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Wed. I should have noted that  
 we rec'd our mail - I had two  
 good home letters one from  
 Father, one from Mother - Clara  
 also had letters from Buffa-  
 lo - sorry no letter reached home  
 via City of Peking I mailed  
 some the day before she sailed  
 by the Haitian the best steamer  
 that goes to Hongkong & is usual-  
 ly on time so mail will be  
 transferred. The Campbells  
 had news that C.'s father  
 had a stroke of apoplexy  
 Aug 10; that will probably  
 delay Mrs C.'s departure as  
 Mrs. C. has dispatched a  
 messenger to intercept the two  
 men before they leave the  
 river for Canton. By following  
 on the map we can see the  
 route from here to Sam-Ho-Pa-then

then turning, making a stop 2  
at Tshung-Khan when as  
the horse they tried to rent,  
from there to Kia-ying - thence  
to the branch leading to Chang-  
Lo. My land to the East River  
next Thursday they were to  
be at Chang-Lo or thereabouts,  
as the messenger hoped to  
go up to Kieh-yang / Kit-lie  
cut across & intercept them.

Friday Sept 20.

We had teachers meeting  
last evening. rather slow &  
jeer. But a good attendance.  
& fair attention. To-day is  
warmer. I went to the dentist  
at 11 - have not accomplished  
very much thus far - but  
shall do a little more writing  
before night. Prayer meet.  
ing at 7.30 P.M. largely supported

by the school boys. The <sup>3</sup>  
clock "went dead" as they say  
and the leader talked half an  
hour. Fortunately I had a  
watch & put it before him.  
For the rest of the evening.  
Saturday Sept 21<sup>st</sup>.

Uncomfortably warm, but I man-  
aged to do a little work of  
various sorts. Miss Fielde  
took tea with us. We are  
still uncertain what to do a-  
bout Cooks - but are quite <sup>sure</sup>  
of taking Miss F.'s Cook  
next month. Sunday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A bit more comfortable. Mr. & Mrs.  
P went early to Am. P. Mr.  
had a good morning service,  
shorter than usual. They all  
~~ed~~ upon me in a way as to  
make the short prayer after the  
collection, but I managed to re

spend though briefly. 4  
I did not know what to do a-  
bout a picture for the P. M.  
service. Finally inquired who  
made some sketches of trees,  
shrubs & other figures on some  
door-panels at the students house.  
Found that Hsia-ling was the  
chief artist. I came near ask-  
ing him, but was afraid Chün-  
ang Sün might feel his dig-  
nity offended as he is the senior  
teacher if not given the refusal  
of the task. I began a note in  
Romanized to him but that  
was not a success & later found  
an errand to his place.

He answered some other questions  
for me, disclaimed artistic tal-  
ent & fortunately the other man  
was in the next room. He  
came up with me, took

Mr. Norvell's cloth black-board & colored crayons down with him also a book with some illustrations similar to what I wanted. In a sur-

prisingly short time he sent it back with an excellent pict-

ure of a city wall & gate - the half shut & the other half

open - & a large key above - on the open half - space was

written part of Rev. VII: 3,

This served nicely to illustrate the lesson on the

Angel's coming to open the prison. I made a few

remarks about God's power to open & shut. It

would no doubt astonish my friends here more than it does the Chinese to see

me act as instructor, but I  
I have done so till my own  
was quite weary with teach-  
ing time, & they fortunately  
have been so well trained  
in the past they sing very  
well - About all the school  
boys are in & they give a good  
volume of sound. We had  
9 classes yesterday 62 pres-  
ent in all. It was a good  
live school. I sincerely trust  
it may prosper continuously.  
I felt as if I had done  
a days work after it was  
over. They are getting to have  
more freedom in asking ques-  
tions & discussing the lesson.  
After school Clara & I went  
for a call at Mrs. Campbell's  
They have heard from the  
two men at Ho. P. when they

"Sundayed over" a week ago?  
Old Lai-Pak was there & in-  
quired after me. Mr. C said  
as they came up to the city  
other boats came along; in one  
was a boatman who was with  
us on our last <sup>year</sup> trip & in another  
Li'-sin-se" (his wife) whom  
I took before the Consul last  
Summer. They had quite a re-  
union. - We are waiting some-  
what impatiently for further  
news - hope they may be back  
by Friday or Saturday.

After tea we looked in to see  
what sort of a day the P's had  
enjoyed. they reported a good  
trip quiet crowd at chapel.  
Monday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

A cooling breeze - thermometer  
85° very hot in the sun. I  
went to the dentist's after breakfast  
to see if my teeth were not closing

so that he could not work &  
between them: he found they  
are not but decided to work on  
them to-morrow as the gum  
is sore. I spent some time  
looking over accounts with Mr. P.  
Then going over my book - it  
is now near Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> when we  
must send in yearly reports. I have  
also given some time to superintend-  
ing repairs on the boat "Peace" & the  
Procher's house in the valley -  
also have worked on my S. School  
lesson - In the evening Miss  
Field's came to get some copies  
of her dictionary that are packed  
up - her - she just had a call  
from one from a Mr. Huting who  
has come to superintend the mat-  
ter of cooly labor for the Dutch  
Colonies which Mr. Ferguson came  
to put in running order. There  
are a staple export here.

Tuesday Sept 24. 9

Before breakfast I went down to  
get 2 men started cleaning the  
preacher's house. & after break-  
fast also went to look after them.  
At 10-30 I went to the dentist -  
got into his chair just before  
11 - a.m. & got just before 1 P.M. -  
a sudden put a filler - in our  
lower - man - He hurt me badly  
& seemed much bothered him-  
self by a filling in the eye tooth  
on the left side - hard to get  
at & especially so to finish -  
This is the last for the present.  
I have managed to do a little  
on my S. S. lesson hear a long  
story from A. Thong about af-  
fairs at Kan Nam - &c. Mrs.  
Campbell the two little girls  
& the famous baby came up at  
4 o'clock. She & Mrs. Norvell  
have heard from their respective  
Husbands at Ishong Khaw when

they arrived a week ago to night.  
 The men belonging to the Pak  
 clan for whom they rented the  
 house have all skeddaddled,  
 because the prefect ordered that  
 they must pay back the rent-  
 money, and either because they  
 did not have the money or feared  
 punishment have left. The  
 women are there & they will prob-  
 ably close the matter. The land-  
 lord of the hotel offers to rent  
 or to sell his place for 6000\$-  
 but they wish to see the Council  
 at Canton before making any  
 effort at a bargain - The  
 Wokat Lo-Pi is now en-  
 couraging - a nephew of old  
 Lai Pak is deeply interested  
 the procher thinks. The 2 men  
 expected to beat Kia-Ying Sunday  
 so doubtfuls they have met the  
 messenger van on their way back.

Wednesday Sept. 25. "

The most notable events of the day were a talk with Ching Sun about a sermon for Communion Sunday from II Tim.

III: 14-17 - the profit of studying the Scriptures, the advantage of early training therein, the duty of elders who can read them to teach others especially the young about them. I do not know certainly whether he will take it or not but think he will after that. Mr. M. Mackay came in - made a call & went with him to an auction of the furniture & books left by that poor fellow, Johnston, who died in Swatara. M. bought two chairs but I did not in. <sup>lost</sup> - Another week on the bottle - Mackay sold -

We had prayer-meeting at 12  
Mrs. Campbells - 14 present  
including the Sidfords -

Thursday Sept 26 -

A shower last night & a little  
rain to-day most welcome  
as for a month we have had  
no rain - the Springs are said  
to be drying up in the Country.

This a.m. J. W. has been  
up attending to some repairs of  
various kinds - A steamer  
is in & this will probably bring  
last chance to reach the Arctic.  
We hope to get our next mail  
by Sat. & to see Messrs Camp-  
bell & Howard by that time or  
by Monday. We plan to go to  
Sibatan late this P.M. Mr Mackenzie  
goes to the Country to-morrow to fit  
up their new house - Mrs. M. & the baby  
go next week.

Friday - Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

Still hot. I spent a part of the day getting some material to send home from the Customs Report - am going to send a letter to New Britain about business in China - also sent an item to the Kingdom -

In the afternoon Lingheng gave his report of work in the Country - a most excellent one. He has done finely -

We went to Swatow at 4-20 P.M. the bay was very smooth. The evening was an unusually good one - many of the school boys took part -

Saturday - Sept 28

Hotter - about the most withing heat I have experienced. Our mail came a good letter each from father & mother.

one from Dr. Ashmun & one<sup>14</sup>  
from John Sturges with bill  
& bill of lading for goods he  
has shipped - Clara had  
two letters from Buffalo  
with news of the death of two  
friends an old lady & a young  
lady members of the same church.

Mr. Campbell & Mrs. Norvell  
Come this A.M. I went down  
& talked with C. this morning -  
They had news of his father's  
death - It is uncertain when  
his sister will come - she  
will probably be delayed a  
few mos. It seems quite  
strange this expecting people  
at such a distance - hearing  
they will come, planning,  
wondering what they will be like  
& then having all plans upset.

Seven letters were rec'd from 15  
Dr. Ashmore but no definite  
news from anything in anyone  
of them as to his coming out.  
all seemed very indefinite  
at that time. Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>.

In the afternoon Jan came  
to report. I had a half-hour  
talk with him, settled an  
account with Ji-nôu. had a  
few moments. we had several  
calls & I talked sometime with  
Hua-him about a picture for  
Sunday. - We took tea with  
the Partridges Sunday Sept 29.

Cooler - a long morning service  
after it was closed I talked some  
time with a knot of strangers  
who come to listen & understand-  
ing or sitting outside the door.  
They said my language was plain.

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& the doctrine good - They  
seemed to get hold of the ideas  
hope they will remember it.  
At first while talking with  
them the greatest surprise of  
the season came in the shape  
of a telegram from Miss Field,  
dated Boston Sept. 28 - "Ashmore  
starts next week for China."  
Well - Well! - Miss F. says  
she is not in the least sur-  
prised - but greatly delighted  
I hope he can stay a year  
or two. By going to Japan  
or North China Summers I think  
he could stay out here some  
years. If he comes ready to go  
into the work he can do  
the best work of his life the  
next five years if spared  
as long as that, which we  
trust may be.

I composed myself 'for a rap'  
when Hsia-lin came in with  
his picture which he said  
was 'chhi-gi' ("horrid") & it  
was not just perfect. I had  
suggested a drawing of the stem-  
ing of steam, but his man was  
not quite true to life & the  
upper half of the picture not  
the best possible. However he  
suggested making a figure in  
the clouds & rubbing out par-  
tially so as to give it a dim  
hazy appearance which he  
did very well. Then with the  
Jaw's head he had a sim-  
ilar appearance of an angel  
with a sword. We had stage  
school - nearly 100 - I had  
to lead the singing again.  
Mr. Campbell seemed to

be much impressed with 18  
my proficiency in that line &  
Arnold insisted that I did well.  
I however did not feel much  
Elated - N. is feeling jaded  
after his trip - I gathered  
the mothers together in a class  
& explained to them the  
nature & design of the S. School  
& discussed various points with  
them. It was a good  
active school - I did not  
have a chance to take the  
attendance but got it from  
some of the teachers & scholars  
who remembered all who were  
present or absent in their respective  
classes. Mr. C. kindly counted  
the whole no. for me. We  
were in at the Hamilton & Campbell's  
a few moments after school.

Monday - Sept 30 - 19

Cooler. & a heavy rain in the forenoon. Mr. Howell went early to the Hailoong to meet Mr. John Hattwell son of Dr. H. of San Francisco, who is clerk in the Customs at Canton. We met him this evening, a lively young fellow - quite musical. I have spent much of the day getting my acetic of lead glass analyzed to send to the Mus. how it all reads to copy. I had a long but not in all respects satisfactory talk with Sam in the afternoon about the Country Stations. I did not write a few days since what Mr. Campbell said about old

Loi-Phak at Ho-Pi- 20

The old man is faithful & some of his family are earnest inquirers - a nephew worships with him on Sunday. The old man seems to think if men do not revile him they must think the doctrine is true. "Why," he said "there are a great many of them that believe, but they won't do as I tell them, they won't close their shops on Sunday nor come to worship with me on Sunday." Poor man, many a pastor at home could echo that complaint. He says he is coming to Communion  
Tuesday - Oct. 1 -

In the forenoon I went to the 10-  
A. M. class & in the afternoon  
had a variety of work up to time

of 4 P.M. - prayer-meeting <sup>21</sup>  
after that went to Mr. Campbell's  
& played croquet - Mr. Novell's  
against Mr. C. & Mr. Hattwell  
we beat them badly.

