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Saturday June 29th -

I had a busy morning. Long An
Came to get directions about go-
ing to Yang-sū. I talked with him
some time & then Long heng came
to prepare for Sunday here. Mr. P.
having requested that he talk to
the school children - Much of this
time Ji-nōn & his men were
here putting up a book-case
&c. I find this talking Chinese
is wearisome - In the afternoon

I did some work at my desk, took
a short nap & at 4 P.M. went
to Swatow. I had an order to cash
at Jardine & Matheson's & Mr
called on one E. P. Friends - Miss
Ricketts urged us to stay to tea
which we did - had a quiet,
pleasant time. Miss R. pre-
sented me with a copy of their

Matthew in Romanized collo-
quial, translated by Mr. Gibson.
whose style Miss R. criticises
as a trifle bookish. Mr. P.
& Dr. A. have always considered
their colloquial too much flavo-
red with the 'bin-li' - book style.
They have a piano that the
Mackenzies bought at the Baron's
sale. He recently paid \$250⁰⁰ for
it in Shanghai & they did it in
at \$400⁰⁰ - & paid 20% for tuning
& repairs - Miss Block played
a solo & sang also "The Book". It
was pleasant to hear piano
music again. we have no pi-
ano in either mission.

We had a long pull over the
mud coming back - fully a quar-
ter of a mile - the tides are very
low this week & at low water
it is necessary on that side
to go over all this mud to
their pier. When we went

over there was a stiff South
wind blowing exactly astern
so we sailed right over the flats.
the mud is soft & very slipper
y as a boat skims over it.

But coming back all four men
were obliged to get out & push
& tug all the way. & on this side
too they could not get up to the
end of the pier so pulled a dis-
tance as long as our premises
at home -

Sunday June 30.

A good congregation. the Bible -
women are in & quite a no. of
the preachers & teachers are here.
A. Chuan. preached from I Peter I:13.
a very good earnest sermon.
but not much order in it
that I could discover. At 4 P.M.
Ling-heng preached from Prov. I:10.
I had gone over it carefully with
him and thought he was all
right but he put in a discussion

Some 10 minutes long at first⁴-
that made his sermon too
long. He took the stories of Jo-
seph, Samuel, the Hebrew captives
who directed Naaman to Elisha,
& Daniel. as examples of people
who after good training at home
went away from home and were
true to their training, not being
swayed from duty or faith by any
of the bad influences about them.
L.H. did very well & the people
listened attentively considering
the length of the discourse and the
heat of the day. He applied the
subject to the scholars who are
going back home to be amid
heathen surroundings when it
will be difficult for them to
be true to what has been taught
them, & made it impressive for
them. This evening we have
a coal breeze - I fell asleep this
P.M. & am fearful of a wakeful
night.

Monday July 1st - 5.

Hot. Nothing special during the day excepting a talk with Chiang-Sui in the afternoon about bringing up the subject of drinking. He agreed to preach.

Thursday A. M. and drank and drinking in the Bible - Gu-Thong. my former teacher, came up at 6 P. M. and talked with him about leading the prayer-meeting. Tuesday evening after tea I went to the preacher's house & sat a little time.

Tuesday July 2nd '89.

Lay awake nearly all night with a headache - but was able to do quite a day's work - went to chapel at 7:00 clock. Then Sam preach - then after breakfast Ji-hiow came to see about a lounge.

He came in to family prayers.⁶
At 10 - I attended Mr. P.'s class
until 11-15 - then till 12.30
talked over a sermon with Mia-
An - on John IV:24. got much
interested in it - At 2 P.M.
Po-heng came & I talked with
him till after 3 - on the
effect of drinking - took a short
nap & at 4 had Chin Siā. Hui
Lan's, eldest grandson, to talk over
a prayer-meeting topic. the
cleansing of the temple as illus-
trative of the need in our
hearts of putting out all un-
cleanness. He is a bright nice-
looking fellow - seems in a new
spiritual frame since his wife
died. At 4.30 came prayer-
meeting. G. I. did quite well.
We got a little exercise at
Tennis - after tea Mr. P. came
over & we talked till 9 P.M.

Clara is getting on nicely &
with the Bible-Women. is
with them most all the forenoon
& generally in the P.M. too.

Wednesday - June 3-

The most still, oppressive heat
of any day this year. My
hands have been wet all
day from the exercise of mowing
Keeps them in a continuous
perspiration. The morning
service & the 10 o'clock class are
about the sum of my efforts
thus far to-day. The evening
prayer-meeting was very well
led by Chin-Sia".

We took tea with the Novells -
had a pleasant social time
stayed quite late -

Thursday - July 4th 1889 -

The "glorious 4th" gloriously
hot here. I attended the 7 A.M.

service - 10 o'clock class - 8
+ 4.30 P.M. - prayer meeting
besides various consultations
with preachers - The weather
has never been so hot at
any Communion Season since
I have been here.

In the morning Ah Chiang Sui
preached on the ~~Bible~~ subject
of Whiskey drinking but did
not take the line I wanted
him to - instead of giving
the Bible view fit he
made a general discourse on
the topic. In the afternoon Bo-
Heng spoke on Rom. XII, 1 - which
very well - the time was fully
taken up - I had hoped to
see the matter brought to some
definite result in pledge or re-
solution but it did not

seem practicable without 9
more pushing than I was ready
to do - Friday July 5th -

The heat continues - One or two
of the Chinese are suffering
from fever - Lung heng went to
the hospital for Lyall wrote
back that his temperature was
101° so he must lie by for
a time. A. Hong one of the country
school teachers is also ill.

At 10 o'clock preachers & Bible-
women gave their reports - nothing
very new - In the P.M. the girls
school passed an excellent
examination - I was not at the
boys primary school ex. on Wed. &
for only a few moments at the
middle school ex. on Thurs;
in the latter they have taken
up recitations of Geography &
Astronomy. The boys recited well.
Mr. Campbell came up in the P.M.
Mrs. C. is still in well.
After tea Lung Kiam told us
he was thinking of applying

for baptism: we talked with
Lai - Kiu a little & he decided
also to go & be questioned.

Saturday July 6th -

Sunday in the forenoon.

At 2 P.M. the business meeting
to apply for baptisms - all ap-
peared well. Several cases
were up for discipline & 3
dismissed for idol-worship
chiefly. There is a very bad
case in Tang-ou - charge of
immorality against a deacon.
that seems to be well found-
ed, the woman is here in
great distress - anxious to have
action taken by the church.
Finally Mr. P. arranged to have
some of the preachers go down
after a month & look into
the case - it is already 6
weeks old - The woman
was greatly agitated & came

to get Clara to intercede to have
the case settled quickly. But
nothing was accomplished.

In the evening I had a long
talk with Sam about his
drinking + some other things.
He took it very well.

Sunday July 7th

Still hot. Service at 7 a.m.

All 6 Candidates admitted +
another also questioned + rec'd. an
elder bro. of the boy I baptized
last Jan'y - I had the baptized
time at 7.30 I baptized 4
+ Mr. Norvell Baptized Loi-
Pak + Lai-Kui - both
Hak-Kas.

At 10 a.m.
Hing-d. preached + Mr. P. also
spoke exhorting the people +
giving some figures of Bap-
tist work at home + in the field

A large no. men present at
Communion. There's
quite a fight at noon - a note
came up from Mrs. Fiedr
asking that the house boat be
sent ~~up~~ down at once to
bring back Mrs. Campbell.
A note also came for the doctor
who met at once. He started
about to get the boat off but
the tide was out & the boat
having lain a long time
had settled into the sand & a
dozen men could not start
her. So a Langdon boat
went down. At about 5 P.M.
Mr. & Mrs. C. came up all
right in the Dr.'s gig.

Clara & I called on them
at 7 o'clock. She is still
very unwell - bad trouble.
There were a lot of little

last things to be done ²⁰ ¹³
we did not bid good bye
to the last man yet to
bed, till 10 o'clock.

Monday - July 8th -

The boys call this the hottest
day yet. But there is only
9²⁰ - But it is an unescap-
able heat until the breeze
rises - I did very little
but got a letter off home &
to Mr. Ashmore. Mr. Camp-
bell met to the Island after
the children & baggage -

Tuesday July 9th.

I see the "Haitan" did not
go yesterday. So am afraid
a mail will be missed at
home. Sorry but it sometimes
does so happen - We are going
to the Island this P.M. for abath.

Wednesday July 10th

Our trip to the Island was a great pleasure - Mr. Norvell, Mrs. Ury-
whart with her little girl, Clara
& I took the boat at 3-45 &
had a fine sail reaching the Island
in about an hour. We called on
the E. P. Mission - I met Mrs.
Macdonald for the first time -
She is a bright able-bodied
Scotch woman. We saw Miss
Fulde a little while & got a
fine bath. Mr. Leslie's house-
boat was off shore & we put
out & dove from it. I never
practised diving at home but
tried it last month once &
several times Tuesday night - once
went down a tremendous way,
but came up all night & swam
ashore. We ate our lunch
going up on the boat & reached
home so as to get to bed early.

Wednesday morning Clara ¹⁵
went down to take care of Mrs.
Campbell so I was alone all
day. studied Chinese and wrote
to St. Murdock. In the evening
Messrs. Howell, Campbell & my-
self took the boat & tried a
plunge or two in the bay.
the water was very warm &
the tide swift but we enjoyed
it very refreshed. Clara had
a rather tiresome day with Mrs.
C. who is very ill.

