. In all to-day we must  
have sold 60 or 70 tract leaflets  
in this village - We got to  
the boat to find a crowd of men  
& youngsters about. Clara  
had been favored with heaven

and lookers. She had talked <sup>34</sup>  
herself hoarse. The people crowd-  
ed about the windows next the  
shore - when she persisted in keeping  
the blinds shut a whole boatload  
came around the other side to gaze.  
Finding the water shallow a no.  
stood there - some climbed on the  
ledge of the boat & more on the roof.  
Once she counted 10 heads just filling  
in the window - which is about 15 x  
20 inches. ~~That~~ Three of these heads  
belonged to men lying on the roof  
crowning their necks to peer in -  
low. We were greatly bothered  
by the crowd of gamins that  
persisted in opening the blinds  
to look in. The steersman threw  
water on them but they kept coming  
back & finally moved out into  
deeper water. The people were  
all very anxious to see the  
"Foreign woman" & I told them if  
they would listen quietly she  
would come. She went. I stayed

For two reasons - I was tired - 35  
7 when we both met before there  
was such a fuss made we concluded  
our at a time was more profitable.  
She had a "full house" - the  
whole village seemed to have heard  
that the "foreign men" were coming &  
were standing in close array all  
along the streets - a great many having  
chairs set out for the strangers.  
There was such a tremendous crowd  
so curious were they she could not  
talk much. On the way back they  
beckoned her to come into the Court of  
a house where were several women.  
She got in & there was tremendous  
crowding to get in. Some one at the  
door managed to keep out most  
of the children but the place was  
packed full. She had some fears  
about getting out but finally did  
escape. The preachers stayed  
that each 40 or more men to  
talk to. One Buddhist Priest  
brought books & said the doctrine

was good. The man opposed but 36  
was put down so the heathen  
laughed at him. The "head man" of  
this village has been to Shanghai.  
Says the chapels there are more  
"phai ahhsang" (fine-legant) than  
hereabouts. The preachers

seem encouraged. There are many  
more villages about here in hope  
for some profitable days.

I have been very lazy since  
coming back. But feel justified  
in my spending much of the  
afternoon looking over Bleak  
House because it has given me  
a rest of brain change of scene  
& quiet - tho' I do not expect to  
use much time in that way I  
feel fresh & bright this evening for  
the mental renovation. We have  
had a cool breeze & cloudy sky  
to-day. Tuesday April 30/89

Cloudy & threatening. In the forenoon  
I went out with the preachers and

basely escaped a netting by waiting<sup>37</sup>  
in the Ancestral Hall porch - had  
some young men to talk with who  
seemed interested. The head man  
of the village was near by talking  
to some men telling them they  
ought to help an old beggarman  
who was beaten the day before by  
a man of the same surname at Chin-  
Phin. He was very urgent; they  
very stupid. He turned to me but  
I unfortunately could not under-  
stand him. Hong-An did & inter-  
preted. He appealed to me that our  
doctrine taught the reparation of  
injuries. I feel very much interest-  
ed in these villagers they seem  
to be capable men with "good  
heads on their shoulders" if they  
could only get rid of these miser-  
able superstitions & accept the  
truth. In the afternoon I remain-  
ed in the boat, read & wrote also  
in the evening. Clara was still  
suffering from her cold.

We had a beautiful sunset 38.  
after a heavy rain. & again a  
heavy rain in the evening.

Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 1889.

We left our mooring again at  
daylight & came over a smooth  
sea to a creek running in  
by Chin-Phin a place nestling  
also at the base of hills - having  
some 6000 or more people.

It is very hot. I went to the  
village about 1/4 of a mile -  
& such a crowd! I was led to  
a large open place near an An-  
cestral Hall & a great crowd came  
about me. I read leaflets & talked  
for an hour or more. Sold  
about 40 leaflets. A man in-  
vited us to his house, a cool  
comfortable place where he  
sells bean-cake; they made  
tea for us & were very hospitable  
but there was such a large  
crowd that came in to see

the foreigner that we felt con-  
strained to go for his sake.

I have given A-Hi a set of the  
gospels & a Calendar to give him  
with my thanks & compliments,  
& to tell him if he would like us  
to call some evening we will  
do so. There has been a great  
crowd here at the boat & I have  
written these few pages with  
great difficulty - 8 P.M. - A heavy  
rain with much thunder and  
lightning - we have passed a quiet  
evening within the boat. I wrote  
Amis for a letter after we came  
back from a short trip to the  
village this P.M. Clara & I  
both went. The people were not  
so friendly as in the morning -  
objected to our preaching in the  
open square & some gravel was  
thrown. We "moved on" & had  
quite an audience in another place.