Mr. H. & the Novells came in to  
tea with us - Jupiter had the  
ill-manners to occult while  
we were at table - so he was  
out of sight when we got up.

We were late at tea because the  
Novell baby was unwell & they  
could not come - they were obliged  
also to leave after worship -  
Mr. H. stayed & interested us with  
an acct of his running away  
to sea -

Wednesday - Oct 2 -

Up to this date all had gone  
smoothly but I was just wonder-  
ing what it would be this Com-  
munion that would come up to

detert us, as there is always <sup>22</sup>  
something. The preachers all  
gathered about Mr. P. after  
7 a.m. service & I soon found  
that the trouble was a case  
about Mui-hien, a girl who  
had been about a year in  
the school whose old grand-  
mother had sold her to a  
Jonique - a Dutchman who is here  
to look after the matter of ~~the~~  
Emigration who lives with the  
German Consul. We went  
over in the forenoon. Mr. Mrs.  
P, Mr. C. three of the preachers  
& myself. The preachers went  
to find out from A. Chew a bro.  
who is janitor of the German  
Club where the girl was &  
we went to the E. A. Mosier  
to wait. Finally they found  
the old grandmother & got

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her out on Mr. Mockler's  
plantation - but Mr. M. & 4 of  
the preachers could do nothing  
with her - she had sold the girl  
for \$200 - & was to receive \$30<sup>00</sup>  
per mo. they were very poor &  
the other children must be kept  
from starving &c. she was  
hard as a flint & would not  
hear to taking back the girl -  
so it was decided the next  
step was to find out her state  
of mind & if she wanted to be  
leased perhaps the Church would  
do it. One of the men had a  
relative who is table boy there  
she went & found out the girl  
was not happy - a woman from  
her aunt's one had an interview  
with the girl alone by bombarding  
the old woman, telling her she  
was old & ought to go & patch  
up her strength &c. The

girl was anxious to be released<sup>24</sup>  
had heard that Mrs. P. wanted to  
release her & wanted her to come  
'me-me' - quick-quick - &

Thursday Oct. 3.

In the forenoon I went to get my  
goods from S. J. 36 boxes &  
a barrel. As soon as they  
were out of the boat & arrange-  
ments all made for getting them  
to the house I left Mrs. Hart-  
well & Howell helping to open  
the boxes & check off the bill  
& went to S. with Mrs. P. to see  
the Consul who, we heard was  
not in favor of this affair  
& wanted the man to clear the  
woman out. He & me's ushidy,  
Mrs. P. told him the story of the  
girl & said finally, not "thrust  
the man - but - "in your hand"  
"No" - he said "on my promise".

He promised to speak to the Dutchman about it & to see Mr. P. in the evening - Mr. P. had not been home 15 minutes when the girl was brought back.

Friday Oct. 4-

at 10. a.m. I presided at the quarterly meeting for relating the 3 mos. work by Breaches visible - Women - got on quite well - no specially new work reported save at Phi. Ia - a market place where two of the Breachers rented a room & found some encouragement. They are anxious for a Bible Woman to go there. The rest of the day was occupied by preparing the spectacle for Sunday &c. We took dinner with the Norrells.

Mr. Hactuell started to get <sup>26</sup>  
off on the stiver but missed it.

Saturday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

In the forenoon I was busy in  
the house on my acct &c. &  
at 2 P.M. we had church  
meeting - 10 applicants for baptism  
several cases of discipline and  
sundry items of business.

Various matters with the proctors  
consumed all the day. Miss  
Furde came in for a time  
in the evening.

Sunday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> -

At morning service 9 of the  
applicants for baptism were ad-  
mitted - the day was much warmer  
than is usual for the season.  
& by afternoon quite sultry.  
my.

Monday - Oct 4 - 27

I gave most of the forenoon to finishing my ac't for Mr. Coleman. There is some labor in analyzing all expenses in this ac't. But my cash book is so arranged I can do it with comparative ease. In the P.M. Mr. Nowell came over and we finished sorting the "stores". Last week at odd times I got Mr. Sidfords ready sent them bill & the cent money & afterwards new fine goods. At 4 o'clock Mrs. H. came down with a tea tray & insisted on our having "afternoon tea", so Clara came down, we sat on boxes & had a picnic in our own basement. Just then Dr. Laying appeared & sat down with us. Shortly after Mr. Sage came up to call.

+ remained some time<sup>28</sup>  
Mr. Nowell since his fall  
last summer has been troubled  
by bad feeling in his head +  
Exposure on his last trip was  
bad... the Dr. thought it simply  
liver trouble.

Tuesday Oct. 8.

The forenoon was mostly occupied  
with attending to the distribution  
of the stores - talking with  
Linghang + listening to his father  
who came in with quite a story.  
A few intervals were given to  
making out bills - no small  
job + about all the afternoon  
+ part of the evening were  
passed in that way - one  
good in gold came to  
\$219. + but fit + c. was \$38. about

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Exchange is 32% - so the  
Expenses amt in Mex coins to  
23% of the bill & the goods  
cost 55% more than they are  
billed in dollars - All the articles  
known are good & I judge cheap  
er than here. Some we do not  
get here.

Wednesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

I was obliged to give an hour  
or two to hunting up an error  
in my bills. Found it & got them  
all done. Return with our own  
& a large no. of items -

The Sunday School lesson which  
must be ready for Thursday  
evening takes much time,  
& there are many little things  
to consume time. Sian thing  
is clearing up Dr. Ashman's money.

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Thursday Oct 10 -

This is about the time we should expect our party from home had they come as was first planned. It is surprising how many little things come in to eat up the time. In the forenoon we were interrupted by the arrival of the mother and grandmother of the girl who was rescued; who made a great time. The old woman had compelled the mother to obey her twice for getting the girl away again. She is a perfect old fiend, threatened to beat the girl to death if she did not come - the mother was

Compromised & they left -

I put my spare time on the  
S. S. lesson & in the evening  
Mrs had quite a good teaching  
meeting - studied the first  
25 vers. of Acts VIII:

Friday - Oct 11 -

In the forenoon I had a  
Conference with Mr. P. on  
some mission matters also  
a talk with Mrs Fielder -  
who afterward took tiffin  
with us. I gave most of  
the afternoon to preparing  
for the prayer meeting  
which I had been asked  
to lead. Took John 18:19<sup>5</sup>  
spoke of the significance of

the great Jesus our true<sup>32</sup>  
High Priest questioned by his  
type the Jewish High Priest -  
the earthly & the heavenly meet-  
ing under these circumstances.  
& the question is not about  
himself but about his "dis-  
ciples & his doctrine". the  
two things by which a teacher  
will always be judged - &  
this applies to us in that  
we must be careful to have  
an understanding of that doctrine  
also most important of all to  
be disciples such that we may  
strengthen the doctrine. The  
meeting was well filled  
with prayers hymns & re-  
marks in the same lines as  
my own. Mr. P. seemed to  
think I got on quite well.  
I think the Chinese understood me.

Sat'y. Oct. 12/89 33

The forenoon was variously occupied. Among other things, I filled a cavity in Clara's tooth, the gold filling put in last year fell out & I filled it with some cement. Borrowed from Mrs. Campbell -

I wrote some on this journal which had been sadly neglected these past days when there have been so many "affairs". Sunday Oct. 13 - a headache that made me uncomfortable in the morning & quite ill in the afternoon but I attended morning service & took charge of the S.S. Mr. & Mrs. P. & Miss J. come over pleased. We had 100 present. Mrs.

Partridge arranged the girls<sup>34</sup>  
from the school in 3 classes -  
those who read well - who read a  
little & who are beginners. She  
took the last - Gek-ki-her  
ass't the middle class & the  
rest went with a former class  
taught by Toa-Pih. Clara's  
teacher. Mr. P. made a

good speech to the school -  
We had a blackboard ex-  
ercise from the "Heart Book"  
showing the evils within -  
Mr. H. did the nicest drawing  
on it he has yet done.

I also had a lesson from  
the Chinese character for holy

聖 - The first part 耳 means  
ear - & I had that written there  
spoken of the importance that  
we take here that we hear.

referring to a mistake in that <sup>35-</sup>  
line made by Ear - we should  
guard the Ear - the second  
part - 口 is mouth (Khai)  
or lips (Chhui). We should guard  
our lips - When these two  
were written I had the lower  
one 王 put down. which means  
King (Wang) asked what it  
was spoke of a King ruling  
his territory as we should  
rule Ear & lips - if we would  
see what the whole character  
meant which they promptly  
answered was "Shia" holy.

They seemed much surprised  
& pleased at the lesson &  
hope it may do them good -

This came true one day as I  
sat at my desk here and  
looked at one of the S.S. lesson  
Slips. perhaps sometime we may

have further lessons <sup>36</sup> written  
in Chinese characters.

I did not write much about  
last Sunday's service. Chien,  
Sun preached fr. "Search the Scriptures"  
a good sermon but too long some.

Long Hong spoke on the history  
of the Church showing that  
when the Bible was studied  
the Church was strong when  
neglected weak. They both  
applied the subject to Sunday  
Schools. Mr. & Mrs. Sidford

Miss Sturson & the children were  
present & witnessed the baptism,  
which passed off well. Mr. P.  
officiated. Mrs. Argueant  
& her husband's bro. also came  
up to the baptism. Mrs. Sid-  
ford was also at Communion.  
A goodly no. fr. Country Station were in.

My dear Father,

I have very little time to write a line additional - to thank you for letters & papers which come duly & to send our united love to your Mother.

We are bearing the long hot season well & hope to be some enjoying cooler days. Next Wednesday I am preparing to leave for the Country. In two weeks shall try to call at the 7 Stations examine the state of things do what I can & get all information possible so as to consult with Dr. Adams. I enclose a letter to Dr. Fur-dock which please

forward. It is an ex-  
tra, additional plea that  
some man be sent out  
this year.

Now I must close as  
I must write a note to  
Ling Hung to join me next  
Thursday morning at  
Kang-Sai-go out look  
after the river. I finish  
preparing my lesson for  
this evening before 4.30  
& it is now 2 o'clock.

So good by with lots of  
love  
John

Monday Oct. 14 - 8.50<sup>37</sup> P.M.

I began the day with a feeling of exhaustion as if a great strain had been removed or a fever just left me. But now feel better than then. I got my home letter ready beside sundry smaller affairs in the morning. After dinner I did a little more writing and Mr. Campbell came in to talk over his project regarding visiting an inn at Tshangkhan. I advised his arranging to stop at the inn this year & get the people winter there this year & next year it might be much easier to visit. He wanted to talk with the Elder or some Chinaman of experience; as Dea. Chuan in Swatow was the only man available in crossed in a high wind in a hired boat & found the astute apothecary - who favored the plan of going slowly. ("man man kha")

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Mr. C.'s coolly was with us  
& referred to the fact that the  
house in question had been built  
too high to please the neighbors,  
& in the way of a Fung shwai  
(Huang chui) prospect so that  
a fight ensued in which 2 or 3  
of the inn-keepers family were  
killed & the opposition paid a  
thousand or more dollars to  
balance the account. "The affair  
stopped-finished" - but the Dragon  
feared if a foreigner, a missionary,  
entered the house there would be an  
"opening of the affair" it would  
"rise" - because they were afraid  
that singing & worship of God would  
offend the "Huang-Chui". The by-ways  
& intricacies of all paths in China  
are unnumbered. We had a  
fine sail boat. I have been  
reading Milton aloud to Clara  
this evening.