Thursday July 11th -

Chinese in the forenoon & writing
after dinner - It is very hot I
keep a kid of mine to wipe
my hands & arms as I write
during the day. Now at 9 P.M.
the therm. is 89° but a light
breeze comes in. so my hands
are moist but the water does

not drip off - We took another
 Island trip to-night - The & Mrs.
 P. Mrs. Uguhart sailed. Cool -
 The moon is about full & the
 tide turns at about 7 o'clock
 so we can go down & back with
 favouring tide, light, & the S. W.
 wind serves us both ways. We
 come up in about 45 minutes.
 a most delightful sail - no

expense & a picnic on the boat.
 Mrs. Uguhart has been trying
 for a long time to get rooms at
 Capt Hocken's & had been promised
 them was promised Tuesday that
 she might go to-day - then
 yesterday just as her husband
 was leaving she rec'd a note
 saying his son-in-law was to
 stay there, so she goes to Capt.
 Williams's house & down-stairs
 rooms - Mrs. Campbell is
 about the same - but rested better
 to day. Mrs. P. stayed with her. Clarab's mother.

Friday - July 12th 17

Clara went again to care for Mrs. Campbell who is improving slightly. I read Romans with Song Air in the forenoon - rec'd a note from Clara saying that Mrs. C.'s cook had fever and asked that Tek-Sun come down to help that I go down & dine with them which was done. At noon a breeze was blowing from the West but it was like a hot breath & the sun poured down fiercely - my clothing was considerably moist when I arrived - indeed it has not been dry much for a long time - Clara looks at me occasionally & says it is "wet weather". I perspire very freely but have not caught cold yet.

My appetite holds better. 18
than last year. I am not
yet suffering from skin
troubles. The heat makes
me dull & it is very difficult
to work much. But if we can
keep well till Autumn that
will be a great victory.

We had a pleasant meal
at Mr. C.'s - Paul woke
up & lived most of the time -
Mr. C. thought he might
have gotten to the looking-
glass - he cut the boy's hair
Thursday - & as he remarked
"Even children have feelings" -

The youngsters head was a
spectacle - Mr. C. began to
"shingle" it from below - but
seemed to have shaved all
the hair up to about the top
of his ears when a plainly

marked line showed when 19
he decided & began to trim
it. At the top too there were
sundry irregularities that were
very "Amosin".

Mrs. Howell now takes
care of the two little girls
during the day so Mrs. C.
gets on more quietly -

Saturday July 13/89 -

Last evening we went again
for a bath, starting at 5 - P.M.
& getting back at about 8 -
had a grand bath, called at
the cottage a moment and
had an ideally fine sail back
in the moonlight. Mrs. Ly-
all read me a letter from
Dr. Riddell referring to a visit
with Uncle Asa & Aunt Annie
or to meeting them & finding them
"very kind". I gave Mr. R. a

a letter to Uncle A. 20

Dr. R. seemed to think

"Uncle Asa a character" -

Mrs. Sidford loaned Clara

"Little Lord Fauntleroy"

& she read quite a part thereof
before going to bed.

Yesterday & to-day I made
out an order for goods

from San Francisco, which

John Stevens kindly got for

us - We all send, some

of the other mission & some

of the Community also send

with us - about \$160.00 worth -

The mercury is still at 90° -

but a light breeze less of -

mission atmosphere near

the discomfort - Mr. P. took

dinner with us to-day & we

enjoyed his company.

After dinner I finished my
 home letters and ours to Mr.
 Mica dock, taking them to the
 ship. Fearing, there might not be
 another mail before Tuesday -
 Then at about 5 P.M. we sailed
 to the Island for another bath -
 had a head wind but got
 there in time for a dip -

Sunday - July 14th -

A very quiet day. Service at 9
 a.m. - sermon by Hā-k-jū -

In the P.M. Hargan came & went
 over his sermon again - from Ex-
XVI: 4: I used part of the time he
 was studying over it to write
 Van Kie & - H. A. displayed
 are very Chinese feeling, though
 not confined to them unfortunately.
 viz. the tendency to explain

the Scriptures by the "light 22
of Nature" rather than by the
Mind itself. I have noted before
that he is something of a doctor.

He was "Eucidating" the plague fol-
lowing the gift of the quails (Amos 8
said). They had eaten only bread.
Stomach weak: Eat flesh: could not
digest: quickly died - many many.
I told him to read vs. 33. con-
sider how that could be if the
plague come while the flesh was
yet between their teeth or it
was chewed. - also read him a
short lecture on the subject of
departing from the Bible. advised
him: "one half Bible & one half"
doctors wisdom was not profitable.
After service we went to the Camp-
bells - Mrs. C. was sitting in a
long chair. a little better.
In the evening we sat on the verandah
& read verses of my North Vassalbon sermons.

Swatow China July 2^x/89

My dear Mother,
Many many
thanks for the beautiful pocket
Testament you sent, which came
on good time for the birthday

of which you have an account in
the journal. We had a really
encouraging start for the school
& shall do what we can to
keep it up. We have decided
not to go to the Island in August for

more than a fortnight if we can
get me safely. Clara is much
interested in her domestic class
and in the school so that she
prefers to stay. I can do much
more satisfactory living here.

Our home is very comfortable though not
so cool of course, as the Island, & our
life here is now more comfortable.
I enclose a letter for Mr. Hobbs & also for
the No. 1000 Church which please send to
Mr. Vinal, with lots of love to Father & yourself
from Clara & myself. Affectionately
John -

Monday. July 15th

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The "Fokien" was advertised to go down so I gave the forenoon to writing. Finished a long letter to Vankin & wrote one to John Stearns. The Morrills wished to send a few more items on their order. The heat continued intense so it was difficult to work & I did not staidy much in the afternoon.

In the evening Mr. Morrill wife came in & we played two games of chess. He instructed me somewhat. With a little help from Mrs. M. I beat once. But he was Conkers else I probably should not have done so.

Tuesday. July 16th -

A break in the heat. The thermometer dropped to 84° in our rooms. We got through the day comfortably. I read Chinese morning &

And ~~evening~~ afternoon.

Clara went to Swatara in the afternoon. I have a vague suspicion she bought something for a birth-day present for me. It is planned to have a company here Monday evening in honor of that event - & the completion of our first half-year of married life.

Messrs. Campbell, Novell & myself went out to take a swim from the boat. The water was rough a strong East wind blowing against a strong ebb tide.

As I dove & came up a few feet away from the boat, but too far away to reach it easily so we did not try to swim against the tide but waited for them to row up to us. First they dropped an oar, then the steersman got excited & turned

the boat around & nearly 25
ran against an iron buoy.
But Howell succeeded in
getting them straight & they
moved after us, making rather
hard work of it against the
wind - this gale is a larger
swim than we expected
but we got aboard all
comfortably & back home.

Wednesday July 16th -

Chinese &c. during the day -
part of the time being given
to preparing for prayer-meet-
ing - which was here - I forgot
to write Monday that our
new matting for the parlor
came and I put it down
so our room looks nice
again. We had a good

meeting - 6 p.m. Mr. C. could²⁶
not well come on account of the
storm. I read from Num. XIII

Jo. XV & Gal V. 22 + Col. I: 6 -

'The fruit of the Spirit' - the
inner life - the first in God's
sight, the necessary founda-
tion to a life right in the
sight of others: a full cluster
of the Christian virtues essential
to a well-formed & developed
life - The time was all
quickly taken up.

Thursday July 18th -

Mail-day - I rec'd beside
letters from home, a good
letter from old Mr. Mott
of No. Vass. which I prize
highly. Some pkgs came

also, which Clara opened ²⁷
proposed to keep till Mon-
day - or Sunday rather -

I read with great interest Mr.
Knapp's Effusion. The cuckoos
seem to be on the wing -

The Universalists show a
far better spirit - I look
with great interest for the re-
sult of all this. They bid
fair to be an Armageddon
in Japan - I do wish Bapt-
ist young men would awake
to the need & demand to be
sent - In the evening I
read aloud Kerman's article
in the June Century.

Friday July 19th

In the afternoon Mr. C. & M. H.
came in & were consulted on
the subject of a Sunday School

and we decided to go & talk
 with Mr. Partridge about it.
 I had spoken with him
 before, but he did not think it
 necessary & wanted himself
 to take a rest this summer
 than no P.M. service.

But we talked it over
 together & both the others
 stood by me in arguing
 for a trial of such a service
 this present season & if it
 gets on its feet so that
 it can go all well, even
 if we are not here, then
 we can continue it. If not
 go back to the old style.
 Mrs. P. we found could not
 help as she also wants a
 rest also. Both H. & C. said

they would do all they could²⁹
they would get the Hake Kads.
together in a class - & H. would
help in the singing. So we
decided to be all present at
the evening meeting and present
it to the natives if they mani-
fested any disposition to take
hold of it we would go ahead.
The meeting was late but at
the close I asked Mr. P. if he
would speak of it or ask
them to wait a little after
service. He told them I had
an "affair" I wished to explain.
They all stayed & I told them
the affair was not mine
but one I hoped would profit
the Church - then explained as
best I could the nature of the
School its wonderful growth

the past 100 yrs. &c. Last ³⁰
year B. F. Jacobs wrote
me a letter (he spoke in his
school in Chicago) upon a
sheet whereon were printed
statistics of the world's schools.
I used this & spoke of how
men in high position like
Namanaker gave their time
to it &c. also that 75% of
the additions to U. S. Churches
come from these schools &c.
They listened well & at the
close Mrs. Partridge's teacher got
up & heartily enclosed it say-
ing it was more profitable
than preaching & that he knew
all about it in Canton,
then he gave a description of
it that made it much
clear. Mr. P. spoke say-
ing it was good & would be

a good thing to have if 31
heartily supported. He felt
the need first so could not
himself work for it. Lung-
Lung spoke in favor of it,
as he saw it in Canton.
Afterwards I talked with
Chiang Sui a little.

Saturday July 20th.

