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Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1890

This vol. begins with peculiar ex-  
periences. Being in danger of perish-  
ing in the sea if not held fast.

We are on a packet bound for

Tang-Ling. & am taking the out-  
side route. Return Nansha & the  
Shan. Our boat could not get

above Bue-Khai last night until  
high water & the steersman did

not know when we would get to  
Chung-Lin. so we began to look

about for other conveyance. &  
began to think the case hopeless

unless the Lord opened some  
way for us when this boat pass-

ed. Found I presumed for Hin-  
Siá. But when they said Tang

Ling. we opened negotiations &  
closed them agreeing to pay them

1000 cash - too much but it  
seemed the best way out. So

we promptly transferred bag - 2  
guns & the "Cuisine" to this craft  
which is large & has a good  
bit of deck covers with matting  
fair protection & good ventilation  
which latter is needed as two or three  
smoke opium & the crew sleep all  
about as at night. It is very cool  
& we have rested well. This  
morning I studied Chinese some  
time & have had some in the

Life & Works of Andrew Fuller.  
Mr. Allum kindly sent me a set  
of the above. I presume they were  
in the Club-library not suited  
to the needs of the members.

We have a strong East wind &  
choppy sea. The teacher has suc-  
cumbed & is lying down - We  
shall probably be knocking about  
an hour or two longer - Then on  
8 Chinese boatmen besides the steers-  
man - quite young men

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Last evening we discussed the  
doctrine" till a late hour. Poi  
Sin-se" has learned a great deal  
of Scripture already & shows a good  
disposition to improve opportunities.

The two elderly men, one the  
"boat-lord" & the other an old sin-  
ner who has been to Anam, an  
dron in the cabin or hold astern  
most of the time. The former is a  
pleasant little man who does not  
seem to believe in idol-worship  
much. & I think would like to  
give up opium. He was reading  
a tract this A.M.

Wednesday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

At Chug Sim chapel - in a  
nice little room, about 9x12 ft.  
with table, chair stool & cup-  
board. & a small bed room  
adjoining. This is about  
the most spacious chapel

We have had large rooms  
& a no. of small ones - This  
"suite" is at one side with  
an area in front. a piazza  
& on one hand a bathhouse &  
on the other a little place filled  
with water & <sup>and</sup> imitation of a "rockery"  
above - The Elder is living  
here at present. We reached Tang  
Ling last evening & could not get  
a boat for Ung-King, so came  
here just after dark. I found  
the Elder here to my surprise -  
The bin had met him at  
E-che Sunday & several of the  
older bin with him advised  
them to go back if the people  
threatened further trouble to  
put in a plea to the local  
magistrate. In which they gave  
a form, a rough draft.

This we have had written  
out more fully & sent up to them  
by A-Cham, who has been work-  
ing as colporteur in that region.  
He will also get me the names of  
the parties who made trouble  
before, the name of the village &  
the substance of the edict posted  
up therein. This forenoon we called  
on two old sisters of the Church  
& Heng-Peh, who was baptized  
by Dr. Dean in Siam 52 yrs.  
ago. The old man is now 82-  
but his "eye is not dim". Tho'  
his natural force has abated,  
he has given \$500<sup>00</sup> to the Church  
which is of interest. He made  
money in Siam & though he is  
miserly in his own expenditure,  
he has been generous to the Church.  
He seems a simple-hearted gen-  
erous blessing.

The cook, (Bak-Kui, Mr. <sup>6-</sup>  
Normalls cook is my assistant  
on this trip) has been on the  
English passage on the same boat  
we came up on. We expect to  
reach Swatow to-morrow after  
tiffin Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> -

On the "packet" again, near  
Swatow - sailing fast with wind  
abram. This time there are a  
no. of passengers, two of them  
bound for Hong Kong - some kind  
of quacks I do not know just  
what. We have had several talks  
with them & silenced them, tho'  
I fear they have not seen much  
impressed with the truth. It is  
certain tho' they have had a  
chance to hear considerable of  
the truth & I hope that Sa-  
Tan will not get all the seed.

It is not the pleasantest way of living, though having paid a larger passage-money I have more room than the others. But it is a good thing to give one a better knowledge of the people & what the Christians have to bear in standing out as adherents of a foreign & spiritual religion - While I am writing, the old "boat-land" is telling a story at the expense of some local gods. He has a book on morality written by a native of this region, which they have been examining & expounding. He is hard old sinner, I judge, though child-like & bland in appearance. I have managed to do some reading & to get some preparatory work done for next week.