Mr. Partridge is unwell - <sup>39</sup>scarcely  
slept last night. They went to see  
Dr. Lyall who advises a change  
so they will go up the Han River  
to Sam-Hi or possibly to the Pass  
to get a complete rest. They may  
go home early in the Spring.  
This evening a note came from  
Swatow asking if we can help Mr.  
Dutchman to get back his \$200<sup>00</sup> -

Tuesday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> -

Mr. P. wrote a reply to the above  
note to the effect that we  
do not see any way to assist in this  
matter. We did not go counsel  
with him to get possession of the  
girl so much as to save her from  
a life of shame. We have no legal  
control over her she can go any  
time at her mother's bidding. The  
old woman had been over her and  
made us a great deal of trouble. Whether  
he now I remember anything being

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said to the effect that we would  
try to "arrange the matter". If any  
trouble is made I believe the  
best way is to tell them we  
do not don't take mission money  
for such a purpose, nor to advise  
the Chinese Church to vote funds  
therefor - but, if they wish, we  
will lay the case before  
our friends at home & we have  
no doubt that many will be  
glad to contribute to so worthy  
an object. Affairs are

counters. This morning Hung An's  
daughter came with an account  
that her husband had been  
beating her &c. &c. Mr. P. could  
not do anything about it so I  
went to H. A.'s house. He will  
not, they talked over the case &  
wished me to "Khing Khôi" (ex-  
hort) him - He is the Sid-  
ford's milkman, so Clara wrote  
a note to Mrs. P. asking if she

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Could send a reply by this man  
whose name is Sak. sek, the  
nearest approach to Joseph this di-  
allect affords - He came &  
read him part of Eph. V & talk-  
ed to him a little - He owned  
that he had done wrong & I had  
a long talk with him. He in-  
sisted the girl was at fault for  
various unfilial acts not obey-  
ing him, once turning his jacket  
re. I did the best I could to  
set the sin & cowardness of  
his course before him & told  
him he should go to her parents  
confess his fault & all what  
could be done to repair the  
damage. He assented & I went  
over with him. They had  
something of a jangle over it  
but I hope come a little  
nearer peace. He states that  
if they would "Khing Koi" their daughter

to do as she shared he was  
 for peace. I impressed upon  
 him the importance of family  
 worship & of coming to church  
 with his family, now they were  
 young it was very important to  
 make a good beginning &c. &c.  
 He took it well apparently &  
 I hope it may be the means  
 of getting hold of him - It  
 was a tiresome job for me &  
 made me late for dinner. I  
 felt very tired after dinner &  
 rather very sleepy & was obliged  
 to give up study - slept like a log  
 for two hours. This A. M.  
 Messrs. C & H: started off in the  
 "Peace" for Hak-Kadon, - Mr  
 Kheung-liang, it will be back  
 next week. C. may make a  
 long trip & cross to Sam-ki.  
 Clara has not been quite well  
 today had a turn of faintness

while calling a Mrs. Ingham's <sup>43</sup>  
but seems quite well again now.  
This evening I have been pre-  
paring for to-morrow's prayer-  
meeting which will fall to me.  
Shall take Heb. II: 7-9 -

Wednesday Oct 16 -

Rainy to-day - Mr. Partridge did  
not get much rest last night  
& so decided not to have a meeting  
to-night as he could not attend  
& most of the ladies in the Mission  
could not. No hope for cooler  
weather now. The P.'s start  
to-morrow for their country  
trip - The two gentlemen up the  
river now must be having a  
rest journey - Thursday Oct 17 -

This A.M. I went to Mr. P.'s  
at 8-10 & rec'd his parting  
injunctions & the responsibilities  
that I must take in his absence.

not many of the latter but<sup>40</sup>  
of course I feel a general sense  
of responsibility. Then I went to  
see Hong-an who recovers slowly.  
At noon Clara sent him over  
some soup & bread ~~etc.~~

The P's left at 10-30.  
I have put all spare time  
on my S. S. lesson. We went to  
Swatow at 4 P. M. - I had a  
visit at the other Mission  
Mr. Mackenzie tried to persuade  
me to preach Sunday but I  
did not accept. How written  
a note to Mr. Hill about the mat-  
ter & shall receive an answer to-  
morrow morning. This was de-  
cidedly taking the "bull by the  
horns" but I cannot go on  
in the surface style of the past  
receiving such treatment at  
their hands as I have in Ch.  
We had a good teachers meeting.

Friday Oct. 18/89 - <sup>45</sup>

Last evening's note brought no answer till this evening at the prayer-meeting. When I rec'd a very kind note from Mr. Hill stating that he felt certain the Community wished me to help maintain the services &c. &c. so they seem to be no way out but to do what I can to-morrow in the way of preparation & preach Sunday.

To-day has been hot. I have only a linen coat & shirt of Chinese cloth or (such as samples) but the latter is not through & has been ready all day. I had a profitable hour with Chhiang sui in the forenoon. tried using the type-writer a little. talked with Hua lin about Sunday service. Had a little, worked

on an article for the Christian <sup>4.6.</sup>  
Soc'y & at evening took a walk  
by the round about way to Mr.  
Campbell's - played a game of  
Proquet by myself & come back  
with Clara. She is not very  
well - the long heat & the anx-  
eties of the work how to depend  
her - in both rooms at the  
Chinese meetings this evening.

Saturday Oct. 19 -

Most of the day was spent  
in preparing for Sunday's ser-  
vice - Some time ago I was  
struck with the figure in Jer.  
IV: 14. "For what is your life?"

It is even a vapour" -

After thinking it over at odd  
times & working what I could Sat.  
& Friday I had it Sat. night  
arranged under 3 heads. -

1 - Life is fleeting - like a vapour -

This could not be extensively developed only illustrated & enforced by quotations - But this might seem to set a light a light estimate on life whereas the Bible esteems human life more highly than any other book. But examining the Bible we find Gen II: 4 sq. that the coming of mist to rise was an epoch in creation, geologically probably at the time of coal formations, so that vapor was a mighty force in preparing the earth for human habitation. Turning to Job XXXVI: 27 we read "for he maketh small the drops of water, they pour down rain acc. to the vapor thereof" - Vapor is the agent in the whole water-system of the Earth. Vapor too is the most potent agent in human progress - i.e. steam. Now we

found in Gen II:6 - that the 48  
creation of man is recorded in  
them. to that which records that  
of vapor - & history shows what  
power man has had on earth  
how great his achievement.  
Men like Luther, Howard Crosby,  
the Earl of Shaftesbury, women like  
J.L. Nightingale - show that it  
is possible to do in 'one fleeting  
ing life'. Like Vapor life is  
not always fleeting, but force-  
ful as well.

Again this innate force and  
vapor the deciding power for  
human prosperity or adversity,  
happiness or woe in earthly  
things. of the flood & drought  
in No. China &c. Human  
lives too are the arbiters of  
the destiny of thousands, just  
millions of their kind.  
Life forceful, though fleeting,  
is also fateful.

Further life also is fatal <sup>49</sup>  
to the soul that lives the life  
if good helps - ~~if~~ but, like  
a poisonous malarious vapor  
over a marsh, it also poisons  
itself - a wasted life is sad  
but even sadder for it eternally  
vitiate a soul for eternity.

But if a life be thus defiled  
can it be cleansed? Yes, as  
a vapor arising from a stagnant  
pool may be transformed into  
a snowflake - cf. Ps. LI: 7 -

In closing I used that Couplet  
Father repeats - "Live while you live"  
which was effusion - then repeated  
the 3 leuds with an appropriate  
Scripture quotation after Ca. Finally  
Sunday Oct 10  
Jno III: 16. They gave her

excellent attention. Mrs. Pickets  
thanked me for it. She intro-  
duced us to a Mrs. Condit from  
the N.S. a Presbyt. lady - a min-  
ister's widow who is making  
a tour around the world sent

by Mrs. Russell Sage. I agreed <sup>50</sup>  
to go after her in the morning  
that she might visit our mission.

I tried to get a nap in the  
afternoon but failed. Got through  
I Sch. quite well - 102 present  
in all. Tak-sek was there.

In the evening we read & looked  
out golden texts for the next mo.

Monday Oct. 21

To-day I have been on the  
water much of the time. Went  
for Mrs. C. Bought her boat  
I showed her the schools - went  
as Miss J. to take Tibbin with  
her. The steam was to sail at  
2. So we got off promptly.

At the ship I went down  
Examined the engine the first  
twin-screw ship I ever went  
over. The mechanism is very  
interesting. The steam was not  
to go till 5 P.M. So Mrs. C &

Miss Ricketts - who had come <sup>51</sup> to bring some letters & see her off - came back & waited till 4-30 - This gave me a chance to study some with Chiu King sin, & to talk with A-Khong, who is on his way home for a week. I took the ladies back again Mrs. C to the ship - Miss A. to their mission where I stopped for a little tennis & came back in a gale which came up suddenly - I rather think the Sang-Kiang did not go out but anchored inside the island.

Mr. Mackenzie seemed to have been favorably impressed with my sermon - I did have more "freedom" than I ever had here & perhaps than I ever had any way in speaking.

Yesterday, Oct 22 -  
Mother's birthday - also Mrs.

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Novells - Clara invited her  
& Mrs. Campbell with the children  
to dinner & spend the day -  
She went to the women's class  
at 9. afterwards had her  
teacher a little time before  
the guests came: the day  
passed pleasantly & was cheere-  
ed by the unexpected arrival  
of the husbands of our guests -  
who returned a day earlier  
than was expected after a  
good trip - We passed a pleasant  
afternoon. This evening we  
have been trying to arrange  
with Tek-Sun to go with  
Mrs. Campbell as cook &  
as he is not needed for  
that, do carpenter work -  
but he does not wish to do  
it, so we shall probably lose  
him to Mrs. Lyall. We shall

take Miss Field's Cook 53  
where she does house keeping  
In rec'd notes from the P. S. from  
the Ho City. He is not improving  
much. was obliged to use a sleep-  
ing draught the second night.

Wednesday Oct. 23-

still hot enough for thin  
clothes though I did put on  
a bosom shirt. I had an  
hour with O. S. then went  
to Swatow with Mr. Howell  
& Bui Chihang (proctor)  
I had a large no. in  
most of the time. I spoke  
15 or 20 minutes - quite a  
no. listened attentively - don't  
know how much they under-  
stood but know they had  
some afterwards I sold quite  
a no. of leaflets - Mr. Howell's  
umbrella was stolen I regret  
to say - but such things  
happen at home.

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After dinner I called to see  
Miss F. on matter of business  
thoda talk on mission matter.  
later Mr. C. come in. We  
have been wholly unsuccess-  
ful in trying to persuade Tek-  
Sinn to go with him. I  
talked to him in the morning.  
found he had some feeling  
about it. he is willing how-  
ever to go into the Country  
with me & when I come  
back do other work. There  
will be a great deal of ex-  
tra work after the Dr. comes  
on the boat & about the farm-  
ies so I hope to keep him  
as my cook for the Country  
& spare him here. letting  
him go into the class if  
he has leisure. I really think  
more of him than of any  
other servant in the Compound.  
Prayer-meeting at Miss Hill's

led by Mr. Howell - quite <sup>55</sup> good  
subj. Christ the light of the  
world. I found a little time to  
work upon my S. S. lesson for  
Fri's meeting.

Thursday Oct. 24

Still warm. I had another  
hour with C. S. am getting  
many new points from him,  
distinctions in usage, methods  
of expression &c. &c. This lan-  
guage is a "vastly deep" and  
has untold capabilities -  
but I can see a little fur-  
ther into it than before.

There are many little things  
now on hand. Dr. A's rooms are  
being prepared I have two men  
at work repairing roofs & also  
have some printing work con-  
nected with the S. School to  
look out for, which all take  
up a little time.

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While I was writing 'Travels'  
Come in to talk with Clara  
about one of the women  
who comes from Rang Ca -  
her husband went to Anam  
over 10 yrs. ago & though she  
has heard he is living  
he has not written for 3 or 4  
yrs. there are conflicting rumors  
as to his having a family  
there - All her relatives urge  
her to marry again, but  
she is not willing & is much  
harassed by them tho' all  
the neighbors approve her course.

In the afternoon I worked on my  
S. S. lesson - wrote a letter to  
Mr. Partridge to send by Mr. C.  
In the evening conducted Teach-  
ers' meeting - Friday Oct. 25 -  
Still the theme, keep up about  
50¢ & still I keep on buying sum-  
mer clothing. After an  
hour with C. S. & taking a  
parcel to send by registered mail.

to the P.O. I prepared a little <sup>56</sup> more mail to send home & in some way the day has slipped by with no very great things to show for it; there are many little things connected with the S. School & the work about the Compound that take a little time. We called on the Innocents a new family that have come to the Customs. He is a missionary's son, they have two children, both small; they were among those whose houses were burned at Chün Kiang during the riots. This evening prayer-meeting.

Saturday - Oct 26 -

Cooler - but I have not yet put on cooler garments - much of my time has been spent in getting my S. School records ready for this quarter & the Golden Tracts ready for next month. Ma'ka has been up to talk about

his arrival for to-morrow.  
Matt. T. R. is his text.