In the forenoon I talked with
A-Khong, Hong An Lung-hung
about the work in the Country
decided to have the first two
go & L. L. stay for a few weeks
till his fever is surely well
& also that he may help in
the S. school. Had a pleasant
Conference with them, gave
them an outfit of tracts &
had a few words on Ex. XVII:5
& a short prayer from two of
them before we separated.

a-Rhông is to make another⁵²
attempt in Bĩa-Hiờ + H. A. goes
to several of the inland stations.
In the afternoon, I spent nearly
all the time preparing for
Sunday. I had the statistics
of different ^{nations} P. Schools put on
separate slips of paper &
different ones in the audi-
ence could answer.

We had a fine bath from the
boat as we also had the
night before. In the evening
we asked the novells to come
down & practice some
hymns for Sunday - the P. S.
also came so we changed
the plan that a game of
dominors while Messrs. H. & P.
played Chess. Then I tried
Chess & got some points from
Mr. P. who is the best player

in the mission - 33

Sunday July 21st

32 No. old "not dead yet".

The boy had the breakfast table
finely ornamented with fine
flowers, a centerpiece + 4 small
bouquets. Before breakfast
I found my study table orna-
mented by a beautiful pocket
N. Test, + Psalms from Mother.
The No. Vars. birthday book
+ a fine card case, (small
pocket book) from Clara.
so I was finely remembered.
Sat'y also Mr. Campbell sent
me a chess board with a
diagram for Reversi on the
back - All these remembrances
were very delightful. After
service while I was talking

a reminder from the Ps.
a toothpick holder & a
bell cone -

The School got a good
start in the P. M. Very
Stormy but 45 present
& 8 classes formed -

May get a little more off
by this mail - tomorrow
next day. In haste with
lots of love from us
both, John

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with Hak. Jii - a parcel from
the O. is come - an electric bill
from Mr. P. & a nice Chinese
toothpick holder from Mr. P.

After this a tremendous
rain-storm set in & at din-
ner time the rain came in
torrents - later it cleared - and
again came a deluge. I
gave up all hope of a meeting
at 4 o'clock. But a bell
came & we went to the Chapel
to find a few present. By
4.15 4.5 were there, more
than attended the service
last week. I led the exer-
cises, had - first - after a
hymn to the tune "There is a
happy land" & prayer - the
reading of Ps. 119: 97-112 & 130
by Chhiang Sui. also had

him write on the board 35
The first class of no. 130 -
which I taught them to
read in concert. Then I
repeated what I had said
Friday & had Huk-jü tell
of the Canton School - also
used the map in pointing
out the different countries &
asked the ones to whom
the slips had been given
to recite them & they did
very well. We had also
sung "The sweetest names".

Then we gave 10 or 15 minutes
to forming classes. had
4 on each side - Clara
Chin Pò, Toa-Peh (C's teacher)
& Pò. Sans wife have each one.
also Mr. Campbell, Chhiang Sün,
Huk-jü & Ma-Ka'. Then in closing

I brought out the blackboard³⁶
& shewed them a cross
crown Mr. Norvell had
drawn - on one half the board
leaving the other side bare -
which gave an opportunity to
illustrate the cross & crown &
"no cross no crown". The
next Sunday's lesson Acts.
I:1-14 - was given out &
we closed with "Must Jesus
bear the cross alone" & a prayer
by Ma' Ka' - The hymn went
finely - In the evening we

read home weeklies -
We felt we had great cause
for thankfulness that
the beginning had been so
good with the weather
so exceedingly stormy.

Monday July 22nd -
still stormy - but cooler
I have been reading Chinese & meeting

A steamer was advertised to go at 4 P. M. so I tried to get off some letters but the steamer did not go. & it was raining so hard I did not even send the letters down. Mr. P. called at about 4.15 & we talked over some matters including the use of Luke for the Sunday-School next year. This is going to try to get out the revised Colloquial in time for that, so we can use the International lessons. Then Drs. Carlsson & Mr. Phun called - & their Company came - Mr. & Mrs. P. Mr. & Mrs. N. Mr. C. & Louise. We had a quiet but exceedingly pleasant time. Longkiam laid himself out to arrange the flowers & ferns so the table looked very pretty. We had a roast of beef & pigrons, potatoes, peas & onions - with some kind of pudding

Cake, jelly & raisins.

I found a box at my plate contain-
ing a beautifully embroidered
silk hdkf & a bunch of white
tiss from Mr & Mrs. Novell -
also their compliments on a card
with a fern or bit of moss there-
on. After tea we talked a
little, had worship & then play-
ed or began to play a game of
letters - Mr. Campbell felt he
must go early & all left, tho' the
Novells wanted a little to talk
over some points in language
study. Tuesday - July 23rd

Clearing - We plan going to the
Island this P.M. have rec'd
a note from Miss J. asking us to
come down & stay on Thurs. & Friday -
but we expect to remain here for
the present. Clara does not want
to leave the house or the school.

Wednesday July 24th 39

We carried out our plan of going to the Island. In the forenoon Clara had the women come up here and read at 9 o'clock. That saved her going out in the Sun. She gives them out a lesson so they have something to study. I had my teacher also for a little in the afternoon giving the forenoon to writing.

At 3 P.M. C & I with Mrs & Miss Partridge went down with a favoring wind. Called upon Miss Child & had a fine bath & took supper at Mrs F.'s with Dr & Mrs. Lyall & Dr.

Cousland who are staying there. We had the wind abate & came up comfortably by Starlight.

I got home at about 10⁴⁰ o'clock
but slept more soundly than for
some time. To-day I felt
however a sort of reaction from
having lost some sleep &
perhaps the anxiety regarding
Sunday's work, so have not done
much - took a nap in the fore-
noon after a little study. The in-
ing Ling heng translate into Col-
loquial from "The Heart Book"
for which I will send a copy home.
I also finished up my mail -
I have been working a little
at the S. S. lesson -

Got some mail off for the
"City of Sidney". In the evening a

prayer meeting at the Novell's -

Thursday July 25th -

Chinise with my teacher mainly
conferred to the S. S. Lesson by Mrs

and kindred topics - I heard ⁴¹
am not using him I have my
teacher put in his time at
translating Exodus into colloquial
and writing in Romanized in which
he is improving rapidly -

We had a call from Miss Hart-
ness & Miss Falconer who is just
down from the country & looks
thinner but still blooming -
she goes to enjoy her rest. The
E.P. Mission pay expenses of
missionaries when upon health
trips. After tea the three
women who are to take classes
in Sunday School & some half-
dozen men also a small flock
of children come to "Teacher's
meeting" which I conducted
with some trepidation, but
got on quite well. They
seemed to have no difficulty

in understanding me and 42
answered questions intelligently -
as well. I think as the "average
Baptist Church" (which Prof English
used to cite) would do at home.
I feel however that there is
yet much to do as there is
a hesitancy & uncertainty yet
among the men. However, as
Prof Curry used to say - it is a
big undertaking & we must not
be worried if all does not come
at once.

Friday - July 26th -

I forgot to note the most im-
portant & welcome fact that
our mail arrived 2 days before
it was due in Hong Kong.
I had a very interesting letter
from Mother & a nice one from
Emily Clark. - To-day I
worked with my teacher as a

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deal. Clara has been ironing
some. Every week she has the
boy wash & iron most of the
small pieces, so that the bill
is less than mine used to be
last year. But the "rush-jacket
man" does not like it as he
works on a "horizontal tariff"
of $\$2.00$ per 100 pieces + if they
are mostly large he growls -
This week he struck so Clara
had it all done here, doing
most of the larger articles her-
self. But seems to have escaped
without injury - I presume he
will be about next week.

Clara had quite a long session
with her women this morning
after their lesson told them
of the great work done by
Sunday Schools at home and
the immense importance of
careful Bible study.

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After reading this a. m. I made
up a shelf for my batter-
ies down stairs, find it
will be quite easy to put up
the wires for the bells as there
were house bells before -
After dinner we both took a
nap. Now my teacher is here
& I am about to read again.
am reviewing Mark & advancing
in Corinthians - Syn. meeting in evening.
Saturday - July 27th.

In the forenoon I went over carefully with
Ling-Hung the two chapters of Exodus
he had translated and written out
in Romanized - Correcting his roman-
ship in a few cases the transla-
tion. I also spent some time dur-
ing the day in repairing the dam-
aged electric bells - These will
be in very good shape. Mrs.
Campbell came up to Mrs.
Novell's in a chair her
first outing. She has rallied

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very much and seems decidedly
stronger. N., C., + I took a
bath, not very much tide & the
water too fresh. the steps Mr. N.
had made for climbing into
the boat broke so we did not
div many times. I walked down
with C. to meet Clara who had
gone down with his wife. As we
walked up Mr. Ferguson the Dutch
Minister overtook & accompanied
us. Poor man, he finds Swatara
dull - few congenial spirits. The
Community do not take much
interest in his book and his
Conversation, nor do the Mission-
aries devote much time to him.
He goes home in September after
attending to diplomatic business
in Pekin + Corea.