Yesterday before the boat 8-  
left I went with A. M. who  
has been selling books for  
the A. B. Socy & sold a lot of  
books & leaflets in the streets  
near by. We reached Swatow

a little after noon. Left the cook  
to watch the goods while we  
came to the Compound to send  
our boat back after them. I  
found the boat had gone to Swa-  
tow to get a lot of "Pain Killers"  
that had been lying there since  
June last. It was directed to  
Mr. Scott & they did not know  
who he was & apparently took  
little pains to find out.

Later the boat ret'd & went  
after the goods. I found Clara  
& the baby well & that they had

done a great deal towards  
preparing the house for the new-  
Comers - Friday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> -

I was busy all day with tak-  
ing reports from the men who  
had come in, looking after mat-  
ters in the Compound, starting out  
two young men who are to go  
to Chao Chow Fu to sell books  
& preach during the examination,  
studying for the lessons of  
Communion week &c.

Saturday. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

Another busy day. of the same  
sort varied by settling your account  
with Dr. Carlin & Mr. Howell &  
going with them to Swatow.  
Mr. H. is quite himself again.

I read the Watchman in the<sup>10</sup>  
evening being too tired for any-  
thing else - was much interested  
in West Small's rebuke to the  
Watchman & the latter's editorial.

There is much to be said on  
either side but danger of mu-  
tual misunderstanding - It seems  
to me the important point is whether  
our takes the Bible as his starting  
point, makes that his base of sup-  
plies & endeavors to apply its  
truths to daily needs & "high  
thinking", or whether our uses the  
pulpit as a lecture desk  
to proclaim scientific deduc-  
tions not inconsistent with Scrip-  
ture: probably neither of these  
parties would take extreme ground  
on the subject but there is  
certainly reason for deploring pul-

pit divorce from a Biblical  
Foundation - Churches & Christians  
are built up or ruined by Bible  
doctrines - practically preached of course,  
but revealed truth rightly & fer-  
vently expounded.

Sunday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

a beautiful day - We have had  
good services - Hak Jii preach-  
ed well this a.m. from John  
XI:25 - a good text for a  
heathen feast day & he treated  
it well, showing the wrong of hea-  
then worship; he told of some  
very wicked infidel who at last  
confessed his sins but that it  
was too late for him to repent.  
& told it effectively - Ji Non  
was present & a few other  
"world's people."

We had a good Sunday school  
larger than for some time.

We finished II Peter. had last  
Sunday's blackboard exercise re-  
peated & also I drew a large  
Cash on the board I had the  
characters written in - they  
have the Emperors name & two  
characters thoug meaning universal  
& pro meaning precious -

This is good for buying  
this world's goods - but will  
be useless in the last day -

One of our golden texts was  
"To you who believe this pre-  
cious" - He is "precious"  
everywhere & all things can  
comfort where money cannot  
avail at the last day.

After school we walked<sup>13</sup>  
down to Mrs. Campbell's. found  
she has been suffering from a  
sore eye: the baby got his  
finger in her eye during the night  
& it has been very painful -  
Monday - Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> -

This morning I took some re-  
ports from men who had been  
out over Sunday & worked with the  
Chinese teacher on matter for the  
week. Po-Heng was at Taugow  
says a young woman there yesterday  
was commanded by her father-in-  
law to worship the household gods.  
He threatened to turn her out of the  
house if she did not. She went  
to the chapel cried & told her troubles  
& they went intending to labor  
with the old man but he was  
not visible & did not dare face them.

He also says one of the best men<sup>14</sup> -  
there lost his son not long ago.  
He was not a professed believer but  
had listened to the doctrine &  
his father told him when he  
saw that he was not going to  
recover, "You may be saved now  
like the thief on the Cross if  
you put your trust in the Lord  
Jesus" - When the boy was dy-  
ing he cried out, "Bih-Sin-Se"  
Ts-Tiu-Peh, Ua ai" Kang nian  
Chio-pi Khui"!/ ("I will go with you")  
Bih-Sin-Se" was Hong-An who  
died here in August, he was for-  
merly teacher at Paugli - the other  
an old believer - I don't know when  
he died - This comforted the father's  
heart somewhat - His wife & moth-  
er are not believers - he has one  
son left - This P.M. I had an  
interview with Ling-uhang & settled

Ji non's account. We started<sup>15</sup>  
to go to the Island. But the waves  
were so high we turned back.  
met the C.P. mission boat  
going down & sent letters to  
people thereby. The baby has  
been very well & slept a good long  
time morning & afternoon. She  
got into a great frolic this even-  
ing & it was a long time be-  
fore she could be gotten to sleep.  
She is growing fast & is really a  
big fat baby - says "Papa" & "Ma  
ma" with great distinctness & em-  
phasis. When anything does  
not suit she cries out for "mam  
mam, mam" - with vigor.

Tuesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

Warmer than for some days.  
I have been busy but have  
taken things easily. - at 7 A.M.

a sermon by Ling Hung - one 16  
that would really be creditable  
to a student at home - After  
breakfast I went to arrange for  
a room where an invalid, just ar-  
rived, can stay till the hospital  
is open - also gave directions about  
repairing roads, talked with a bro. about  
the P.M. service, then met Po-  
Hung by appointment, He wants to  
borrow \$5000 to help buy a  
place back of his house that  
can be used as a place  
for meeting - by the beliver near  
by - Then Ling Hung & Hak-Jiu  
came to talk over school matters,  
& when that was over A. Toan  
("Number Four" as they call him)  
& I had to settle acct with  
him for the month. He has a  
large family & cannot stay in  
the class if he receives only

The usual "200 per. mo. so I shall"  
pay him now & have him go to  
Swatow 2 or 3 days in the week.  
After dinner I had the class at  
2 o'clock & they seemed to want  
to finish a no. of passages we  
were looking up & this I told  
them they might go. They stayed  
till 3-30 - Then Chai Ng stayed  
to talk over his sermon for to-mor-  
row - I wrestled hard to explain  
the meaning & figurative use of the  
name "Son of Consolation" but fear  
I did not succeed - At 4 - 1/2  
had prayer-meeting - This evening

a Khine ("Speed") was up after  
rubber on an errand & A-Khang  
came up to report & I settled his  
acct - Am going to bed -  
All on in & we shall have very  
busy days till the end of the week.

If the "Hailong" is in I shall  
go out, tho' not with any real hope  
of meeting Sr. A. & bride.

Wednesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

They did not come. The steamer  
came in late & I went out a  
little before 10 o'clock - The  
"Formosa" is due to-morrow so  
they may be in soon expect the  
mail - There is a strong wind  
& I fear it will be very rough.  
The "Formosa" is a light draft  
vessel & pitches & rolls badly -

This has been another  
busy day. 2 classes, 2 services  
& sundry consultations - This  
P.M. the women also came in.  
I took up - Matt XVIII: 15-20 -

A-Chow is back from Jian-  
Pheng. report a temporary truce

but the leather mean business & have prepared to beat  
stone the people if they do  
not give up. The people here  
are very much roused about it,  
& at the prayer-meeting to-night  
every one prayed for them or select-  
ed passages of Scripture regarding  
the case. The leader took  
Daniel III - the first speaker took  
Phil. I: 25-30. another - Matt XV  
: 14 - others. Phil IV: 6 & Acts III -  
and I Cor. XIII: 26 - They spoke very  
well, & prayed earnestly.

Dr. Consland & a Mr. Lammert  
from Singapore came in at the close  
of the meeting. Mr. L. is going  
to Amoy to study the dialect.

Thursday - Oct 2 -

No Hong-Kong Steamer to-day.  
The weather is colder & the best

Mind is very strong. 20

The day has passed quietly  
Sermon at 7 a.m. by the Elder.  
from Acts xx:27-28. At 9.45  
I sat with our bro. & had a few  
moments to myself before the  
morning lesson at 10 - we  
took up a no. of passages  
bearing on church discipline.

They wanted to consult with  
me about some matters. First  
about the Jiau Phing trouble,  
second about letting Hong An's  
family live in a house in the  
Compound & third about buy-  
ing a part of the house at Pou-  
Châm now used as a chapel.

Things not easily answered at  
once. Tho' the second is negative.

I am in great perplexity about

the Jiān-Péng case. It is  
is I feel sure, a real case of  
persecution & direct opposition  
to the Gospel. The Council, too,  
is ready to write the authorities  
about it. but what I ought  
to do is doubtful. Is it  
right to appeal through a  
foreign secular power to pro-  
tect these people - will the  
Church in China be built on  
a secure foundation if resort  
to such means? I am about  
decided not to take any steps  
in the case until Dr. A. N.  
turns. Because it was agreed  
that we would not use Chancel  
let it would not be fair  
to do anything of the kind with-  
out at least letting him know.  
After this meeting I settled

an account. & Afternoon. 22  
we came class at 2 - prayer-  
meeting at 4 - The first I  
put on the bin - heard what  
they had studied up as to how  
the church can be prosperous.  
They made very good selections.  
I led the prayer-meeting - took  
LUKE IX: 28 sq. ; it was a good  
meeting - Several expressed thank-  
fulness for God's mercies & there  
was a very good spirit in their  
prayer remarks -

Between the meetings I had  
two men to talk with - but  
got a little time to rest -

Friday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> -

A very rough trip to the boat  
this a.m. very high wind &  
sea. Leaving the ship the  
boy lost the boat-hook