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> -

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A tremendous rain storm all night  
thunder & lightning at intervals.  
rains falling in huge drops a  
perfect volley on the roof of  
our cabin. An open window  
let in some water drenching  
some of our clothes & wetting  
some books. But no irrepara-  
ble damage. We slept very late  
it was so dark after the blinds  
were closed - During the fore-  
noon I gave the preacher a  
Bible-reading on the subject  
of liquor-drinking - After dinner  
A ngi arrived from Kak Chieh  
whither he had gone for food &c.  
unexpectedly our mail came.  
The "Arabic" must have made  
extra good time. A very nice  
mail - a long interesting letter  
from Mother, one from Scoville

To a copy of his S. S. Concert 41  
Exercise on China from F. B. Bur-  
nell of Portland, Me. In the even-  
ing I read the prospectus what  
Mother wrote about the China-  
man's reception of L. H. S. letter  
& the experiences of the Converted  
Catholics, which interested them  
very much. It was very muddy  
& the mother threatening so we  
did not go out very much  
Towards evening I went with  
A-Khing & Hong-An to the fur-  
ther end of the village to visit  
a church member this wife.  
A great crowd gathered in front  
of their door & we talked some  
time. H. A. offered a prayer  
at the close of the preaching  
& the people were perfectly quiet.  
A dissipated attaché of the  
theatre performing in town came  
up & was exceedingly friendly.  
So much so. He finally bought  
some leaflets & was officious in

Escorting me back. Our 42  
old brother came all the way  
back to the boat with us.

We met some men several of  
whom bought tracts & leaflets.  
Clara took a walk & had oppor-  
tunities to talk with several  
people. Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> -

An early start brought us to the  
Twa-Ohing bridge by 8 o'clock.  
I went to the preacher's boat for  
worship & there we went to the end  
of the bridge where a lot of  
men had brought loads of sweet  
potatoes to sell. We had an au-  
dience for a long time. I sold  
about 20 leaflets. One young  
man talked for a long time  
with Hong-An & another man  
with a hard face proved to  
be an old acquaintance of H.A.'s  
& invited him & A-Khong to call.

They met that opportunity<sup>3</sup>.  
to preach to several soldiers -  
Lung-Hing & A-Hi went to  
the villages - it seems like a  
very large city - there are  
18 villages - in all over twenty  
thousand souls live here -

The tide is still running out  
& our boat cannot go up; the  
other boat has gone & the preachers  
have gone ahead to arrange for  
Sunday's work - we go in the  
morning. A lot of people have  
been at our windows - just now  
I have sold 6 baubles to young  
men - a great influx of mos-  
quitoes toward night - thick as  
honey. flies at home.

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1879.

A quiet day of travel - started be-  
fore day light - traveled till about  
noon & stopped in a beautiful spot

by the river bank till after <sup>44</sup>  
12 o'clock - when a breeze came  
up we had a fine sail until after  
4 - It has been very hot - but  
the breeze made it bearable.

We passed a resting-day read-  
ing & writing - after 6 P.M. we  
visited our members at the Chie

near by & found only the old man  
Mr. Swan at home. he was at-

tired in a very short pair of  
trousers. I rather envied him  
his style of dress. He seemed  
glad to see us. & come all the  
way back to the boat with us.

Later his wife who was at that  
time away came to the boat  
to thank us for the visit & pre-  
sent her salutations: she seems  
a good little woman -  
a large skinning party of  
mosquitoes to-night.

Sunday. May 5<sup>th</sup> -

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The noise of said mosquitos. host was almost terrifying, would have been had not our temporary fortifications of netting been reliable. Now - 9 P.M. - We are anchored in mid-stream on account of said invaders that came in such swarms about dusk we did not dare stay at the bank.

Clara & I with J. S. & Hong-an are just back from the chapel whither we went for evening worship - meeting the old Bible-woman A-Phie - who has a good cough. poor old soul, her son Kim - Ket, & an aged sister. This has been a hot, hot day. & is not cool to-night. the boatmen are sleeping on the roof of the cabin & on deck, I rather envy them. but a slight breeze is blowing so we hope to get some comfortable sleep.

We were up before 6-a.m. <sup>46.</sup>  
 & prepared for a days trip. I  
 first went to the chapel.  
 It is vastly improved by repairs.  
 I came back sent some medicine  
 to the old Bible woman & we  
 got into our chairs for Hue's  
 than. It was quite comfortable  
 though as we were dressed & a breeze  
 was blowing so we walked oc-  
 casionally with comfort.