Sunday July 28th -

A beautiful day - the usual

Morning service - We passed ⁴⁶⁻
the day quietly until 3:30 when
we went to the Chapel to see
about arranging seats for the
School - found some "new schol-
ars" already there - By 3:45-
a goodly no. had arrived and
practised two hymns - "Nothing
but the blood of Jesus" and
"My heavenly home is bright
& fair". At 4 o'clock opened
the school I spoke of James
Harrington's singing "Safe
in the arms of Jesus" when
they were dragging him to
prison & gave it out as the
first hymn - They were not
very familiar with it so it
went slowly. Then I called
on one of the young men to
lead in prayer after telling

them the no. of Chinese in⁴⁷
the U.S. in Sunday Schools
& the no. who had united with
Churches. Then we arranged
the classes, had several go out
on the covered verandahs on the
side and give them half an
hour for the lesson, which all
but our class used quite ful-
ly. I really think it was ea-
sier to form this school
than it would have been to
organize a new school at
home because we had
school teachers who could take
up such work & they are gen-
erally an orderly folk. I
occupied the time by getting
the scholars names on the
main side. This done I had
them come together again and
repeat Ps. 119:130 & the first

part of Acts I:8 - - the latter 48
we read in concert. Also showed
again the cross & crown asking
them to Explain it. We closed
by singing - "Nothing but the blood
of Jesus" - & with a prayer by Chri-
stian. Sui. So present - a triple war
be coming all the youngsters
that come - again of nearly 20
over the first day - The feel in
congreg. of course, but do not con-
gratulate ourselves overmuch be-
cause we cannot tell how it may
turn: still they seem to enjoy
it & I trust the "new will not
wear off" until the work is
so established that the teachers
will feel a personal responsibili-
ty and look after the attendance
themselves. We passed the
rest of the day quietly at home
reading.

Monday July 29 - 1889 - 49

In the forenoon I sent Ling-Hung into the Country to look up the mason who was to have finished the Hieⁿ Suaⁿ than chapel repairs but did not show a wall has fallen - I did not accomplish very much work - did a little reading & writing - My enemies of last year have attacked me & I find it very uncomfortable. We took tea at the P.S. with young men & young ladies of the other Mission. had a pleasant evening.

My afternoon was broken into by Mrs. Mrs. Campbell's coming but we were very glad to have a visit. Had I read out the book of the S. S. Lesson.

Tuesday July 30 -

Another day with no great results
(over)

Thursday - now -

all morning smoothly. My
skew trouble are somewhat
better - Expect to have Teachers
meeting either at 11 or 7.30 P.m.
There are prospects of a storm -
Barometer lower to-day. We
are not suffering from the heat.
Affectionately John -

I did finish a letter to Dr. ⁵⁰
Mayland, part of which he per-
haps will print, and did a
little more on the S. S. lesson.
I forgot to write that Sunday
was a heathen celebration day,
when they have processions & beat
drums & blow horns &c. for the
dead in the sea. I must inquire
more particularly into it. The
rich contribute money toward
the festivities. Ji-tion, how-
ever comes to Sunday School.

The first time I have ever seen
him at a religious service
was on morning worship to
which he has stopped several
times — In the evening
we had Dr. & Mrs. Lyall & Dr.
McPherson & his family at supper.

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Mr. & Mrs. P. came in also in
the evening. They made up a game
of dominos of Revere. Dr. McPherson
came out into the study &
he examined my desk & seem-
ed to approve. I showed him the
Waverley views. Talked about
various things in the States.
He thinks of returning that way.

July 31st Wednesday - Warren

870 now at 8.40 P. M.

I have been having a great
deal of discomfort from my
skin difficulty; it is not quite
so bad as last year & I feel
well aside from that, but it
is very trying & the iodine &c.
I use for it produces addition-
al smartings & burnings. I have
succeeded in doing a little on
the S. S. Green, getting a letter
partly done for Mr. Brunel of
Portland. Reading newspapers

and writing up this journal 52
since Friday - The last few weeks
the journal has fallen behind
several times as I have had to
catch up. but I hope hereafter
to keep it going every day.

To-night I stay at home from
prayer-meeting at M. P. S. -
as it is uncomfortable to sit
still any length of time. I can
write at my high desk.

Thursday Aug. 1st.

Writing a little. & work at my S. S.
lesson. We hoped to have "doctors"
meeting at 4. P. M. but they could
not well come at that time,
so we had it in the evening. -
I think it passed off well &
profitably - made it easy &
conversational & they talked more
freely than before. Fewer were

present but because some
 were "out of town" - a had good
 reason for absence. Lungkung
 just got back from the Country
 & was tired having slept on boats,
 without a stateroom - for several
 nights. He did his work quickly
 & well - got the mason started off
 & also found Hong An at Kuj.
 Siu - when I had not Siu-thun,
 but when can practice medicine.
 We shall have a reckoning.

Friday - Aug 2nd -

Went for Dr. Laynge this A.M.
 & arranged with him to be our
 regular physician.

Lungkung was in & I had him to
 some writing etc. now at 2.45 -
 he is here again - He says the
 weather performance of Sunday
 is called "Siw-Kow-loo" which
 means "no more cures for corpse"

or "Can for - no man - corpse"
 idea is to carry for the unclean
 for bodies. The Buddhist
 priests tell the people that when
 they beat the drum & blow the
 horns the bodies ^{arouse} rise & they
 bury these properly. ~~To prove it~~
~~they produce some bones.~~ The
 priest goes with the men who
 help & hunt bones - if they find
 any bones, pig's dog's or whatever
 kind - they carry off & bury the
 same. The devout furnish
 money for paying both priest
 & bone collector. This is
 a brilliant gleam from the "Light
 of Asia" -

We are having a cool delight-
 ful day. Clara has another
 woman for her class.
 Another gleam from

Edwin Arnold's favorite lu-
minary. In about Am-Pou-
the B. priests sell corner lots
in what they call "ham-kuan-
ti = (land) - where men can re-
side after death -

We went to Senators at 4.30 - &
called upon the people. I went to
prayer-meeting after our return.

Saturday Aug. 3rd -

In the forenoon my teacher came.
He corrected a few verses he had
Romanized in Exodus, seth dates.
talked a little of the S. S. lesson
& I did a few odd jobs -

Mrs. Sanford of Canton came
by the "Haitan" - the wind blew
a gale all night & we feared
she must be having a very
rough passage. But she seemed
to have been comfortable.

Mr. N. had a rough passage ⁵⁶
in the boat going after her.

While he was gone a coal barge
was upset & drifted way down
past us some men clinging
to it & apparently at least one
being carried down by the tide.
Several boats followed - & our
small one followed hard after
the man & the others caught up
with the barge which was
down at our end & about 7 ft.
of the stern out of water.

We called upon Mrs. Sanford &
took "afternoon tea" at the Arnolds.
had a very social hour - they
also came in after tea & practis-
ed some hymns for Sunday.

Clara had a sewing woman
made up some abbreviated under-
wear for me from some of the
night shirts I brought from home.
She is still much annoyed

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by irritated swellings on her
arms - almost like Erysipelas.

Sunday - Aug. 4th

A cold wave - Therm. only 80°
when we rose at 6-30-A.M.

Now only 82° with a strong
breeze so I feel quite cool al-
most chilly in my linen suit.

This morning we planned to
go to Swatow ~~stayed at home~~
from Chapel - but a rain &
the absence of the steersman pre-
vented our going. The school

was about as large as last
Sunday & passed off very well.

Teachers all present or substitute
provided & all the school or-
derly. Mr. Howell drew on
the board a steam-ship &
a Chinese sail-boat.

The water was made smooth
 & no smoke from the stack.
 I spoke of the descent of the
 spirit & the use of fire and
 wind to represent his presence,
 the two elements that do so much
 for us; & asked if without fire
 & wind these boats could go? -
 they did not answer very promptly
 & tho' they took it in - he he,
 they made some wares, set sail
 & put some smoke about the
 stack & we completed the
 figures -

Clava's face has been badly
 swollen to-day but is better
 now - the Dr. gave a lotion
 that has soothed it.

An interesting "episode" showing
 Chinese ideas occurred to-day -
 Last week A-Không came from
 "Tiê Sê" - principally to see Clava

about a young widow
 whom a church-member, a
 widow in another town wished
 to come & read her for a few
 weeks. The woman's mother is
 an E.P. Mission member. The
 match had been arranged by
 some "go-between" - & though only
 a part of the money has been paid,
 (which I believe goes to the parents
 of the dead husband) our mother
 seems to regard it as so far
 settled that he is ready to
 pay her board here for two
 months or more.

Thursday the
 woman with her child, the
 E.P. mother & the "go-between" - a
 heathen all came. Clara
 is much pleased with the young
 woman & thinks her genuinely
 interested to learn & get the
 truth. Clara sent for Mia-
 Tai, the man in the case to
 come so as to make sure about

the matter. He called at 60
about 9 o'clock - seems a good
sincere fellow - I had a short
talk with him. I have never
been at his village - but Clara
has. When we asked him if
he was not going to chapel he
said "No" - We asked him why -
he said with confusion of face -
"I should be ashamed on account
of this woman" - The contrast between
this & engaged people at home
is decidedly vivid -

Monday Aug. 5th 1889.

Cool - 810 to 830 - To-day with strong
breezes - Mr. Campbell & I took
a plunge or two from the boat
& found it rough to-night.

An mail came this afternoon
after disappointing us by not being
on the "Thales" in the morning. A
slow German steamer probably started
earlier.

Early - but was late in ev. 61
living. I had a good letter from
Father & Clara had letters from
for S. S. scholars in Buffalo.

I rec'd the Syn. Service by a
former mail - many thanks to
Father for the same -

I used quite a part of the afternoon
in putting in wires for the front-door
bell - it will look neat & trim.

the wires do not show outside at all -

Mr. Campbell & I took a plunge
before supper - high wind raves
rough -

Tuesday Aug 6th 89 -

The chief event of the day was a
trip to the Island. We needed a
bath had some errands to attend
to there & wished to take Mrs.
Sanford - Owing to a misunder-
standing as to the wind - we started
too late & had both wind and
tide against us. So no there

Thursday - all well - hope to send more by
the mail but make sure get's John -

hours going the 5 miles. "beating" ^{62.}
& the men rowing. Most of the
party got on fairly well - but
Clara was sick before we got
there. We had hoped to make some
calls but had only time for a
short run up to the cottage a few
moments talk with Capt. Hocken
about permission to put our large
boats up on his land to be over-
hauled, which he readily granted -
& so both - which was good though
the water was not so cool and
salt as at some other times.