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We were surprised at 5.30 P.M.  
to see Mrs. Condict appear. her  
ship did not get to Hong Kong  
at all but had been tossing  
about in the middle of the For-  
mosa Straits trying to help the  
"Whampoa" whose rudder was  
lost some time since. Mrs. C.  
was pitched out of her berth & got  
a cut on her forehead. but  
she survived & reached Swatow  
Friday evening. She told us of a  
Mr. & Mrs. Evans & Mrs. C.'s sister  
a Miss Jewell who came out at  
their own charges in answer to a  
published call from Griffith  
John of Hankow. but finding G. J.  
to be a Pseudo-baptist Mrs. C. felt  
he could not "give up a lifelong  
principle". she being a "Baptist".  
but as Mrs. C. said "not in the

least narrow or bigoted. is <sup>58</sup>  
an believer in "Open Communion".  
Mrs. C. thought he might be  
able to work here as each mis-  
sionary has a separate district  
in which to work. & kindly came  
over to let us know of them. She  
says they are from the U.S. and  
are very spiritually minded people.

We need very much a family &  
a young lady here - but an "open  
Communion" man would make dis-  
cord surely. We decided to wait  
till Dr. A. returns before writing  
him. I wish he might be a  
man who could be used here. We  
need a man to look after affairs  
here & a business layman could  
be very useful.

Sunday Oct. 27/89.

Still very warm - rain during the  
night - & a little in the forenoon.

We had good services morning & afternoon - About 9.5 at the S. School - Mrs. Condit was over at the English Service & came up to tiffin with the Novells. She was much pleased with the S. School, thought Mr. N.'s blackboard work especially fine - said at first it was the finest school she had seen in China - but qualified it because other schools she had seen in August when they were not in best order - Miss F. Clara & I went to the other side with her at 5.45.

Monday Oct 28th

This a.m. Mr. W. was awakened at 1 o'clock by footsteps out on the verandah which proved to be the Cook's who said he was up "to make bread" - which he was advised to postpone till a later more reasonable hour - There was a heavy

Fog early in the morning, all<sup>ed</sup>  
seemed as Miss F.'s "boy"  
said - "Just like Spring."

I passed an hour or two with  
Chiang Sui, read a little & then  
talked <sup>with</sup> him about his sermon  
of Communion Sunday. He stood up  
stoutly for his plan but I brought  
him to shift his grounds so I <sup>say</sup>  
saw <sup>he accepted</sup> the force of my arguments -  
also talked with him about his  
didactic style. He took it well -  
if he could be gotten into a  
proper frame, he would be a most  
valuable man. But he has  
had so much put upon him  
he has grown too arrogant.

The dog has been much broken by  
receiving a lot of things from Miss  
F. & selecting a lot of her kitchen  
ware, which we wish to buy -  
Her cook A. Hai comes over  
to-day & she herself has taken two

meals with us to-day. I hope  
she will take the vacant room  
& sleep here while I am away -

Tuesday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> -

A large part of the day was taken  
up with finishing up sundries  
before leaving. A part of the after-  
noon was given to hanging pictures  
in Dr. A's rooms. The rooms  
will look far more attractive  
than when he was last here.

An instance of the unexpected uses  
to which things may be put. I  
wanted in August to get some small  
strong rope to re-rig Dr. Crossland's  
boat. I had been using some mos.  
& all I could get was half a  
coil of "flag-line". Expensive  
& far more than I needed, but  
there was nothing else & Luckh  
was selling out so I got it at  
a reduction. Now for hanging  
these heavy pictures this was ex-  
actly the thing & Miss Fuller wants

some fit to cord her trunk<sup>62</sup>  
that goes to Marseilles.

I finished a letter to Dr. Ash-  
more to send to H Kong & did some  
other writing. Ji now has added  
to his countless achievements the  
successful making of tennis bats.  
This made me the best one for  
use I ever had only charging  $\frac{1}{25}$ .  
I furnishing the material for string-  
ing - He began making them  
for some Customs-men in Swatow,  
& charged them  $\frac{1}{20}$  but he said  
"for the church" he would make  
them cheaper. He was absent  
from Sunday school the 3<sup>rd</sup> time  
last Sunday & I asked "Why?" - Then  
was an affair at home. I hear a  
father show a mother there, they  
look you "put down" something  
on a hill & soon ~~that~~ a man  
dug it up. "It was a grasshopper."  
"Yes - the affair must be attend  
ed to right off so I must get  
back Sunday evening at 9 o'clock" -  
I trust this is not a figment of his

imagination - such things are  
 common & often lead to serious  
 quarrels - the case at Kan-Nam  
 when the old man was obliged  
 to pay a heavy assessment, to help  
 out his clan once from a Huang-  
 Chii fight - a bulldog inter-  
 fered with a grave - & I regret  
 to hear that the old man him-  
 self has gone to the hills & pro-  
 posed a grave for himself on  
 the most absurd Huang Chii  
 principles. It is partly for that  
 I am going there or plan to do so  
 next week. Wednesday Oct. 30/89.

A beautiful cool day - only 71°  
 in my study at 6-15 a.m.

I had a talk with the people  
 about matters in the Compound  
 got ready & left at 10-30 -  
 Clara could not well go as we  
 planned to 7<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> because  
 the tide was about turning.  
 fact & the wind blowing in  
 so both would have been against  
 the boat coming back.

Miss Fulco is to sleep at the <sup>64</sup>  
house so I feel much better a-  
bout going away. She has  
presented us with a no. of articles,  
the last a pretty call. bell.  
I had a "floor-closer" I intended  
to put under the dining room  
table but shall put it in Dr. A's  
room. <sup>to connect with the electric bells.</sup> I had a fine sail  
to T. I. & enjoyed the walk more  
now than usual - there was less  
reviling - when any one did  
say "Huan Kia" I stopped and  
rebuked them. also sold <sup>some</sup> away  
a few leaflets. had quite  
a talk with a good-looking young  
man who had a bundle of arrows  
in his hand - I found the  
boat all right got under way  
& with the tide favoring till  
8 o'clock reached Kung-sai  
before bed-time - a most enter-  
taining trip - the day was perfect -  
I found quite a little time for  
writing.

Thursday Oct. 31<sup>65</sup>

Woke up in the morning to find  
the boat anchored in the middle of  
this beautiful stream with a vil-  
lage on either hand. Had a good  
night's rest & am feeling unusually  
well. The day is fine. I have  
been writing some time - am  
waiting for Lung Hung but shall  
not wait much longer.

At a little before 10 - I went  
ashore to call upon A-Thung  
the man I baptized last winter  
at Kuei-Su. He was away. I sent  
Teh-Sun to walk to Si. Be-Phou  
while I went on in the boat, that  
he might be on the look out for  
Lung Hung. We had a nice breeze  
astern & come on quickly: were  
soon moored at our old place -  
close by a coal-boat from the  
Hi City. there is soft coal in that  
part of the country. At about  
11 I went out with the steersman

to find the house which the  
 sister here proposes to give the  
 church on condition of our repair-  
 ing it - The land is there  
 what is left of a house, but I  
 fear will need much repairing.  
 Thence I went to the village of  
 some of our members; they  
 led me to see some houses that  
 could be rented as chapel -  
 & after drinking tea I come  
 back - having discovered that  
 \$200<sup>00</sup> to 250<sup>00</sup> would be needed  
 for mortgaging this house <sup>which they want</sup> that  
 the people themselves did not  
 seem inclined to "put out any  
 silver" - also that the man who  
 led me about, whose mother wife  
 was an church member either  
 was an idolater or dealt in  
 idolatrous merchandise - also  
 that there seems to be no little  
 difference of opinion regarding  
 the place for worship - as is  
 sometimes the case in other &  
 more favored lands. Long Hong

who was awaiting me at the 67  
boat said he was here last Sun-  
day & heard them talk. told them  
it would be well to build 5 Chap-  
els: they asked what he meant  
he said, "I heard 5 expressions,  
& please all you must have 5  
Chapels -" There are only about  
15 members, all but 2 or 3, old  
women. He talked with me  
about this, about a case of dis-  
cipline at Khon-Khoi - & the  
prospect for a school there. Poor  
boy, he finds pastoral work  
no sinecure, said. "So much  
from dawn till dark, easy -  
to settle affairs hard." He  
reports a Sunday School started  
at Khon-Khoi with good  
promise. - A. Khi the man-  
son was here having waited  
in the morning - then goes to  
Khi - Si 3 1/2 miles back to  
find the boat. He & L. H. went  
to look over the house & decide  
what repairs would cost. he  
reports "some tens of dollars." & if

a cook house is built, over a hundred. It is not so much of an "aportasy" to have a cook-house here as at home because the people come from a distance and need to cook their rice at noon.

This evening I have packed my trunk for Khon Khui, read the Missy Review & killed mosquitos - tremendous fellows. To-morrow I send one of the boatmen to Kak Chieh with this to bring in some more provisions with my letters. My appetite is like better than at home so I feel the need of planning for a goodly store of provision. I am much stronger than last year just walking, does not tire me as it did then.

Friday - Oct. 31<sup>69</sup> -

Raining during the night and I waited in the boat during the forenoon & started out after dinner - In the boat I did some writing & reading also worked at a pair of spectacles of which the bows would not close on account of rust, a little "persimmon" & Kewanee oil started them - I had a cloudy sky for my walk. passed through a market where there were crowds of men with loads of straw, sweet potatoes, bamboos & many other articles for sale. On the outskirts I stopped & talked with a man with a tumor on his neck; he insisted that I was Dr. Ly. all & was anxious to know if the tumor was ready to open.

I had audience for some time<sup>70</sup>  
& at least one man whom  
I understood me & was impressed  
with the reasonableness of  
the doctrine - They were not  
much inclined to buy leaflets  
but one boy bought another  
Catholic fellow ran quarters  
a mile after me to buy one  
Mr. - Tek. Sun & I talked as  
we walked along with a  
young man & Peed, with an  
old Buddhist Monk on his  
way to go through the  
rites called "Kung Tek" for  
the dead - We reached  
(Kluu Khui), at about 5-30.  
I was obliged at once to  
give inquiries about the  
case of absorption here - was  
clouted with one of the

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Leung Hung has succeeded  
in getting the people together  
every evening to sing & read  
the Scriptures & they stay here  
from 6 to nearly nine - some  
of them - the majority from  
6 45 to 8 - 0 o'clock - They  
are reading Acts - have im-  
proved in singing wonderfull-  
ly - After worship I had  
a talk with the brother of  
the man whose case needs  
attention & they said if we  
could all join exhort  
him to repent, covering  
his errors & promise eds  
better, then we could decide  
the matter fairly on Sunday.  
If he come with a right  
spirit all right if not  
this heart was hard-minded

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exclude the man & they could  
not have any family feeling  
about it. My old acquaintance  
once A-Jah. told me that  
the Lord had blessed me since  
last year & I was stronger so  
that he should not have re-  
cognized me. Saturday - Nov. 2

This morning we had worship  
in the chapel at about 8 o'clock  
the man in question was pres-  
ent & we had afterwards a  
private session with him,  
but the poor fellow did not  
seem at all inclined to  
make any public confession  
or profession. I fear he has  
~~been~~ gradually been deterio-  
rating morally - there is a  
deal of testimony as to his  
thieving propensities. I got  
off for Kit-Khair & had good

day - cloudy but no rain -  
 we called on Gek-Laing -  
 the man whose shop was burned  
 last winter. he has some 6 or  
 7 carpenters at work in his  
 shop - nearly all making pine  
 chests for storing away cloth-  
 ing & bedding - they also had  
 tubs boxes stools and other  
 articles piled up in the shop.