The country is beautiful beyond  
 description. vast level plains  
 covered with the young green  
 rice. with here & there a green  
 mound marking a grave & in  
 other spots clumps of bamboo  
 & beyond the ranges of hills that  
 encircle this fertile plain -  
 with villages all about near  
 their base & occasionally one  
 in the valley's centre.

We passed our large growth  
 of bamboo by a pool where  
 a great flock of white birds

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was domesticating - at a distance  
they looked like huge white  
blossoms on the trees -

We had a busy day at the chapel.  
two services much time spent  
talking with the people, particu-  
larly with one young woman  
who has been much persecuted.  
She lost her husband 9 yrs. ago  
The people are very mean to her.  
While hee do not pay her money  
due her & when anything happens  
as a death or any misfortune it is  
charged to her worshipping the  
stranger's God -

Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>

We slept most of the night but  
it is not comfortable neither  
by any means. Close that; as soon  
as the preachers are ready we  
shall start down. Before  
breakfast I went to the chapel  
on an errand. A Shie Chi  
(Chi = older sister)

is much better. Cough loosened.

On the way back we had opportunity to drop a seed of truth. Kim-Kek came along to get more medicine for his mother. Four carpenters were at work making a coffin in front of a house. I asked about it & asked a venerable looking party if it was his - reply - "Nip's - 78 yrs." I spoke to him about this being a resting place for the body, & asked where the soul would go - which puzzled him. We read him the leaflet about Jr. Acts xviii: 9-16 - giving him a copy. He seemed pleased & asked us to come & drink tea, which we declined. Later A-Khong & I stood on the street in the shade of the wall talking & had excellent opportunities to preach & sell leaflets. Sold

15 or 20 leaflets in a short time <sup>49</sup>  
might have sold more but was  
obliged to go back to the boat  
for a second supply & some of the  
people left. We started down  
at a little after noon - reached  
Kangtai at about 4.0 o'clock.

Had a colloquy with the preach-  
ers & called at A-Thongkama.  
Clara had a session with his  
wife but did not feel much  
encouraged about her.

We have a beautiful moonlight  
night, a light breeze & favoring  
tide. Clara & I have been sitting  
on the roof.

Tuesday - May 7<sup>th</sup> -

at daylight we passed the  
Bridge. the tide was beginning  
to run in but so little that  
the men got the craft through

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Easily - no moored for a few  
hours until the tide turned  
then started down reaching  
Tie 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1.30 P.M. Clara  
was a little sea-sick as a  
strong East Wind stirred up a  
little sea - The clouds were black  
& threatening but we set out, walk-  
ed across the city & got a boat  
just as it began to pour.  
We hired the boat for 2 or 3  
men also got on to take passage  
We did not drive them out but  
insisted they should not smoke  
in the part of the boat where we  
were. a space about 5-ft wide  
by 9 ft long - the sides of the boat  
some 2 ft high & a matting  
arched above it. This kept  
the wet off us very well.

I did what talking I could  
with the men - one was an  
Excellent listener. Said he thought

he should accept the doctrine<sup>5-1</sup>  
& promised to attend chapel.  
I hope he may be in earnest.  
He is from Hui-Lai & has lived  
also in Shanghai. He asked  
many intelligent questions about  
what is required of a believer.  
I found him quick to understand.  
We hope he may prove a sincere  
learner. Another man said his  
grandfather was a believer; he  
lives at Gô-Chhân - close by.

It was a great pleasure to get  
home. Mr. Partidge came in  
a few moments. The Campbells  
& Novells are at Double Island.  
We passed the evening reading  
the papers by last mail.

Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Cool again a strong East  
wind blowing. Miss Hilde  
came in after breakfast to consult my  
Historical Chart.

We gave much time to writing  
so as to catch the Arabic.

In the P.M. we had union meeting  
at Mr. P.'s led by him. Mr. & Mrs.  
Sidford & two children were in &  
were a help. He spoke some  
what Methodistically, but well.

Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>

In the afternoon we went to Swatow  
& did some shopping on my ac-  
count. got cloth for a bath-  
ing suit - as mine was stolen last  
year - bought some Chinese  
cloth - also a straw hat  $1\frac{1}{2}$  =  
about 80¢ gold. Returning  
we called at the Milkinsons  
they are going to Foochow for  
2 mos. & at the Sidfords.