The sail up was perfection -
just a light breeze, smooth water,
favoring tide & bright moon. We
eat our supper on board & got
home early. - I am keeping
on with my Chinese & put some
time on the Sunday school lessons.

My skin trouble has abated ⁶³
but keeps coming on afresh &
I am continually on the watch
& fighting it with iodine.

Wednesday Aug 7th -

Last night or rather early this
morning I was kept awake 2
hours by the above pest. So have
not felt very ambitious. But have
read some advance in Cor. review
in Mack. & got my questions
on the first half of the S. S. Lesson
written out - From 4.30 till supper
I finished connecting the front door
bell & it works to perfection. also
got the work about half done for
the one in my study - My
walk last evening seemed to be
bad for me so I stayed at home
from paper meeting which was at
Mr. Campbell's

Thursday Aug 8th -

Life flows on much in the same

Chanel - no remarkable events. ⁶⁴

I finished preparation for Sunday School did my customary work in reading and took exercise in working on the bells: Fully half the time I have put upon them has been used in remedying the effects of the Sal-Ammoniac - I shall get 3 good bells however with 4 connections, I enjoy a little work of this kind - and the bells will be a great convenience.

We had a full teacher's meeting - all the teachers and two others present. I used the Johnstown disaster as an illustration of repentance ("turning") - warning and escape - The meetings do not diminish in interest and there is now a tendency to offer suggestions & ask questions. The women seem to be taking a genuine interest in the work and to look out for their classes.

Friday - Aug. 9th -

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Warm and muggy - I am sitting at the desk while Ling-heng is at the side desk translating Exodus & doing his best at Romanizing. I look forward with regret to his going to the country and my having Hong-An again - I am considering if it may not be well if I do not study Chinese for 4 or 5 weeks save the S. S. lessons & such incidental work, putting my time & strength on general study. Dr. Ashmun is certain that a man can do better work & last longer if he "lets up" in the hot months - I meditate writing Mr. Spencer - did begin a letter in the afternoon - then we went to Swatow at 5 o'clock - It is not well to live ourselves here too closely - we had a pleasant visit with our neighbors - had prayer-meeting in the evening.

This is a deceptive world any-
where, but especially so in the Chi-
nese part of the Far East. I take
less stock in the bashfulness of a
brother who comes on Sunday.
We find by various side-lights
that he wanted to get this woman
herself thinking it might be a
help to closing the bargain
& perhaps getting the prize at a
reduced price if we had a
hand in the trade or it could
be made to happen that we did.
We have sent word for the
mother to come out at once &
get the woman who is virtu-
ally the property of her mother-
in-law and the mother-in-
law does not know where she
is — The subtlety & secretiveness
of this people is unique but
sometimes troublesome when
combined with a discreet use of
falsehood — but they have been
gentle many generations.

Saturday - Aug. 10th - 66

Warner - I have been finishing
my letters to Mr. Spencer and to
the Mission Board. After the
mail is despatched - at 2.30 -
I am going to take a Sat. after-
noon - reading & doing a little more
at the bells - This is a world of

changes anywhere, but especially in
a foreign Community in the
Far East. We hear that Mr.
& Mrs. Ingalls are to go to Canton
next month - he is to have charge
of the office there - a promotion to a
good position for so young a man.
He is an excellent accountant & a
bright competent fellow I judge.
Mr. Smith is to go to Timbuctoo &
the Mathitts come back here,
it is said on account of their
health but I think it is on account
of the business. Butterfield's Swiss
ships have been going out very
light this Summer -

Sunday - Aug. 11 - 1889.

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A pleasant company last evening at Mr. Howell's. Dr. MacPherson, the P.'s counselors invited on Mrs. Sanford's acct. Mrs. Sanford is an exceedingly pleasant person - seems a genuinely sincere Christian, with no pretences of any kind but deeply interested in all religious work. She was in after morning service & we had a talk about mission methods. They do good works in Canton -

This morning we had 3 strangers who listened outside the door & showed considerable interest. I invited them to afternoon service & they came - Also a dozen or so of young men came to the window & looked in. Hok-jui sent Lung Kiam to invite them in and they came to the door. After the opening exercises are over

We had benches placed by
outside, & Po-san preached
at them for nearly half an
hour. The school went off
very well - Afterwards Chuan
Mrs. Sanford called on Mrs.
Campbell - I stayed at home
on account of the heat fearing
it might be bad for me to walk
too much - We had a quiet
evening reading.

Monday Aug. 12/89.

The forenoon I gave to writing - wrote
E. A. Davis & E. A. Mason - also
Notes to E. F. M. Emmons, Mr. Coler
man - & Springer of the Pub. Soc.
At 3 P.M. we went to Swanton
Zuelch Co. and selling out
his thought he might have
something we needed or could
buy to advantage - We found
a few articles & hunted about

the "Comrades" Shops 70

for yarn &c. they also went
to the pewter shops while I
went to look for a fan to
replace a broken cell for my
battery. They succeeded better
than I. We had a fine

sail back getting in just a-
head of a rain squall.

The N. & Mrs Sanford came
in to supper. Mr. N. conducted
worship & some comments he
made led to questions & quite a
long exposition of II Cor. v.

I was too tired from my steady
writing in the forenoon & tramp
of the afternoon that I could not
offer much. Howell has an
extensive knowledge of the Bible
& good spiritual insight,
but I think is a trifle inclined
to extreme views -

Tuesday - Aug 13 -

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Our day was very much broken up by having to settle the affair of the woman who was brought here somewhat under false pretences & it caused a great deal of annoyance the deceptive old mother came & we had a great time finally gathering to understand she must take her daughter back - It is a terrible struggle for a Chinese man or woman to give up - Especially when any money or personal gain is at stake. They will do anything that they deem helpful to the end in view. A man who wanted to get money from Dr. Ashman, came once when the people were here at Communion & fell down in a fit. The Dr. called some men to bring a pole

of water - but the man $v-72$
lived before the water reached
him. - I put all the
time I could get upon the S.S.
lesson as we seem to have teach-
ers meeting in the evening on account
of our trip to the Island.

Messrs. Campbell & Howell Convin
after dinner and we studied it to-
gether - two of the teachers were
not in, but I enjoyed the meet-
ing better than any yet, got
on easier. I ran across
an interesting bit of Chinese anat-
omical nomenclature. The ex-
pression for ~~ankles~~ (between) is
"kha-mak" = "foot-eye".

Lung Hung says ~~they used to~~
~~think~~ because a man can
walk in the dark & tell the
condition of the road, & because
with his hands he could tell
what was hard, soft, hot or cold.

they used to say - "Ai-ah!"⁷¹³⁻

hands have eyes - feet have eyes - so they called the protuberant bones, "hand-eyes" & "foot-eyes" - This was before they knew there are brain-roots. (Hain⁴ - Kien = "brain roots" the reader may be allowed to decide upon for himself)

Wednesday: Aug. 14.

Threatening in the morning & a heavy rain squall early with others during the day. Dr. Loring was in and said a telegram from Hong Kong announced a typhoon - The "Formosa" went out this afternoon & came back, so the weather must have been bad - that very rarely occurs here. The Surg. King a new twin screw ship, also started for Shanghai. met the "Formosa" & after getting the Capt.'s report sought an anchorage - but later

steamed out - probably deciding
the storm was far enough
South to be safe - Captains
on this coast are between Seyda
& Chinghai - The owners are un-
ions for dividends & every extra
mile added to a course means
so much more coal, so much
less profit. The Capt. of this
Sungking recently left here
on a foggy day. & the sister
ship the Kiifong also left
both for the North - The former
steamed out - "for the open sea" - when
he handed in his report the Capt.
said what did you mean by going
so far out using so much
Coal. Before long a telegram
was rec'd that the Kiifong
was ashore & the Capt remarked
"That was what I meant - I took
the inside course & brought my ship

in safe. That man went inside 75
& put the ship on a rock -

We went to Swatow to pay a
meeting & just. came out to
take showers. We planned to
go to the Island, after meet-
ing, but the weather was so
threatening we did not go. In the
evening we classified the news-
paper cuttings made since we
came up from the Island.

Thursday, Aug 15 -

Rainy so that we gave up going
to the Island. But at about 9.
the steersman came up said
we could go at once & that
there would not be any more
rain. So we set out & got
down safely. But had a wet
trip, showers all the way. Rain
coats however kept us quite dry.
We passed the day quietly -
reading & resting. The E. P.

Friends come in for afternoon
 tea & we had some games
 of "letters" "Puzzle" till time
 for a bath. The water was
 high & I enjoyed the bath great-
 ly. In the evening I read aloud
 from the Jura Century, a very
 interesting account of S. W.
 Burnham's wonderful at-
 tainments as a self taught
 astronomer - it is well worth
 reading - Friday - Aug 16 -

The great day of the feather.
 Yesterday 10 large junks come
 bringing people from inland
 to worship the goddess at
 the temple below us. There
 was much music and beat-
 ing of gongs yesterday as well
 as explosion of firecrackers -
 but that was only preliminary.

After our breakfast, while Mr 77-
was planning to go to the Temple
Mia-An + Po-heng arrived from
Yang-su. the latter quite ill. they
asked if I could go down there on
Sunday - or if Mr. P. could go. I sent
word that I would go if Mr. P. wished,
& in the afternoon rec'd a reply that
it might be profitable if I could
leave the S. school.

At about 9 o'cl. Clara, Mrs. San-
ford + I went down to the Temple
under the great Fanyan trees -
It was very muddy, but great
crowds of men were wheel-
barrow men there - a flight of stone
steps leads up to the
landing before the temple which
was filled with people, while
a continuous procession of mus-
icians & people bearing offer-
ings passed up & down the steps.
At intervals a perfect carnival
of fire-cracker explosions occurred.