We also called on an "uncle"  
 whose wife may come to read  
 in the woman's class. Such  
 groups of children as followed  
 us, I had a chair & rode  
 about all the way. The

Country is beautiful now.  
 The sugar cane is tall  
 & beautiful green. the rice  
 is just beginning to turn &  
 is very luxuriant. the heats

so full the stalks are all 74  
bent down like grass at  
home that is "lodged" after  
a heavy rain - The remain  
ed at the chapel some time.  
I was a little tired having  
waked up early - & the choir  
side having been a bit thin  
some - so I lay down a few mo-  
ments - soon after after the wife  
of the man who last year came  
to get the dollar his father &  
mother contributed to the chapel  
came & told a different story but  
made a great clamor to get the  
dollar - I utterly refused - One  
pleasant incident was the arrival  
of an old man but almost double  
who cannot walk far but want  
ed to come & see the "teachers".  
He seems a sincere believer & hope  
will be baptized soon - I said  
"if they offer me money I would not come"  
but I want to come when the teacher is here

Sunday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 75-

A bright beautiful day. Before I was through breakfast, soon after 8. the sisters began to assemble so I must needs vacate my room which is the one in which they assemble - I am glad to say the brethren propose "smiting a window" in the wall so they will not be quite so much secluded as they have been thus far. I had a little conversation with some of the people & arranged with Ling Hung about the service then we had morning worship a little before 9. I took a walk about the village. It is sad to see all the people at work, & so careless about listening to any

better doctrine. but there  
is some encouragement in noting  
the difference between the  
"world" & the church-members.  
for at times the latter are  
very disappointing. They do  
come together Sunday with  
clean jackets & behave very  
decently. I met Lung Hong  
outside the gate & had quite  
a talk with him about the  
condition of the church and  
the subject of discipline; he  
is a good boy & more reliable  
than the majority - Christian  
training has done much  
in his case. At 10 AM  
 began worship. singing a  
Sabbath hymn. followed by  
a prayer by Joan a deacon.  
Then Lung Hong preached very  
well from Luke XIV 123 -

2 divisions - I believe they 77  
From I - "Gate to heaven is narrow"  
II - "We must enter that gate -  
He is gaining in force & gets  
hold of the people - he asked  
several pointed questions of  
different nrs which they answer  
ed adding to the distinctness of  
his sermon. Then we sang  
the 12<sup>th</sup> Psalm - had the "collect  
tion" or "offertory" as they come  
up & put their cash on the table,  
L. H. offered a short prayer -  
we sang "The Savior bids me  
watch & pray" 1 vs. & took up  
the case of discipline - I  
called on L. H. to read from  
Eph. V: 21 to 32. Dea. Tom  
to read II Thers. IV: 6. & Dea.  
Gib. Ling I Tim. V: 20. 21.  
Then the case of a J<sup>n</sup> was  
brought up. L. H. made the

proposition to "erase the name"  
 + Gik Ling seconded it, but  
 they would not vote. I talked  
 to them + L. H. said it over  
 after me so they could not have  
 the excuse of not understanding  
 me. Finally after our or two  
 had proposed to "bave" the man  
 + let his case go over another  
 communion. I asked them why  
 they wanted to have it settled  
 at Kak Chih a month ago. + gave  
 Dr. Harry's analysis of offenses  
 for which a man should on  
 scriptural grounds be excluded  
 from the church. Ling Hing  
 spoke again asking the man's  
 brother what he thought, the  
 was "I think the church can  
 well do the work" or "settle  
 the case" or better. "the church  
 better act". They voted  
 unanimously for dismissal.

We then had Communion. <sup>79</sup>  
which service passed off quietly  
& I trust profitably. We sang  
"Rock of Ages" after an invi-  
tation was given to come to  
afternoon service. & hear about  
the matter of Bible School.  
Then we dispersed. I had a  
talk with A. Thong, who  
seems to be doing well as a  
Church member. also talked  
some time with a young man  
who was hanging about the  
door. From a village 5 or 6 miles  
away. After various talking  
I had dinner. I am now re-  
minded of Dietrich's words: "The  
vessel Chad had is a consum-  
ing vessel." I am becoming quite  
a worthy companion to that  
Champion of the "truth". There  
is foundation for the Chinese Ex-  
-mission "Bo Chiah. Lo' lat

U Chiah. A lat." "no eat<sup>80</sup>  
no strength. "have-got" eat  
have-got strength. I find that  
my strength depends largely upon  
the amount I eat & my digestion  
is now apparently equal to disposing  
of a goodly quantity of solids -  
One needs some nerve force to  
stand a day here - continually  
being bombarded by this bar-  
barous language & trying to  
accomplish anything with  
these astute & intense personali-  
ties. This writing has been  
done with a crowd of boys &  
men about interested in the  
duplicating process. Asking  
various questions about letters  
steam boats, mails, rail roads.  
At 2.30 we had a Sunday  
School. L. H. asked a few

Questions about what he had<sup>81</sup>  
told them before regarding  
the S.O. question. T.A. Toan illus-  
trated the character for "Holy"  
made up of "Ear-  
lips" & "King". I told them about  
John Namamaker & they began  
to read Acts II:37-47. I had  
the boys & 2 young men in a  
side room - got on nicely with  
them but the time was very  
short because the people from  
the other villages must needs  
go home. We recited the  
Golden Text in concert. Sang  
"The sweetest name" & closed with  
prayer. I was busy some  
time talking with some who  
were leaving & soon a great  
interest was created by L.H.'s  
producing a roll of illustrations.

of the life of Christ - Seven <sup>82</sup>  
heathen women came & she  
showed them again & the new  
spectators were intensely interested.  
The Bible woman & one of the  
sisters helped explain the pictures  
& gave some good exhortations  
to the other women. Now there  
is an agent party just outside  
the door who has been talking  
steadily for 15 or 20 minutes - she  
is reckoned as one who "can talk  
words" - she is evidently well-  
preserved. Can walk 18 or 20 miles  
in a day - to-day she has walked  
15 or ~~more~~ miles & can talk at  
this rate without the slightest  
sign of weariness - I feel envious  
of her linguistic powers - but  
very glad she has gone. This  
is really the first moment of si-  
lence since early morning -

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after writing the last page and  
answering a variety of questions  
I took a walk & coming in the  
gate met the older brother of  
Hau-Lau whom I talked with  
last year - at first he was not  
much inclined to listen seriously  
but did finally get interested  
enough to ask how our loved  
ones know what happens after death  
unless some one had come back  
from thence - After listening to  
Christ's death & resurrection & its  
proofs he asked if He would  
come & lead a mans soul  
at death - & if I knew what  
time I should die & some other  
things. I told him there was  
the evidence of many who  
had died in the faith that  
Jesus did come & that it

made no difference whether we  
 knew or not. The Lord did it  
 of our own prepared life or death  
 was easy. as if a man has  
 both thin & warm clothing,  
 if the day is hot he can put on  
 the cool garments; if the day  
 is cold, the warm ones,  
 which seemed to make the case  
 plain to him. Poor old man  
 I felt very badly to see him  
 leaning on his staffs near  
 the grave & so in the dark. hope  
 & pray he may yet accept  
 the truth - Monday Nov. 4-89.

Boat "Peace" again, she seems  
 quite a "floating palace". after being  
 in the Chinese houses. but I am  
 glad to say the chapel is in much  
 better shape having been thoroughly  
 whitewashed. I have just been  
 talking with L. H. about visiting

the old man getting his favor<sup>85</sup>  
and reading to him - we are  
sitting in the boat together. he  
is making some string of paper  
to make the little books of S. School  
leaflets. We had a pleasant walk  
from K. K. this morning - on the  
way called upon some members  
at "Pang-Toa-Pi". two men  
come with us some way to show  
us the road. & one brought some  
Eggs he urged me to take but I  
did not like to take them from  
him & could not well carry them.  
I got now light on the Ke' Kwan  
case - the man who is after  
the dollar owes it to the lumber  
dealer - he had refused to pay  
it because it would necessitate  
his paying out what the fami-  
ly had subscribed - & told the dealer  
the church owes it. L. H. suggest  
we go & have him call the lum-

for-dealer & the head man of <sup>86</sup>  
the village & have the case  
ventilated, then if the dealer  
has a claim & the man will  
not pay it I presume the lumber-  
dealer should be paid - I have al-  
so learned that Jah. Han-Lan's  
2<sup>nd</sup> son is "Head-man" of the village.  
After the father became a Christian  
the heathens ceased to take their  
cases to him & they of late years  
have gotten into trouble with their  
neighbors & have sought alliance  
with their Christian neighbors  
& made Jah head-man.

8.30 P.M. - we reached Kwei Si  
at about 4 o'clock - I have been  
twice at chapel - the second time  
at evening worship - The old  
Bible Woman is ill has fever  
& has had an abscess on her face  
she is the second I have given  
quinine on this trip

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At the full moon the  
people "p'ai bi" = "worship  
rice". It being harvest time -  
They also do this in the 6<sup>th</sup> month.  
They have all sorts of demons  
I wonder they do not have a  
mosquito - demon; the pests  
are very bad now.

Tek. Sün said, as we passed a  
pair of villages - "Last year they  
were at war (lit. "mutually cut")  
this year make peace" - He ex-  
plained it arose from their  
idolatry. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. they  
fear about the idols - the Lân  
Sâ. But if they carry them  
beyond their own precincts the  
neighbors are afraid some evil  
influences will come from it.  
This was done there 5 or  
men killed in the 'prayer that fol-  
lowed. Tuesday Nov. 5 -  
A. Ngî got back from Kak Chih.

at about 7 o'clock with 88  
letters clean clothes, a piece of  
meat & other supplies. I got  
down at once to read Clara's  
letter & my mail which come  
per "Gaelic" - Clara has been  
very busy & rather over-tired -  
but had found time to write me  
very fully all that had gone  
on - she thinks I will be  
needed at the Compound after  
the Dr's arrival, till Miss J.  
goes, so I decided at once to  
make the Kan. train trip to-day.  
Saw for chain, had J.S. roast  
the meat, & upon the articles  
needed for a 4 days trip & after  
arranging Ling Heng's work for  
the time & for him to meet  
me at "Hie" - Sua" Thaw Thaw.  
We started at 10 - a.m. The day  
has been perfect - cool & cloudy.  
We stopped occasionally by the

way I had some opportunities<sup>89-</sup>  
to talk with the people, sold  
& gave away a few leaflets -

One new larger grave by the  
roadside proved a good pulpit.

We reached here before 4 o'clock  
& I had a talk with A-Khing  
about the state of affairs  
here & took a nap. We had  
worship in the evening. read  
in Acts - the first Sunday School  
lesson. the old man seems to  
have become impressed with  
the S. school idea. He told

me that Mia-thai (the bro.  
who was scheming to get a  
wife by having her at the  
Roman's house last August -  
whose scheme we were obliged  
to interfere with) has at last  
wooed his mother-in-law  
won his bride for 7000  
or thereabouts. The Prince had  
issued a proclamation that

wins were not to be too 90  
dear. Hence the owners did not  
dare to demand too much. I  
am sincerely glad & Clara will  
be also to know that the girl is  
not to be disposed of to a heathen  
& that the bro. is to have so prom-  
ising a wife. She may not be very  
happy as the mother-in-law keeps  
her child - a boy 3 or 4 yrs. old -  
to bring up. Wednesday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

This forenoon I went to Kho-Lung  
(name on map) & found Long-Peh had  
gone to Kakechich to pay his res-  
pects to Miss Fielder. But we  
had a large audience in  
front of his house. who stood  
a great deal, listened some and  
bought a few cash worth of  
books & leaflets. An old man  
came into the house and told  
ed who had heard of her  
at the hospital in Swatow.  
We had audience also at other

places. This afternoon we<sup>91</sup>  
went to Sim. We visited the E. P.  
Chapel school & an old brother, the  
one who was so rabid here last  
Winter. He was at home and in good  
humor. The E. P. teacher was  
very pleasant. Had the children  
sing & one of the boys read Roman-  
ized for me. One of the best mem-  
bers here has been with us all  
day - a man 66 yrs old - straight  
as an arrow sinewy & strong. a  
little gray but vigorous looking.  
he has some 30 odd discen-  
dants but I believe they are  
not any of them in the church.  
He is much distressed because  
one of his sons has just gone  
to foreign parts. Possibly his  
wife or a daughter-in-law  
may come and read.

I have walked 10 or 11 miles  
& stood on my feet quite a  
little to-day but am feeling  
fresh & well.