They have a delightful home.  
Mr. Woodruff, the last Com-  
missioner, got an appropri-  
ation for refitting & furnishing  
the house. but just as he had fin-

nished the house & put it in <sup>53</sup>  
good repair he was ordered to  
~~Hong Kong~~. Canton. Mr. S.  
has a fine Mason & Hamlin  
Organ he had made to order a  
beautiful instrument - also one of  
their upright grand pianos -  
Both he & his wife play -  
our call was a pleasant one  
we met together for a little time  
to the Consuls & talked with the  
people on the lawn -

Friday - May 10th -  
after breakfast L. H. & Hong-An  
appeared & some time was  
consumed planning for the  
next month or half - We finally  
agreed that H. A. should go in  
& taking the same boat go out  
with A-Hi' - while A-Không  
should go to Kau-nâm for a  
fortnight - L. H. will stay here  
for 10 days preach on Sunday  
& teach me - I gave some of

my time to preparing to preach  
on Sunday - fr. Ps. CXVIII: 27 -

Mr. Campbell come up from  
the Island + stayed with us -

We went to the Sidford's Inn  
at 6 P.M. Poor man he could  
not stem the tide + has

liquors for the guests. He does  
not do the host at the "Yai"  
but leaves his servants to wait  
upon the drinkers - At first

he set out some light wines  
only. But I men called for

Whiskey. He says Dr. Talmage

(~~John~~ <sup>Smith</sup> brother)  
of Amoy told him he did

not see how a man here

in the East could refuse to

provide liquors for those who

were accustomed to use them.

Mr. S. wears the blue ribbon -

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But in Irish that only means  
that one is himself a total -  
abstainer.

In the evening a good prayer  
meeting - the school-boys still do  
much toward supporting the  
meetings.

Saturday - May 11th

Very hot - a busy morning with  
Hong An. directing him, dictating let-  
ters to the two other men - a very  
slow process for if there is any  
possibility of a Chinaman's  
misunderstanding you he will  
surely do it. It is necessary  
to go over everything several  
times. This gave me a few mo-  
ments for the Sunday prepara-  
tion. After dinner Ling Hong  
Come in for half an hour to go  
over his sermon & then Clara

Miss Fairde, Mr. Campbell<sup>56-</sup>  
& myself sailed to the Island  
against an East Wind, we about  
1 3/4 hours making the passage.

The new cottage is a gem. I will  
descent it next month when we  
hope to be domiciled there. The

Campbells & Novells are together.  
Mrs. C. Keeping house. We had  
a fine bath - the water being  
delightfully cool & clear. After  
tea we sailed & rowed back  
got to bed in good season.

Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Very hot - a full chapel & good  
service - Loughing read at first  
from I Cor. III: 1-9. Spoke of the  
planting in new regions recently  
done & requested prayers for "in-  
crease" to be given. His sermon  
was quite good but the day was  
so oppressive the people were somewhat

restless. I had a very 57  
hard time at the English ser-  
vice. Could not get any grip of  
the people at all who had no "pro-  
dom". Messrs. Hill & Anderson  
in the choir were amused at  
some things & enlivened the time  
by whispering comments & laugh-  
ing. I used a homely illustration  
for the Scriptures being a "compt  
one feet" referring to my adver-  
ture with the cobra last year -  
That was too funny for any-  
thing & the two men & Mrs. Hill  
too, were hilarious - as they could  
be & be quiet - it nettled me  
so (combined with the heat & general  
discomfort of the situation) that I  
hesitated - looked squarely &  
Clara thought rather "fiercely" at  
them, came near making some  
exceedingly plain remarks, but  
held myself down to saying

"I am aware this is a very <sup>5-8</sup> simple illustration. But I think it is appropriate - and perhaps the children will appreciate it:

They did not laugh again - I managed to get through the service but not much to my own satisfaction & I fear not much to the profit of the rest. In the afternoon a good nap refreshed me. After 4 o'clock service we sat in the chapel for a time stalked with Miss Field but home took our journals out on the point & wrote till Miss F. joined us & came in to tea. In the evening we talked on philanthropic schemes at home & on phases of work here.

Monday - May 12<sup>th</sup>  
9 P.M. Very hot. 80° this  
A.M. + 83° in the P.M. in Mr.  
P.'s study. The P.'s got home

very early from Kie-Tau 59-  
the home of Po-heng. + old "Lotus"  
his mother who used to be a Medium.  
For "blue Monday" this has been  
a pleasant day. I have attended  
to some sundries and quite a  
little in acts with Lung-heng-  
visited + taken a trip to Swatow  
in the latter part of the afternoon.  
We played a few sets of Tennis  
there which gave us a good  
appetite for supper. Since that  
time I have been writing up this  
journal at the deck seen in the  
picture - Clara is in a low rocker  
at my left finishing my bathing  
suit. She took a tennis shirt  
& the pyjama pattern mother  
gave me from which + what I could  
tell of the other part she has  
succeeded nicely - The Chinese cloth  
is a great success - not too heavy  
& does not cling to me too much.