The processions were unique - 78
as near as I can learn. There
was a band for every boat. Some-
times these all came from one
village - sometimes several
villages "pooled their resources"
& hired a band. Each band
was headed by two huge paper
lanterns ^{as companions} & by a man bearing
a red cloth banner laid upon
two tall slender bamboos
with leaves left upon the top -
most branches. The band con-
sisted of 10 or more men and boys
with gongs clappers & drums.
pets - some of the latter in pairs
which the performer put out at
Each natil. Some of the people
accompanied them often 2 or 3
stout men with feathered garb -
boots & hats with knives like
officials. - with them were
one or more men carrying
offerings of cooked food.
pork, fowls, cakes &c.
all these after being placed

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before the idols until they
can "Chiah i-Kai Khi-hi" =
"Eat its essence". Then takes
back to the boats so that the
astute devotees could eat what
was left. One of the arguments
sometimes used in preaching is
to ask why the "Khi-hi" is
always left in the food - though
the gods have fasted upon it.

Before the Temple stairs was
a raised booth for a theatre -
wherein were 3 Buddhist
priests standing with backs to
the Temple facing 3 pictures
of women - whom the Buddhists
worship - beating little gongs or
bells. They get a high price
for this service - over 20 dollars -
far more than they could all
earn in a month. Thus again
doth the "Light of Asia" gleam
upon the dark places. Satan does
observe an "Economy of light in
his appearances -

I stood under a tree watched & o
the proceedings & did what talking
and tract selling we could. A young
Ms. Mr. Campbell's preacher & Jane
appeared on the scene & I got what
work out of them I could. and after
going to the house they talked to
people under the verandah
who stopped as they went by.
Mr. Mackenzie of the other
mission with a preacher. Miss
Block & Miss Lecky with a Bible
woman were on the ground & did
quite a deal of talking and selling
of leaflets. I was very

tired by noon and took a nap
after dinner. At about 3. I went
to the top of the hill back of the
house to see if the feast for poor
spirits was spread & saw
about an acre covered with
little baskets of fruit & vege-
table some 4 or 6 ft apart.

Several men were going about 800
puffed incense-sticks in each plate
lighting them, some heaps of food
and were decorated with little flags.
The ladies came out to the hill &
sat down to watch proceedings also,
all about this holy act of
offering stood men in a hollow
square 2 or 3 deep while others
stood back - I walked down
to the edge of the square asked
some questions when - I could not
have been more startled if the
K'ei themselves had suddenly
appeared to claim their own -
in a twinkling the hollow square
vanished & the field was covered
with men & boys scrambling
& clutching at the baskets of
food - all seemed good natured
& soon came back out with
a pineapple or two, one with a
bunch of "dragons eyes" over

with a handful of Beaufort 81
the pod. one seemed content with
an armful of the little Tambour
plates. & so they returned - but
soon the noise of them that sing
was changed to the voice of
them that strive for the mastery.
& I began to look for a few
fight. A surging, surging,
struggling mass proved to be a
brigade of soldiers trying to arrest
some one. but his friends intervened,
soon they seized another & the whole
mass went surging mass down
the hill - The soldiers with
their variegated coats round hats,
wild eyes, faces smeared with
smell their sticks brandished over
their heads or descending upon
the heads of others were an im-
pressing sight. At last they
seized two men & dragged
them off. perhaps to beat them

until their friends come to see
the scene.

This "gratitude
& joyous" ceremony being com-
plete the devout multitude
inserted into the temple to burn
the King of the Demons a huge
paper image. They had already
burned a great heap of paper
money on the hill.

After this Clara went to
visit Mrs. Pinceloff wife
of a pilot who believes 41
churses are in a conspiracy
to kill her. Clara found
it very hard work to enter-
tain her & keep her mind of
her delusion - Saturday Aug. 17 -

Warm - Went to Tangou in
Capt. Williams's gig & inter-
views Po-San on the prospect
for church discipline there.
He seemed desirous for me to
come on Sunday - so I planned
to do so & return to Kak Chih.

Clara + Mrs. Sanford went
 up to Kak-Chick, at 5 o'clock.
 Poor Mrs. Sanford lost her
 ring in the water Friday night.
 It was an engagement ring -
 used also as a marriage ring.
 We went down after dark to
 try & find it but it was not
 to be seen anywhere.

Sunday. Aug 18/89.

At 4.20 I was awakened by
 a Chinaman shouting outside -
 I had wakened at 11-1-42 -
 but there fell soundly asleep -
 & should have lost my boat if
 not wakened - I got off
 all right however & as no
 ship was expected the Capt
 was not anxious - It was
 a beautiful trip down before
 sunrise. Cool and clear - two
 steamships were standing off
 waiting for the tide but both

started up for the "Pass". Before ⁸⁴
we landed - I took a bath
by the rocks & walked to Jung In.
a mile & eat breakfast at about
7 o'clock - had a talk with the
Elder & we had worship at 8 -
then consulted as to the best
plan of prosecuting our busi-
ness - The Elder thought it
a good plan to ask each
individual what his "heart
inside" decided. Before calling for
a vote, so he had a number
write out the names of all
who had a right to vote and
asked each one after his sermon
which was about as direct an
Exposition of I Cor. V: 4-5 - as
could be made - He asked
if they preferred to "sweep
out" what was foul or not to
try the Bible or not - they
could not - very well evade

this, and, being thus far 85
compromised, when he explain-
ed what the Bible rule was
& asked them to vote as they
believed all voted to dismiss
the man against whom the
charge of assault was made.
The case had been so thoroughly
talked over & both sides heard
by each one that it was not
necessary to have the evidence
reproduced.

At noon we went to Kak-Chick.
The Sunday School was the
best we have had - (except
& all seemed really interested.
(49 had been present at morning
service) - Monday Aug 19/89 -

There seemed to be no rest for
me at all during the day.
The mason, the boatman, the
tailor & my teacher were around
one after another & I had quite

a little writing to do. 86

We were awakened early in the morning & kept awake some hours by an alarm of illness from the Novell's so I felt the loss of sleep a little. I dismissed Hong-An - have half regretted it since, but his conduct in going away from when I told him to go & spending the time practicing medicine at Tui-Sü. the same thing for which Mr. Partridge had dismissed him before made me about despair of him & I thought possibly a severe lesson might be well - If he wants to come back in a month or two I may take him again -

In the afternoon we went to the Island on the steam launch. Mr. Sidford tells me that the Chinese collector here is a

million & a half Taels ($1\frac{53}{11}$) 87
& the Expense of collecting it
about 50,000 Taels - not much
over 30¢ - no wonder the
Chinese Govt. finds it pays to
give \$8,000. a year to foreigners to
act as Commissioners -

Tuesday Aug 20th -

Some writing done in the forenoon.
At noon rec'd a note from
Mrs Partridge saying that

Evangeline Helen Howell arriv-
ed at 12.35 - P.M. Sat -

All well - no especial occur-
rences during the day. A fine
bath before supper. Mr. Sid.

Ind has a gig brought a-
round for the ladies to drive
from. Some of them drive finely
but others fall full length
flat on the water. I wonder they
do not destroy themselves.

Wednesday Aug 21 - 88

We went up to Kak Chieh
on the steam-launch. Called
at Mr. Campbell's, where Clara
stayed until after tiffin. I
went home & wrote until noon
or did work of that kind - then
went to C.S. for tiffin - We
returned at 2 - I finished a let-
ter to Rev. S. F. Woodin (Congo)
of Foochow who wrote ask-
ing me about the use of "Pro-
manizer" here, which I answer-
ed as best I could after con-
sulting Mr. Mackenzie & Miss
Black the day previous.

We called on the Norrells
Mrs. N. was comfortable get-
ting & talked some time with
Clara. Miss N. was just going
to sleep, looked red-brown
& healthy - seems to be con-
sidered a fair child.

Mr Come down again 89-
on the launch. Clara was
having a little headache & did
not feel like bathing so I stayed
up with her. Mr an read-
ing the Siberian Articles in
the Century.

~~Wednesday Aug 22~~
Thursday Aug 22.

7 months since we were mar-
ried - I slept most of the
morning, the day yesterday was
very hot & though I rested quite
well last night I felt need
of extra sleep & took it -

Have studied the Sunday-
school lesson somewhat and
read a part of "Washington in
the lap of Rome" - which is a
startling book. Mr had news
to-day that Mrs Mackenz at
Swatow has a daughter. 6-30
A.M. - No. 2 -

An arrival yesterday of a 90
different nature than unsuspected
at Mr. Campbell's - the Hak-Ka
teacher Li' whom I took to
the Baron's called to say
that he had reformed, had
given up opium & was going to
behave himself: his father
had not sympathized with
him but upbraided him before
now had set him up in the
rice business in Swatow, as he
had left off opium - that is his
story but we do not feel certain
yet why he is here.

Friday - Aug 23/89.

A most delightful day -
we were invited this evening
to a picnic or rather Excursion
to-day to the Cape of
Good Hope by Miss Black,
they having arranged with -

Capt. Williams to take us 91
down. We set out at 9 a.m.
had a light westerly breeze
and with some rowing got
there in 1 hour & 50 minutes.
Miss Block. Mrs. Mack
Miss Hartness. Miss Lecky
Mr. Mackenzie, Dr. Coulson
Clara myself with the
Capt was packed into the
stern of his gig - nearly all
could get under the awning &
he put up the little after
sail as a further screen from
the sun so that we were ex-
ceedingly comfortable -
The genial Spaniard was
on the lookout & when the
Capt hoisted his red & white
Pilot flag he maneuvered with
Spanish colors. He covered
the steps part way & gave us

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A cordial greeting - I had
a hot walk up the long
flight of stone steps, but
got cooled off gradually -
The light-keeper got out
his guitar & though he could
not sing said he could "com-
pany with his wheeze" - pro-
ceeded to play & whistle to
our great pleasure. He has a
deal of Spanish music in him,
& whistles now as a bird sings
than any person I ever heard.
Our Scotch friends sang "Annie
Laurie", "The Banks & Braes o'
Bonnie Doon", Miss Black
sang "Cris Remember" & we
managed a verse of "Maydoun
upon the Swance River" before
tiffin. That meal was a mighty
one, Chicken, home, lamb's tongues
potatoes, bread, pane-cakes, Canned
fruit, fresh bananas & persimmons.