Thursday - Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 92

This A. M. - I had a collision with the "manager" of the Chain business. Last evening he met us on the road & wanted extra pay said last yr. he had 800 cash & must have over a thousand now because it was harvest time. Finally he got down to 900 & I finally took the advice of the br in & said I would this time pay 100 Cash Extra. It proved that last yr's price was only 700 - so I refused to pay him for his lie. O. he said "if you do not pay me I shall have to pawn my jacket to pay these coolies for I have agreed to pay them extra." I told him I did not believe any such story, he was trying to

be "funny" & he need not <sup>93</sup>  
paw his jacket. If he did  
not wish to carry me according  
to the true agreement I would  
walk, which settled the case.  
As it was, I walked quite a  
distance besides climbing  
& descending the high hill  
- mountain - which Clara & I  
crossed last Winter. The day  
has again been cloudy so I  
have not rubbed from heat.  
The view from the mountain  
side is beautiful - a wide  
spreading plain dotted with  
villages but almost covered  
with yellow ripening grain -  
with here and there patches  
of tall sugar cane or gardens  
of vegetables & showing lines  
of green where the little  
ridges that divide the fields

are to be seen between the 94  
plots sown with rice - These  
are always in curved lines,  
& often graceful curves, giving  
the landscape a peculiar charm  
which is never gained at home.  
The Aesthetics of heathenism,  
are not wanting here as in  
other places & other times -  
they have not been - I had  
some opportunities to talk by  
the way & "K. Sim" exercised  
his gift" to good effect.  
Mr. <sup>may</sup> get a preacher out of him  
yet. This afternoon I lay  
down after a late tiffin &  
slept heavily. did not "turn out"  
till 5. These days of travelling  
& work of various kinds have fit-  
ted me for enjoying a half-day  
of rest. I talked with L. H.  
about a sermon for Sunday

Since Supper L. H. J. S. 95  
Sia" a bro. here the Bible Women  
& an old sister who lives here  
have been talking outside the  
door. Just now they are listening  
to L. H.'s remarks about the  
doings of Catholics. I was much  
amused by his remarks about his  
father mother's joining the Ch.  
He said - "My mother could not  
say anything at home - & she said  
many many words - but she went  
to Kak Chik to be questioned &  
was admitted first time. He  
had to go 4 times. This made  
the neighbors laugh - & all  
she said was correct." The  
Deacon is such an endless  
talker the story is one we can  
relish here. Tomorrow I plan  
to go on a tour of pastoral visit-  
ation - There is a possibility of  
one or two to be baptized Sunday.

no say by the way in 96  
coming a woman worshipping.  
Kneeling on a stool before a table  
with an incense shrine & some  
offerings of sugar &c thrown.  
a sad sight.

Friday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

started a little after 8 - for  
a distant village - on the way  
called at 4 or 5 - houses at Chui-  
che - a village close by. met a  
young man who I hope will  
apply for baptism - possibly  
one or two more will also apply.  
Our sister told our guide con-  
fidentially that the pig had  
died & the next day they were  
going to try (lit. to catch) a  
new one to raise & wouldn't  
the teacher pray that this  
venture & the pig might be  
blest, ? - L. H. did very well

in putting this into his 97  
prayer. They take their re-  
ligion into daily matters or daily  
matters into religion - & the pig  
is an important factor in the  
domestic problem - One of the  
oldest Bible-women - A. M. M.  
Ché accompanied us. The day  
was warm & the way long - some  
5-miles I should say - at our place  
nearly half a village came  
out to ~~side~~ see the stranger.  
We reached the village of  
Bua-Chieb-Khe" at noon &  
went to an Ancestral Hall where  
a school is kept by a young  
man who had been at the  
Swatow hospital - is a relation  
of our members at the village -  
He was very hospitable & made tea  
for us. At least 75 at a time  
were in the rooms staying at us.  
L. H. had a lovely disputation

with a glib-tongued heathen<sup>98</sup>  
who thought he was "smart" and  
asked sharp questions to turn the  
laugh on the preacher. But the  
joy stood his ground well did  
not get impatient & held his  
own till the enemy must go to  
eat. Khaw-Che' a sister who  
has suffered much persecution  
then came in & soon brought in  
a dish of rice pork vegetables  
& took some eggs to boil.  
The crowd gathered to see the  
animal feed. I managed to  
make a comfortable meal of  
head & butter dried beef - 2 eggs.  
etc. We then went to call on two  
families & to look at a room  
they want to buy as a chapel.  
I greatly enjoyed a drink  
of water from a well in the  
village. it was clear & pure  
as spring water. At the  
Ancestral Hall we met the head-  
man of the village an uncle

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of the sister aforesaid who  
had been the author of her per-  
secutions. But now is better dis-  
posed. He is the most scholar-  
ly heathen I have met & he  
had a long talk with him.  
In his expressed views he is  
certainly "not far from the King-  
dom". But it seemed as if he  
was more anxious to quote  
Carpenter & remains than to hear  
"the doctrine". No hope he may  
yet accept the truth.

We reached the chapel at  
a little before 6 - I made a  
supper of about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a roasted  
chicken & 2 goodly slices of toast  
& a saucer of oatmeal & jam.  
There was ready for the walk  
to the boat by moonlight. It  
was a lovely night. I passed  
one man working his field &  
a few more near the city but  
had the walk to myself.

The feathery bamboos 100  
were beautiful by moonlight.  
The two boys enlivened the  
way by singing much of the  
time. It was quite cheering  
to see these two, born among  
all the superstitions of this  
land, out walking at night time  
singing the tunes I have heard  
at home so long - "Nothing  
but the blood of Jesus" - "Precious  
Jewels" - "Safe in the Arms of Jesus"  
Have an added force & beauty in  
scenes like these. This walk  
with the previous one made fully  
14 miles for the day - my feet  
burned somewhat but soaking in  
water & a wet compress set them  
right - L. H. said he was "Hit  
it" "tired-death" - I felt quite  
well most some time -

Saturday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>  
In the boat all day - in the  
forenoon helped L. H. on his

sermon for Sunday & talked <sup>101</sup>  
on church affairs - getting at some  
valuable facts & deciding some mat-  
ters for the next fortnight. A  
great many children & some men  
have been at the boat windows  
with several I have talked & had  
quite a little. I have written  
this journal up for yesterday & to-  
day. Going to the Chapel an  
old man invited me to his house  
where I had a talk with a young  
man who seemed to believe the  
doctrine to be true but was afraid  
to accept it, lest he should be  
wearing fancy paper  
ornaments which I afterwards  
found were used for the dead.  
From the chapel we heard  
a lot of invited mourners  
wailing & weeping at a house  
where some one had died.

Sunday Nov. 10 - 102

Cooler last night. To-day  
I have been at chapel al-  
most all the time - a good  
attendance some from 7 or 8 miles  
away - L.H. preached from Luke  
IX: 2 - & also spoke briefly in the  
P.M. from Heb. IX: 1-4.

There were no baptisms some  
want to go to Kak Chick &  
some were not quite well -

I have dispensed my whole  
stock of quinine gave 2 doses  
also some cough medicine &c.  
The 3 from Bua. Chick - Khe  
were here full of the chapel  
project & kept me an hour  
at home discussing it: their  
zeal is refreshing: We had  
Communion from 2 till 3 -  
including L.H.'s remarks -  
Very cool this evening - We  
start at 8 o'g by moonlight for Si. B. P. H. in

Tuesday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

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I woke at Si-Bé-Phou. This morning. After evening worship at the chapel we set sail at 8 A.M. I stayed out on deck most of the time till we reached the branch stream. but got a good night's rest. At 8-40 this A.M. we started for K<sup>h</sup> Khain. it was between 7 & 8 miles as we went. Fortunately the day had been cool & we did not get heated. I wore a thin suit & a sun hat & smoked glasses & carried an umbrella covered with white cloth so was fairly protected. We had some opportunities to talk with people by the way especially on the way back. At 11.30 we reached K. K. & soon dispatched a man for the lumber dealer 4 miles away. They got back in 2 1/2

hours. His bill proved to be <sup>104</sup>75¢  
instead of \$1.50 or \$1.30 as the pastor  
had stated. This was paid in  
"Cash": he had not his "deal" with  
him so could not give a regular  
receipt but promised to bring one  
some other time. We gave him  
a leaflet & tract - had a hymn  
& prayer & set out at 3.30 P.M.

The sister at K.K. is worried  
over her children No. 1, a  
fairly good fellow member  
of the ch. has gone to foreign  
parts. No. 2 is "put-hair"  
"not filial" does not respect  
his parents - No. 3 is not do-  
ing well at school, &c.

On the way back which was  
by a more direct route so we  
reached her by 5-45 - inspected  
the remains of a sacked village  
30 or 40 years ago before  
Gen. Fung settled affairs

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How such villages were  
were frequent. The broken outer  
walls & the walls of the roof-  
less houses looked black &  
desolate in the midst of  
the peaceful cultivated fields.  
I wish I could report L.H.'s  
talk with an old man of 88 yrs.  
who had never heard the doc-  
trine - it was an excellent  
condensed "statement of doctrine"  
just so as to lead the old man  
to think about his soul's fu-  
ture & look to the savior for  
help & hope.

We are now (7.40) on the  
way to the bridge & I hope to-  
morrow at this time to be  
at home.

At Home - Tuesday - Nov. 12 -  
by 7.40 a.m. instead of P.M. as I  
had thought. The wind was favor-  
able & by just squeezing through

got under the bridge scraping <sup>106</sup>  
the roof of the boat bodily. then  
the wind was "abedient" & by 3:00 cl-  
we were at the landing place.  
I got up dressed put some  
things in order. eat a lunch. set  
out with L. H. - we walked across  
through the outskirts of the city be-  
fore sunrise & took a boat which  
brought us here in time for breakfast.  
Clara had expected me yesterday.  
Miss F. said she thought I  
would be here at breakfast - Louise  
Campbell was here having spent  
the night with Clara - I have  
been to call on Mr. P. who is  
not well enough to have much  
to do with the Chinese & has not  
attended any services since his  
return. All the others are well.  
Sian-Thong has been in and talked  
a long time about affairs in general  
framing some points on the state of things

Since from getting settled down  
 at home I did not accomplish much  
 the day after getting back from the  
 Country is always a broken one.  
 Mr. Elizaga, our kind host of  
 the light-house came at noon  
 & took a second tiffin with us at  
 our passing invitation. He for  
 dessert, <sup>had</sup> a sort of pancake -  
 very light & puffy - balls - fried  
 like doughnuts - these were  
 "like his mother's" & he enjoyed them  
 much. After dinner we sang  
 some gospel hymns he enjoyed  
 so much at the Cape. & Mr. T.  
 Mrs. Howell came & sang  
 quite a time for him, he  
 was delighted - it is a great  
 pleasure to see a man who  
 can enjoy simple things  
 so much. He was very

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heavily dressed & is gentlemanly in  
his manners. He can never  
forget the day we were at the  
Cape last summer - told Miss Fildes  
repeatedly it was - "such a happy  
day" - He wants to come over Sunday  
& hear the Chinese sing.

Wednesday Nov. 13/89 -

I gave the forenoon to finishing  
the contents of the pardon envelope  
mailed in the afternoon & the first  
of the afternoon to finishing prepara-  
tion for prayer meeting at  
Mr. Sidford's - read Lu x: 2 &  
spoke on prayer & the willing  
heart. It was a good meeting  
I think for a Union meeting  
they are likely to be stiff or to  
be discussions of mission. poli-  
ty. But several spoke very well -  
Mrs called upon the Norrells in

the early evening; their little girl has grown wonderfully is plump & hearty. I tried to study but was too sleepy.

Thursday Nov. 14 -

In the forenoon I had a variety of affairs to look after & did not get much studying done. Ling Hang was in & Clara helped me by translating to him from Dr. Howey's Church-Policy.

At noon the "Canton" from Hongkong was signalled. Mr. Howell & I went over to see if our party were aboard but they were not - the mail came with a letter for me from Father & one from Mother for Clara, both which much enjoyed - I also had some business notes from home & an enclosure from Dr. Ashmun. They did not know the "Canton" was coming

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till they had luggage passages  
per "Haitan" on Thursday - so we  
expect to see them to-morrow -  
In the afternoon I did what I  
could on the S. S. lesson - & a little  
more after supper - so got on  
quite well had a pleasant hour  
view Oct x:30-44 - Since  
then have been writing.

The weather is cool & am feel-  
ing quite well - I forgot to state  
while at Kan-Nam that the  
Chair - Cross wanted more cash  
for taking me to Hui-Sua<sup>th</sup> There  
because I was stouter than the  
last time I went.

Friday Nov. 15-

Cool - cold almost. I wore an over-  
coat in going to welcome Dr. A.  
Mrs. Scott & her son - who come  
per "Haitan" - It is very pleasant

to have the genial Dr. here - <sup>110</sup>  
We have been talking over mis-  
sion matters. I was quite horrified  
at first on finding that he is going  
off to India at once also to Siam  
& perhaps to Burma. So he will not  
be here at the next Communion.  
- Well so let it be - We can get  
a little from him anyway -

He goes to India, Siam & perhaps to  
Burma - on mission business -  
but will probably stop here on  
his return before going to Japan.

They had a rough passage. Mrs.  
Scott & her son were very sea sick.  
There were 20 Baptists on board  
the "Belgic" - a no. for Japan &  
several for the So. Board besides  
3 here - also 2 Presbyterians for Hong  
one or two Methodists & Edwin  
Arnold - the great one a tour around  
the world, he is going to India now.