Sugared porries - all enjoyed⁹³
the meal. Our British friends
do not have basket picnics -

Sat 4 - Aug 24
We had news in the morning that
Mrs. Campbell had a little boy
Friday afternoon - 8th - no. 3 +
beats the record for Wright -

I did not do a great deal during
the day but study my S. School
lesson & rest - At 5-30 we

Came up here on the steamer -
lunch which comes up to noon
on Sunday - In the evening
several of the teachers came
in & we met over the lesson.
Acts III: 11-21 -

Sunday - Aug. 25/89 -

Quite a no. of heathen about
the Chapel doors during the
forenoon - a Frost for the
poor spirits in Swatow seems
to have drawn tourists in large
numbers. Mrs. Sanford, Clara,

After tiffin we sang 93½
Gospel Hymns at Capt-
Millians' request. It remind-
ed me of the time Smith
wanted "Sweet Bye & Bye" when
he was driving us home from
East Pond in the barge once
but the Capt was greatly pleas-
ed & so was the Spaniard
who caught the air & accom-
panied on his violin & guitar.
It was about the best ser-
vice of song I ever attended.
The Capt. said he hadn't had
such a day for 20 yrs. & that
there hadn't been such a day
on the Cape before. When we
left the Keeper was most
urgent in his invitations that
we come again. We had a
fine breeze & sailed home in
1 hour & 10 min - 8 miles.

and went to Swatow - had 94
crowds! - scores & scores of
men. & a great many young
men coming & going - many
stayed & listened a long time.
Oh - if we only had men to
preach there every day - &
keep pressing the gospel
home on these people - we
certainly would see results -

The day was quite cool at
noon but grew hotter later.

The school was the smallest
yet but fairly good - We
had a blackboard ex-
ercise - had a Chinese ap-
book open - drawn, & a list of
sins beginning with idolatry
charged - then had a cross
drawn so that the cross lay
upon the middle of the book
then erased the "handwriting"

of ordinances" & wrote - 95-
"refreshing" - "Peace" - "Eternal
life in heaven with the Lord
in Gods presence" - The Church
seemed to like it.

After school we went to
Mr. Howell's & saw the "mother
& child" as Mr. N. says also
went to Campbell's & Clara
saw the same there, while
Howell, Campbell & I sat
on the veranda & consulted
on mission matters.

Monday - Aug 26th -

Have been arranging about
"Lesson leaves" to-day - & am
now going to do a little mit-
ing & Sunday work. The
morning is cool & cloudy.
only 82° - We start this P. M. for the Island

We left at about 4-3. M. 96
Mrs. Sanford & the 3 Campbellites
went with us. The East wind was
strong & blowing against the tide,
kicked up quite a sea so the
children did not like it much.
Father got down in about an
hour or a quarter - all had about
& the visitors started back at 7 o'clock.

Tuesday Aug. 27th -

A day largely given to sleep with
some reading - at about 4 P. M. we
called upon the Sidfords - met
Mrs. Hill & her sister Miss Richard.
son there. The S. children have a
set of signal flags & a code book
so that they signal the steamer as
they go by. We had a good
path - In the evening Miss Fille
had the telescope out - of - down and
the E. P. friends to help star gaze.
Clara did come out for a few mo-
ments - saw a nebula - Intend
Early to get up & go out with the pilot.

Wednesday Aug 28th. 97

"Landed out" at 2.40. & got to the boat at 4. o'clock. A man by the name of Masters a burly Scotchman who reminded me strongly of Charles Tollans in size & face. must also. He must have been pretty drunk when he went to bed & had not slept off the effects wholly. - But was all right in his talk on the boat. Sunrise is beautiful on the water - Three steam-ships went in & one sailed out before we landed. Two came some distance side by side. But the larger one a "China-Merchants" ship with a U.S. Capt. did not apparently try to race - while the little Fokien whose Capt. is a young Scotchman poured out a cloud of smoke & shot me overboard on ahead - the boat by one hospitable Spaniard who greeted us most cordially.

I read & slept between meals 98
at the light house besides looking
carefully at the light again.

Our Scotch friend, who is on a
10 days leave of absence for his
health, had brought his bottle
with him & got disagreeably con-
versational to the dismay of the
Spaniards who with Capt W. got
him off where he could sleep part
fit off & apologized for troubling
me left at 1 P.M. they landed
us at Fayou I went to call
on a brother who has a good
foot. found the Elder in good
spirits, the promises in letter
order than I ever before saw
them & the prospect on the whole
encouraging. got home at

5- Clara came down to meet me
at the pier - I took no bath &
retired very early - having
promanities of cold -

Thursday Aug 9 - 99

A beautiful morning - I slept
off my badness cold, headache.
Several steamers have come in and
we confidently expect our mail
at night. The Chinese have
been making a great noise about
a sort of "yes how ho" as they
proceed or put down the stakes
to which they attach their nets
in the bay. I fear it will frighten
poor Mrs. Piersdorf. She was up
here yesterday at 6-30 A.M. took
breakfast & stayed till 9 or 10 o'clock.
Clara sang & played to her - proposed
to sing the "Lorelei" but she said
"No I don't want that - Sing me
some hymns" - poor soul she is
almost as ignorant as a heathen.
but hymns have some effect upon
her. She said "My husband tells
me to be jolly but I can't be jolly -
when I feel so" - Her cue is
said out - In the afternoon
I wrote & read a little -

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Friday - Aug 30 -

Mr Mrs invited to tea at the
E. P. Mission, had a rather pleas-
ant time. Talked, sang & played
a little at Reversi & dominos -

This a.m. Clara went to sit
with Mrs. Pinnaf, who is
worse; now her husband and
children are leagued against
her: he is getting badly up-
set & is in a very unreasoned
frame of mind. thinks he has
been a good man & does not see
why this should come upon him.
Clara had scarcely gotten back
when Mrs. P. appeared & said that
as soon she (Clara) had left
the Chinese began to talk about
her husband's wanting to kill
her & she thought Clara must
have told what she said about
it - Clara & Miss Fiddle did
their best to quiet her - I fear

she will be violent soon. 101

The day has been perfect - bright
but not too warm out of the sun.
Some of the ladies came over to
study Astronomy with Miss Fielder
& I stayed by to listen - got a
few new facts & my memory re-
freshed on some others. This
afternoon I got a nap & did some
writing & a little reading aloud in
Rob-Roy. It is now bathing
time & I must get to the beach.

Saturday Aug. 31st 1889.

We took the launch up in the
morning & found Mr. & Mrs. Par-
tridge just starting down to bring
us our mail & take us back.
We took our heap of papers &
letters & they went on with Miss
Fielder. The day was filled
with various occupations in-
cluding the reading of our mail -
I had 3 letters from Father, Mrs

From Scoville. In the evening ⁷⁰²
we had Teachers' meeting, good
attendance but I fear I was not
very edifying.

Sunday Sept 1/89 -

The Ps went to Pang-Ou & had a
good trip - no rough sea favoring
tides & at the Chapel they were
pleased with what they saw.

I attended the morning service
& as usual took charge of the
S. School which was quite good -
Mr. Howell prepared quite an
Elaborate drawing to represent
the broad & narrow ways, the "gulf"
with flowers to illustrate Luke ^{XIV}
a cross bridging the gulf -
& a city with walls & towers above.
These Exercises please the Chinese
much. We called on the Camp-
bells after school. Mr. C. has not
been quite well - bowel trouble -
A rather warm & sunny day.

We decided last week to ¹⁰³
spend our new week at the
Island so prepared to go down in
our boat at 10-30. There were many
matters to look after - settling with
the servants for last month, arrang-
ing work for the Cooky while we are
away. For preparing S. Sch. leaflets
for the month getting mail ready
to send to P. O. &c. so I, we both, are
very busy till the appointed time.
Mr. P. came over & "accompanied us
to the ship". Our conversation was
mainly on the prospects for the
coming season - If Mrs. Scott
comes as we heard by the Belge's
mail we can soon have the
Woman's Hospital open - If Dr.
Ashmun comes we shall be
much encouraged - in that
case Mr. P. thinks they will
go home next Spring - We do
not yet give up hope that
a new man will come out this year.

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A favoring wind & tide took us down
comfortably in about 45 min. -

In the P.M. I took a Monday nap &
wrote John Cummings. After tea
Mrs. Macdonald came over to say
good bye with Misses Falconer
& Lecky to look through the telescope
we got a fine view of the moon
& of the belts of Jupiter.

Tuesday Sept. 3rd

Hot & still - hot became still -
therm. unreasonably sticks at 82°
but I in thinnest garb am warm.
I've heard very bad news from
Mrs. Pissdorf she has made
4 attempts at suicide, twice
with poison, once she got a knife
made an ugly gash in her wrist
& again found an old revolver
but could not discharge it.

Dr. Lang & Lyall both
think she must be taken to
the Hong Kong Asylum - if she
can be received there.

The thermometer grew more reason-
 able later in the day & went up to
 88° - in Swatow it went to 97° -
 & the sun was very hot. I
 meant to do a good days work
 but did not succeed remarka-
 bly well - did some writing on
 an article I have long had in
 mind & worked a bit on the
 S. Sch. lesson - Acts IV: 18-31-

In the evening we got some good
 views of the moons mountains.