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Saturday Nov. 16 -

Mrs. Lyall - Dr. Scott & Lewson  
took tiffin with us - we had a  
pleasant time - Dr. A. told some  
of his talk with Edwin Arnold.  
Who does not think Buddhism  
perfect after all - He said  
he would not give <sup>away</sup> me ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> sermon  
of the sermon on the mount for  
twenty ~~two~~ <sup>new</sup> poems like me of  
the Indian writing I forget the  
name - some celebrated Sanskrit poem  
& also that he would not give the  
Savior's Statement of the Golden Rule  
for 20 Upanishads - He told a  
story of a nephew who was an  
officer under Gen. Outram in the  
Sepoy Rebellion - in one battle  
was ordered to take his men  
& cut down a growth of bamboo -  
He worked at it awhile but it was  
slow thorny work the road off to the

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Gen told him he could not  
get those bamboos cut down till  
dark & it was further work-  
"Well," said the Gen'l, "what were  
your orders?" The young man  
rode back not much pleased at  
being out of action & so unpleasantly  
engaged, but he kept his men at  
it & finally at about 5 o'clock  
they cut through & could get at the  
enemy - but the fighting ceased  
& the victory was on their side.  
He went to the Gen'l's tent feeling  
decidedly out of humour & chafing  
that he had been detailed there  
all day - while others gained the  
fight. As he came in the Gen.  
said - "Well - I have just one bottle  
of beer left & that is for the man  
who helped me win this victory,  
it is for you." The young officer  
was taken aback & disclaimed the

honor. For," he said, "I have  
been cutting the bamboos all  
day" - "Just" said the Genl - "and  
the enemy had to detail 5000  
men to watch you. & I whipped  
the rest."

There was nothing else of special  
importance - Mr. Partridge was un-  
well & kept the house all day -

Sunday, Nov. 17 -

Cool & beautiful - We had a  
full chapel in the morning -  
Dr. Ashmun talked a few moments  
on the great advance in Japan  
He got quite worked up and  
spoke with great energy.

We had a fine school 10 &  
p.m. - all the services went  
off well - Dr. A. was much  
pleased - Mrs. Scott was in,  
but her son was not, he is feeling  
the effects of long sickness -

Monday Nov. 18 - 114

Coal again - I went to Swatow  
with H.A. He had some business  
there & I had some errands.

After dinner I got some men  
& set them at work for Mrs. Scott  
who is having the hospital clear-  
ed out so as to have a dispensing  
room. The afternoon evening hours  
been taken up with some misal-  
laneous writing & work of that sort.

We had an amusing scene at noon -  
A Chinaman in Swatow who has  
some "axe to grind" had sent over,  
a present to Dr. Ashmun - in the  
most approved Chinese fashion -  
His clerk came & sent up the man's  
Card - then two men bore a  
combination box - with two  
compartments & a sort of frame  
work about through a heavy bam-  
boo pole was passed for carrying.

The contents were - a large bunch of plantains hanging from the top bar - in the upper tray two fine wasters with feet tied together & a basket full of wild fowl - Below - half a doz. of beer. a large plate of eggs each with a fancy shape - lid of red paper pasted on it - also a huge round blue plate with 20 odd fine mandarins ~~and~~ oranges on it -

It is customary to take some of two kinds "for luck" & make a present of cash to the bears. It is the duty of the receiver to decline & of the giver to press everything upon him - It was very funny to see the Chinaman insist the Dr. A. S. L.'s take all the oranges & finally did get 26 of them

on his plate - He also took <sup>116</sup>  
a brace of wild ducks, & saw  
the men row east -

Tuesday Nov. 19 -

Harner - The days are much  
broken up by various calls -  
Just now some of the preachers are  
coming in - Monday old Fuikeh  
came in from Tangou - prospects  
there are brighter - a former mem-  
ber who returned to the Catholics  
has come back with some two  
of his family others is attending  
worshipping regularly. Ever since  
Chou Heng's dismissal they have  
been doing better -

Tues. P.M. Theng' came in  
a very good frame of mind  
We called on Dr. Layng this  
bride at 4 P.M. They have  
putty home now - She is a bon

nettle with large eyes - is <sup>117</sup>  
rather slender but a nice sensi-  
ble looking young lady -

Mr afterwards called on Mr &  
Mrs. Inglis. They have just re-  
turned from Canton - where they  
purchased many fine pieces  
of Embroidery - It can be  
bought at Paion shops -  
Elegant work it is -

After that Clara took some  
of my cards & called with Mrs.

Campbell at several other places  
which also pays my debts.

I come up & must look  
over Miss Childs goods  
that are set out in tempting array.  
There are not many things we want.  
But Mrs. Lyall has asked me  
to bid for her husband who is  
away. I also called a few  
moments on Mrs Scott's son.

Mr heard Mrs. A. M. that Mrs Parkley  
goes home by the Oceanic Dec 31<sup>st</sup> +  
so I shall be Museum + general running  
all the work while Dr A. is in the South  
+ elsewhere - + Clara must take the girls school  
in addition to all her other work - Fortunately  
by my own rather feeling quite well I hope to be  
able to carry the load -  
Sincerely  
John

No. heard Mr Partridge has decided <sup>118-</sup>  
definitely to go home & at 31<sup>st</sup> per  
"Oceanic" - which will leave me  
alone from that time till Dr. A  
returns from the South - Well  
we will trust that strength will  
be given to us to carry the bur-  
den - Wednesday Nov. 20 -

Warmer - I wrote quite a part  
of the forenoon & had many little  
interruptions - In the afternoon  
the steersman came with the  
report that Mr. Gibson had  
returned the boat he had  
borrowed with a hole in it.  
I found the boat had evidently  
struck a sharp stone & a break  
made in part of two streaks -  
Later Clara McKim & I  
went to Swanton had a pleasant call.

Dr. Ashmore led the evening <sup>119-</sup>  
meeting & spoke very finely.  
Thursday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> -

A beautiful day. I have done  
some work of preparation on my  
Sunday School lesson & have put  
part of it from Teachers meeting -  
had quite a good time - as far as  
care in speaking was concerned -  
the lesson is Acts XI: 19-30. After  
supper Dr. A. helped me about it  
somewhat. The day has been  
much broken as all the days  
are now - but by & by we hope  
these affairs will be settled  
soon & after all duties are trans-  
ferred to me I can get things  
in shape so as to plan my work  
& accomplish as much as is pos-  
sible - though I fear the work  
of treason & general disrespect  
is in my doing much in the language.

Friday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

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Clara & I planned to go to Swatow immediately after breakfast but rain prevented. I went later after getting my mail ready. I had several errands & did not get back till about 1 P.M. had tiffin & went to Miss Child's Auction & bought a few things for ourselves & one or two for Mrs. Lyall. Some things went at good prices, some ridiculously low & some at fair rates. It was very unfortunate that the day was rainy - few people came compared with what would have been here had the day been fair. We had a full prayer-meeting in the evening. Saturday. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> -

Saturday morning was largely taken up with discussing mission matters. I was again at the auction & bid on a lot of things - ran up the price of many articles that I did not buy.

I bought more than 121.  
I intended - but got useful arti-  
cles at a reasonable price & as  
we bought comparatively little  
when we "set up housekeeping"  
these are not superfluous -

Mrs. Lyall was over with a  
Miss Ackerman from "the States"  
a tall robust young lady who has  
been travelling about organizing  
Temperance Societies, is said to  
be a good speaker. There was  
a Mrs. Leavitt about some  
years ago who offended people  
very much - so that when  
that Miss A. reached Australia  
they would not hear to her having  
any audience. But she protested  
against this thus shutting  
her out openly & uncondemned -  
they were finally so much pleased  
as to pay her fare to China & return

Sunday Nov. 24 - 1877.

Dr. A. preached a fine sermon from Matt. XXIV: 14. We had expected Miss Ackerman to come over to English service & then spend the rest of the day with us. But she was feeling very tired & did not come. I went to the service - Mr. Mackenzie of the Hak-Ka mission preached a good sermon. But I think a man might write & deliver a great many such sermons without using up much of his reserve force. But he is a fine fellow & thoroughly sincere I think. We had 1.18 at Sunday School. Dr. A. took the preachers & teachers in our class. I felt very tired at night.

Monday Nov. 25 -

Dr. A. had a class at 10 o'clock which Messrs. Campbell & Howell attended. He spoke especially

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on the need of the Holy Spirit  
Conditions of attaining the ~~of~~ danger  
of grieving the Holy Spirit's pres-  
ence. I felt Mondayish

all day & did not accomplish  
much - we spent the evening  
with the Howells - We are liking  
Mrs. Scott very much - she is taking  
care of Mr. Partridge, who is not  
improving at all rather getting  
weaker - Mrs. S. & her son go  
into the P.'s house & take all  
their goods right over to use  
& will take two of their servants  
& our of Miss F.'s - We are very  
glad they are to be in the  
Company - I hope the Howell  
will not go to the Country: if  
they are here I can go to the  
Country occasionally for a Sunday  
or possibly 2 or 3 days at a  
time.

Tuesday Nov. 26<sup>124</sup>

At 10 a.m. Dr. A. had the preachers together for a class. The rest of the day was chiefly given to consultations with the teachers & preachers regarding the state of things at the stations. Some favourable things are to be rejoiced over but the condition in general is not promising - a great need of pressing work on all sides. & with only one man it is impossible to do much; however Dr. A. will be here a part of the time and I will do what I can to help from day to day.

Miss Ackerman was here at afternoon tea. I spent the evening looking over Mr. Partidge's accounts & getting as much of an idea as I can of them. He cannot settle up his books so I must take what I can get & start new books.

Wednesday Nov. 27 - 125

A busy day. Before breakfast I put down stairs & finished amalgamating the zincs of my batteries. After breakfast & Chinese worship a young man teacher at Kit-Si<sup>u</sup> was waiting for me. As soon as he went two preachers came - then the mail came with a letter from Father & one from Mother in one envelope and a letter from C. S. Scott. All which I was very glad to get. Had no time to read carefully as Capt. Foxwell was here to rectify a mistake in a bill. Then we met in the Chapel & had a prayer-meeting with the preachers at 10 o'clock. After which a no. waited to speak about their work for the next weeks. Several I could not answer & made appointments for to-morrow. After coming home & attending to a few small matters I went to Mr. P.'s and

arranged for transfer of funds - <sup>726</sup> -  
turned to Liffin got ready to go to Swa-  
ton at 2 P.M. Had a talk with  
another preacher at 1-30.

Dr Swaton is now disappointed  
found the business houses (European)  
all closed - A gunboat came  
in last evening & to-day cricket  
match is in progress -

Had some shopping and the  
ladies went calling all meeting finally  
at the other mission. This even-  
ing I have done a little writing  
various small matters must have  
a talk with Dr. A. before turning.  
Mr. P. is better, slept 5 hours  
last night - Thursday Nov. 28 -

Another busy day = Before 10-30  
I saw two of the young men &  
arranged for their work for a  
month & talked with Chliang  
Sun about his work - My first  
plan was for him to go to the  
his city for 10 days or 20 & then

return here, but he said some  
 of the men who wish to study  
 are here, so we planned for  
 the Elder & Thing-di to go  
 out & examine the schools  
 so he could stay here and  
 devote himself to the class.  
 He pretended to like this, but  
 I am not sure that he did -  
 but whether or no he graciously  
 assented. At 10-30 I went  
 to Swatow did several errands  
 & got my life started at  
 Bradley Co's who do some  
 banking business -

In the afternoon I did  
 not do very much besides con-  
 sulting with the Elder, occa-  
 sionally getting a word with  
 the doctor & a little writing.  
 In the evening we had prayer  
 meeting here led by Dr. A. a  
 Thanks giving service, which

We enjoyed so much Mr 128.  
agreed to meet again Friday  
evening after Chinese meeting -  
Miss Fowler spoke very well  
& feelingly of her Experience &  
her thoughts regarding the work.

Friday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

At 10. a.m we went to the  
Students Class. Dr. A. started  
them off - giving a talk on  
the nature of the Bible & the  
honors of God - then called on  
them to stand up and give  
an account of the creation &c.  
They did quite well - I shall  
follow his general method -  
During the day I went over  
my acct with Mr. P. again  
saw him a little time at  
5-30. got his initials on my  
receipt. We had a good

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Chinese meeting & a pleasant  
time afterwards at Mr. N.'s -  
The Dr. set forth his views about  
some matters at home with  
his accustomed vigor -

Went out on the veranda at  
his request & had a Sing. Mr.  
& Mrs. Howell sang the "Trundle  
bed" song which the Dr. liked  
very much. Howell sang  
"Showers of Blessing" & "God  
be with you till we meet again".  
& the Dr. led in prayer before  
we separated. Miss Field's  
lectures in China - unless  
her plans should be changed.

Saturday Nov. 30 -

There was a great deal going on  
in the forenoon while the last  
things were being done before  
leaving. In the odd moments  
Dr. A. was busy on an article for

some home paper in which <sup>130</sup>  
he pitches into the notion  
that America is the center of  
the Earth - The Campbells  
& Shovells took tiffin with  
us & afterwards Mr. N. Clark  
I went to the "Hawaii" to see them  
off. We returned & worked on  
my S. S. lesson for Teacher's meet-  
ing in the evening - which passed  
off smoothly -

Sunday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> -

The Elder preached on Sunday  
from Rom. V: 18 & 9. (a part of my  
time Saturday was consumed in  
going over his sermon with him)  
We had over 100 at the School  
The day was cool & comfortable.

I tried to rest as much as possible.

Monday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

My first hour with the  
Student's class - & a pleasant one.

I reviewed what Dr. A. had given them, used the black-board & got on quite well - There are but 3 men in yet but they are good men & seem in earnest to learn. We shall probably have more soon.

I felt a bit Mondayish & did not accomplish very much except to confer with Mr. P. I do some odd jobs at home, am gradually getting my work into shape. Mr. P. is so much better he will have nearly all his acct's closed up & can hand over nearly all the various sundry matters he has in his care. Tuesday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> -

Another pleasant hour with the class - we are taking a chapter of Genesis a day - They read it & also learn it as they can "stand up & preach" the substance of the chapter, Dr. A.'s plan.

The day was taken up  
 by vain work, preparing  
 for class, doing a little maps  
 &c. We took supper with the  
 Campbells & enjoyed their hospital-  
 ity. ~~Thursday~~ <sup>Wednesday</sup> Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> -

During the day Mr. Campbell  
 called with a Mr. Egger an  
 Englishman - one of the United  
 Brethren. But a good Christian  
 man who is going up with Mr.  
 C. He was for a time at the  
 Basle Mission but until  
 next autumn will stay at  
 Isikong Khan where Mr. C. is  
 head quarters as is. He wants  
 a "boy" till then was arranged  
 for Tek Sim to go with him  
 & come back whenever he  
 was needed here. Mr. E.  
 led an prayer meeting  
 speaking very well indeed show

ing great knowledge of the 133  
Bible & understanding of spirit-  
ual truth. He stayed with  
us over night & talked a long  
time before retiring on Biblical  
subjects. He is a little extreme  
in many points but carries  
many a reason for the faith that  
is in him. Thursday Dec. 5.

Immediately after breakfast & Mr.  
E.'s departure Mrs. Scott came  
in to settle or rather open an account  
with me as Treas'r. This kept  
me till I was late at class -  
Then Ji now came to see  
about some carpentry. I am going  
to use my Adams Hist. Chart  
in going over Green's - same  
having a frame made to clip  
over the blackboard -  
The day was quite cold - 50° at  
Mr. Campbell's - 55° here.

I got a little time in <sup>134</sup>  
the afternoon for my S. S.  
lesson in the P. M. and  
went to Teachers meeting in the  
evening. Mr. Campbell &  
Mr. Egger left in the forenoon.  
Mr. E. sent me a check for 7  
pounds asking if I would be  
his "banker" - so I have another  
acct to open -

Friday Dec. 6 -

Mail day - good home letters  
I used quite a part of the  
day in writing letters -  
Prayer meeting in the evening.  
The weather a little warmer.  
No steamer for Hong Kong -

Saturday Dec 7 -

After breakfast & worship I  
went to Mr. P.'s to inquire  
of Dr. Scott if the Elders could

would prevent his going  
 away with me Sunday - finding  
 it probably would not I called  
 one of the students to act as  
 messenger to "Pi-Pi" where  
 we planned to go. He wanted  
 a letter so when Hui-Lin  
 the boys school-teacher came  
 up to get money for his weekly  
 settlement of fees in Swatow  
 I had him write a letter  
 & after he left I gave all the  
 time until 1:45 (after eating  
 dinner) to writing & preparing  
 photos. to send home.

At 1:45 Hui-Lin came to  
 talk over his sermon for Sun-  
 day & at 2 - Hui-Lin to see  
 about a drawing for the  
 Sunday School - he also got  
 a paper for prizes to be given  
 to scholars in the country  
 schools - At 2:30 we got to

the boat - All the school <sup>136</sup>  
Children & women's class, preaching  
teachers, some of the Rev. ants and  
Ji-hin came down to see  
Mr. & Mrs. P. Off. Mr. & Mrs.  
Novell, nurse Yeaby, Mrs. Camp-  
bell - Mrs. Scott & son, Clara &  
went with them to the steamer  
Dr. & Mrs. Lyall, Mrs. Gibson,  
Mr. & Mrs. Paton & Mr. H. Mac-  
Kenzie came on board.  
Fortunately they had the "Hai-  
tan" which came up from  
Hong Kong & went back the  
same day - We waited some  
time & our boat went to the  
other mission taking Mr. & Mrs.  
Kenzie & Mrs. Gibson back  
while the rest of our party -  
(Dr. S. & son & Mrs. Campbell) went  
with the E. P. boat to Kalkin-  
ch. Mr. Novell went to Hong-  
Kong for a week's trip.  
We decided to start back

1.30. but the boatmen <sup>137</sup>  
had all gone to water to my  
things: so I hired two men  
took the steering over myself  
& got back in about half an  
hour. plenty of good exercise.

Sunday - Dec. 8 -

On the way to 1<sup>st</sup> - Pi:  
We started at 7.30 & had a per-  
fectly smooth bay - soon  
gone about half a mile over  
the mud - a piece of stupidity  
on the part of the boatmen for if  
they had gone a few rods further  
we might have entered a creek  
& saved half-a-mile walk  
beside - We walked fully an  
hour & a half it was very  
warm. I was dressed rather more  
thinly than in July at home & was  
a sun. but beside carrying an  
umbrella, but was not with per-  
spiration when we reached the Chapel

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There was no very special  
interest in the services except the  
presence of one "outside man" who  
seemed to capture the doctrine &  
occasionally expressed his approval  
audibly - The Chapel is in a  
dreadfully tumbled down dirt state  
but I hope they may do something  
soon toward repairing it -

The Bible-Woman Gueh-ling  
("moon-light") has been there for  
some time & I was glad to see there  
were several women who come  
in to hear & see - She was speak-  
ing to me about church-matters  
& began to ask me to pray for  
her daughter & son-in-law  
at Tang-an. I said that  
Nguan-thau this family had  
come back twice regularly  
attending chapel - The poor old  
soul was quite overwhelmed &  
thanked the Lord most devoutly

said - "The Lord has heard my <sup>139</sup>  
prayers" - wanted to tell me how  
she cried a day & a night when  
the trouble & expulsion of members  
occurred before.

We only walked 2 or 3 miles  
back to the boat as the men  
moved nears at high water.

The wind also was quite high  
and "dead-ahead" - so we were  
3 hours coming about 9 or 10 miles

I lay down in the bottom of the  
boat & slept fully an hour.

It was 6.30 when I reached  
home. Found that Clara had  
passed the day comfortably.

had been organist at both  
services & taught a good sized  
S.S. Class. but had taken the  
day easily & did not seem over  
tired.

Monday in the evening  
we went to Dr. Scott's for a little  
time as I had an errand there  
she showed us a number of

pictures of people & places <sup>140</sup>  
in America & also in India. Among  
them one of Mr. S.'s grave which  
showed, another pit he gave it  
she believed was Mr. S.'s grave.

Monday - Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> -

Cooler to-day - I went to class  
& was there an hour & a half.  
also wrote a letter to Dr. Ashmore  
but that is about all I have  
done to-day - feel a bit Monday  
ish - hope to-morrow to get  
at work & be able to do a good  
man's work - In for Saty -

Tuesday - Dec. 10 -

I had an enjoyable hour with  
the class over the 8<sup>th</sup> of Genesis.  
They prepare the chapter so as to  
recite its substance as practice  
in preaching & they give it quite  
fully. Then I ask questions make  
suggestions & ask them if they  
have any questions to propose.

do discuss any prophetic or typical points especially such as relate to establishment of sacrifices or to any subject related to Gods government of man.

It is rather a strain on my vocabulary to compass five points of theology or broad views of History but in language to make them understand in some way. In the afternoon Hak-

Ji was in & I read some Chinese also had a talk with him about Electricity & its uses at home.

Mr. Wren invited to Mrs. Lyalls to take supper. Mrs. S. & son Clara & I went over & had a nice social evening. They have such a large force over there - it makes one feel al.

most jealous -

There is Mr. Gibson who has  
 been out 12 or more years & Mr. Mac-  
 Kenzie who was one of the first  
 to come & Mr. MacLagan now  
 in his second year besides Mr.  
 Paton now beginning his second  
 term of service as conductor of  
 schools & two physicians -  
 Soon Mr. Smith & his wife will  
 be back. (he was one of the founders  
 of the mission) & Mr. Duffus will  
 be back in January. There then  
 are 3 single ladies & the 4  
 married ladies to attend to  
 Bible women, girls schools &  
 women - patients in the hospital.  
 Something of a contrast.  
 We had a beautiful sail back  
 in the moonlight - only 13 min-  
 utes from pier to pier -  
 Wednesday Dec 11  
 Another day with class in the

Morning & sundry labors during the day. Getting ready for daily class & weekly teacher meeting. Keeping run of all the sundries amounts to considerable.

I went to the Students house at the time I reserved for exercise & was met by a brother from Khek-Khoi who has a "case" he wanted me to help him in but I told him I could not take it to the Consul.

We invited the rest of the mission to tea - Mrs. Scott (son) Mrs. Campbell & Mrs. Norvell - (of E. P. Mission) Mr. Campbell & Mr. Norvell in both away. After tea we had music. Young Scott plays the Cornet. Has a fine instrument & is no mean player. He plays

more softly than most <sup>144</sup>  
musicians so the music  
with my little organ was  
not too loud for the parlor.

We all enjoyed it extremely.  
It had as pleasant an evening  
as we have enjoyed in China.  
We missed Mr. Nowell's  
but hope to have him again.

Thursday Dec. 12 -

I am just back from Pack-  
er's meeting - lesson in Acts -  
XIII: 13-16 & 42-52 - I took

down my taleth to show  
them which interested them.

The room has been quite  
filled with the contents of  
Clara's box from home which  
came to-day - lots of nice  
things - clothes, cloth of various  
kinds, silverware, fancy articles

Millinery, games &c. &c. 145  
Among them a beautiful set  
of fruit Knives in plush case,  
table Knives, forks & spoons.

A game of Logomachy also  
was included. I am very  
glad for Clara's sake she has  
all these things now for she has  
been worrying about them.  
She was visiting Mrs. Campbell  
when this box & Mrs. C's barrel  
of goods both came. to their  
great delight.

Friday Dec. 13-

Just back from meeting.  
A very good meeting. En-  
joyed it more than any since  
I have been in China - any  
Chinese meeting. Last evening  
we dwelt on the fact that  
the disciples rejoiced though per-  
secuted - the importance of joy

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in Christian life & Christian work.  
So to-night I again read  
Phil. IV: 4-7 - & spoke very well  
on the needlessness of anxiety, the  
cause we have for joy & the ful-  
ness of God's blessing. It was  
really refreshing & the whole  
meeting was persuaded with  
a deeper spirit than is common.  
One of the preachers who "resigned"  
last mo. was present I had  
an idea he would like to  
come back from the tenor  
of his remarks.

This has been a chilly, raw  
day. Clara has not been very  
well & I have insisted on her  
keeping quiet. She expected  
to lead the women's & girls  
prayer-meeting, but prepared

a Bible-reading for Toa-Peh  
 he teacher to use in leading  
 the meeting. I had a good  
 time with my class this morn-  
 ing & suggested that two of them  
 go to "T'ie-Li" (Chao Yang) Sunday  
 but after class they came up  
 to say that they neither of  
 them had ever been there & had  
 never preached & they had thought  
 it might be well if one of them  
 went with Chhiang-Sui to Fat-  
 than-Pow (No. mt of Cape of Good  
 Hope on map) & A-K'gin could  
 go with the other to "T'ie-Li"  
 which suits me well. I have  
 not done much work or studying  
 feel that I must take things  
 easily for a day or two, took a  
 nap, had a little exercise & am  
 feeling well now.