Wednesday Sept. 4th -

Hot again. Clara went down
 to stay with Mrs. P. & doing that
 I went with her for a
 few moments - Mrs. P. does not
 look as badly as I expected
 to see her - but seemed very
 absent. He is seeming badly
 broken & the two girls look
 pale & fagged out. While
 Clara was there Mrs. P.
 (over)

got uneasy & tried to possess¹⁰⁶⁻
herself of a cord to take with
her to the bath room, but they
got it away from her. Miss
Trilole was there after dinner
& found her more sane but com-
plaining of pain in her head.
The E. P. folks are to be here
for tea & to spend the evening.

Mr. Smith left to-day in
the Woodwing for Trenton - the
ship had her ~~the~~ signals flying
& they shot off one or two
rockets as they passed the
point where the Commissioners
& Hill's houses are -

Thursday Sept. 5-

Hot - but a breeze in the forenoon
Kept us a little more comforta-
ble - I put out strength all
day on an article I hope to
send by this mail. In the
Examiner. At 5-15 Mr &
Mrs Partridge come down

in the ~~same~~ boat & stayed 107
till 8-0'clock. They have been
sweating for two or three
days. - We went to the boat
with them afterwards called
on the E. P. folks - I had a very
pleasant talk with Mr. Mac-
Kenzie about work at home.

We had a good time Wednesday
evening - played a little dumb
bombs. - Warnings here are
short. supper at 7 - & taking
a good allowance of time to
eat slowly. Friday Sept 6th

Hatter - I have been reading
my article to Miss Fuller and
am now about to begin copying -
put about all the day on re-
vising & writing out the copy.

Saty - Sept. 7 - 1889 -
We came up bag & baggage this
morning - probably shall not return.

I used the forenoon in getting ¹⁰⁸
my mail ready. In the evening we
had teachers meeting I got along rather
better than usual. we held the
meeting in Po-San's house up-stairs.
In the afternoon I prepared for the
meeting somewhat, called on Mr.
Partridge. We went down to McCaniff-
bell's. had a game of Croquet first
since I came to China. I beat.
Saw the Campbell baby a fine little
fellow but dreadfully broken out with
heat-rash - his arms are almost
raw - his head is unusually good
for so young a child - name is
Thomas Packer - Sunday Sept 8 -

A hot, trying day, long service in
the forenoon which tired me. I should
went off quite well. Mr. Norvell
prepared a picture of Sinai -
on our side the board with fire
clouds & lightning on the summit.
(on the other representations of the
Holy Spirit's descent).

Holy Spirit descent at Pentecost¹⁰⁹
cost, & at the baptism of our Lord.
We had also a picture of the Crucifixion - & compared these different times - events - the lesson of some of the earthquake at the time of their receiving the Spirit - as there was an earthquake on Sinai & Calvary & will be at the end of the world - all special times of God's power & affording good opportunity for comparison -

Monday Sept 9 -

Cooler, strong East wind. I have done some writing to-day - wrote a little. yesterday was a wearing day - We went to Swatara this P. M. called on one E. P. friend - I played tennis for the first time since July.

The steersman was away at home, as it is a first day, we had a green hand who got us wet & ran on a rock before we reached the other side. nearly ran ashore

on an island coming back. 110

The onset of a wave blew over us expectedly on us & wet Clara & Mrs. Partridge to the skin but they got quite dry over them & coming back the wind was not so strong.

Mr. Campbell & Mr. Small start for San-Fr^o to-morrow & go to Canton by an inland route. C.

Expects to meet his sister next mo. she & Mrs. Scott expect to sail tomorrow from San Francisco. C. met our stewardman of last year - who was delighted to see him. Said the little man in whom we were interested, who comes to our worship on the boat quite regularly died last year. I hope the truth he learned was enough to save him.

Tuesday - Sept. 10 -

Sailing day - Miss Campbell & Mrs. Dr. Scott sailed from San Francisco - or were to do so
Mr. Campbell & Mr. Small sailed

For Sam Ho. Miss Fields sailed
from the Island, also did the E.P.
Missionaries Come up - we had Miss
F. at tiffin also invited Capt. Lent
of the "Trefos" - a Salem man,
tho' I believe he now hails from
Malden - was born in Salem.

Miss Falconer was here at ten
& spent part of the evening. she
had not visited us since we
were married. She & Miss Ledy
go up to the Hak-Ku Country
to-morrow - Wednesday - Miss F. seems
to be making an excellent Mission-
ary - Mrs. Novell has gone to
be with Miss Campbell so we
have no neighbors above us &
no Mission taking in the Compound.
Wednesday Sept 11 -

Cool. only 75° on Mr. P.'s Veranda -
this a.m. only 80° in my study
this evening - I put on a light
suit of underwear beneath my linen

Clothes. have not felt 1/2

quite well due to change of weather
a little cold together with not
resting quite well at night. - & took
things easily & feel very well this
morning - have done some work
on my S. S. lesson - Ananias &

Sapphira - a good study for the
Chinese - We had Union
prayer-meeting at Mr. P.'s he
led - quite a good meeting.

We had a quiet evening together
I read some magazine articles a-
loud. In the afternoon I read
Jackson's address on Eng. Lit.:
it has good points, but
he has a painful style
to read aloud, would be sadly
mixed without punctuation
marks. & there seemed to
be a lack of soul in his

work, such as he found "13
in 18th Century writers - I read im-
mediately after this one of Dr.
Pierpont's ferocious editorials,
that is like a stream of lava
compared with Jackson's produc-
tion -

Thursday Sept. 12 -
Still delightfully cool. - I got a
good night's rest - had a rat-
trap set which, though it did
not catch a rat, seemed to quiet
him & we were not awakened
by his noise as has been the
case for some time.

Mail comes to-day 3 letters
from me & one for Clara - Mother's
letters were very welcome in-
deed & I was exceedingly glad
to get such full accounts of
what is going on. Changes
many & great. I shall be a
stranger if I do not get home
till the end of a term of service
& I hope to be able to remain.

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Father has been doing even
better than our letter a mail -
I enjoyed the papers much -
John Dearing sent me a good
letter - he expects to sail
Oct 17 - on the "Belgie".

I finished up my S. S. Lesson
had the mail & worked on an
article for the Golden Rule -

We are just back from
Procher's meeting which pass-
ed off quite smoothly -

Friday - Sept 13 -

Cool & windy - had a variety of
small matters to care for did
some writing & went to Swatara in
the afternoon. wind was high & I
lost my hat - This bay is easily
raised - your boat tosses about
a great deal - In the forenoon
Clara called upon a dentist who
is here to cut out Dr. Peterson.
& Clara had some teeth filled

Peterson charged so high ¹¹⁵ prices
people were offended with him.
In the evening I stayed at home
as Clara had no meetings to at-
tend & I had writing to do.

Saturday. Sept. 14-

Finished my article in the forenoon-
besides attending to various small
matters & writing a letter. In the
afternoon I visited the dentist, he
is rather gentle, but cannot com-
pare with Petersons as a work-
man. These days are delightful-
ly cool. - Sunday Sept. 15-

Still cool - only 80 in my study
with ~~the~~ ^{water} doors & window closed
& large lamp burning. - We
had a very long service this
morning. I did a little in
preparing for S. school &
tried to rest after dinner but
felt rather stupid. We had
5-8 at S. school but that was

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largely made up of boys from
the school, several of the teach-
ers could not come to-day.

We had the Ananias & Sapphira
lesson to-day. School passed
off quite well - Po-heng
comes up from Tang Ou where
he says matters are better.
They have cleared out the
buildings & seem in good con-
dition themselves, no internal
strifes they are beginning
to talk of a school for next
year - Monday - Sept 16 -

We went to Swatow at 8-30 -
which consumed quite a part of
the forenoon. I had an appoint-
ment with the dentist that took
up part of the afternoon. Some
writing & a few sundries done
before the sun of the day -
we were weighed at Swatow -

Clara weighed 114 - again of 3 1/2
 Since last mo. I. 144 - again of
 2 1/2 - but a part of that in a triple
 thicker clothing & Miss Taylor 224 -
 1 1/2 less than last Spring - She hopes
 to reduce it largely next winter
 in Germany - I hunted about
 for a hat to replace the one I
 lost & found one of black & white
 straw but it was too low - in the
 crown - Clara has been putting
 in a basement, & to speak - cut-
 ting off the crown just above the
 rim & making a section of white
 straw when the band will be -
 It bids fair to be a good hat -
 I read part of Gen. Buckenidge's
 speech going over in the boat
 He is quite positive in his
 religious position - I wonder if
 he is Unitarian as all the
 others seem to have been -

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In the afternoon I had an appointment with the dentist & the bal. of the time was devoted to writing.

Tuesday Sept. 17-

Went to the dentist at 12 m.

Finished up my mail before going. The dentist pretty finished me up. before I returned.

This business makes me unfit for very much the rest of the day.

Wednesday Sept. 18th.

Another noon hour at the dentist's which made me very uncomfortable in addition to legitimate gnish he is wedging a part two teeth with rubber so the whole side of my face is sore.

I had some work to do in preparing for teachers meeting Thurs. & our prayer meeting. Wed. evening which fell to me.

Thursday Sept 19. 118.

The meeting was here & quite a good one. The Sidfords & my few people in the compound were present. I took the topic of Moses smiting the rock particularly God's word to him. "Take with thee xxx thy rod wherewith thou smitest the river" - main thought - remembering past successes in the Christian life in ^{the face of} present difficulties & future dangers. i.e. if in the past we have been enabled to surmount difficulties by God's help in present straits not to repine or fret but pursue the same course that saved us there.

We miss the Howells & Campbells much. Mrs. H. is not well yet - & feels her husband's absence much. Her baby also has been somewhat fretful (- End of Vol IX.)