Then an oar slipped & <sup>23</sup>  
they just barely caught it.  
Then my hat blew off -  
We got back safely. & this  
P. M. Mr. Horrell must own  
but had a small crew. &  
was obliged to return in a  
Chinese boat. ours waited till  
the wind subsided -

Air mail came & I was  
very glad to get two good  
letters from home - had  
also one from Mr. Getchell  
telling of Lizzie's death, very  
sad. But she has gone to  
her rest & reward. I wish  
Mr. G. & his son might come  
out as strong Christians -  
We had word from Dr. Ahmoo  
that they planned to take the

"Pernisular & Oriental Star" <sup>24</sup>  
from Kobe Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Also,  
we may see them by the  
middle of next week -

We had reports this a.m.  
at 10 o'clock - taking all  
in all there are quite a no.  
of new hearers & some believers.

After this I had 3 men & the  
steersman to talk with & settle  
some accts - After dinner

Came class for which I was oblig-  
ed to finish preparation - I  
gave a resume of Dr. Gordon's  
acc't of his 20 yrs. at Cham-  
ber St. also urged some points  
regarding the money question -

This evening I have to talk  
with several expect a busy day  
to-morrow -

Saturday. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - 25-

This morning we voted for two men to ordain + Hak-jit + A-Khong were chosen - H. J. seems afraid to assume the responsibility. But perhaps later will take it. I have been very busy settling accounts & consulting with Sumoy of the bin since breakfast. While I am writing Po-Hung is writing a note - I am going to loan him some money to help him buy a place for worship at his home. I hoped to have time to prepare for to-morrow but thus far have not & fear the rest of the day will be filled up. as we have business meeting at 2 P.M. & then an a great many things to Council about.

## Mobs Massacre Christian Natives.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 5.—Recently, at the close of a celebration of a Buddhist festival in the province of Sze-Chuen a number of organized mobs attacked several Christian villages, burning buildings and looting their contents. Twenty native Christians were killed and their bodies thrown into the river.

One thing followed another all day in the evening the Elder & one or two others were up here.

Sunday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> -

At 4 A.M. was the usual meeting for deciding on the candidates all four of whom were accepted - we had a short prayer meeting led by Elder Po. Sam -

After breakfast until 10 o'clock I was busy, had several calls from the preachers who had questions about sundry matters & spent a little time with Long Aug preparing a part of John XXI -

X The chapel was full & a good

clean, neatly-dressed bright<sup>27</sup>  
looking congregation too.

Mica-Am preached on Rom.  
XI: 12 - - I made a good sermon  
on hope - I followed with a  
few remarks on casting the net  
"on the right side of the ship." refer-  
red to our week's study of the Scriptures  
to find how we might help the  
Church to prosper - by following  
the Lord's directions - One point  
they found in their study was  
that Paul & Barnabas went about  
to strengthen the faith of their con-  
verts & directed the ordaining of  
Elders - How we had but one know  
it was the will of God to ordain  
these two men - A Khing  
was first - He came & knelt  
down before the congregation & Mr

Arnold, Po-San & I laid our hands on his head & Po-San offered prayer. Then Hak-Jui came forward. A-Khoing then stood with us & offered prayer.

As Hak-Jui rose he spoke a few words appropriately & with much feeling than these people usually exhibit - he expressed thankfulness to God & to the Church for the honor conferred on him & especially asked their prayers that he might have grace & wisdom to perform aright the duties devolving upon him. Each of the <sup>two</sup> other followed with similar words & similar requests.

It was not so elaborate as some ordinations but was a good service & marks a decided advance. For 2 yrs ago they attempted to have Elders

chosen & they preachers <sup>29.</sup>  
would not unite - there cer-  
tainly is greater harmony  
among them now than ever  
before since I have known them.

After this, I left to prepare  
for the baptism - which cer-  
vice passed off smoothly &  
I trust was impressive. A large  
no. were present. Between this  
& dinner I had time to prepare  
the Communion elements -

The two new Elders admin-  
istered the ordinance - Huk-jii  
spoke very well - on the parallel  
between the Paschal feast &  
this Lord's Supper - The Israelites  
were to eat the bread ~~dipped in~~  
the milk, bitter herbs that  
they might remember the bit-  
terness of their bondage.

we are to eat this bread 30  
remembering the bitterness which  
acquired for us. They eat the  
Paschal lamb whose blood  
was sprinkled on their door posts,  
saved them from the destroying  
angel. We drink this cup &  
remember the blood of Christ  
spilt for us.

There were 147 communio  
Cants & a good number of  
others present. One young  
man says he lives in Java.  
Heing was in Swatow on busi-  
ness & come over to worship.  
He has been in Formosa some  
time & heard there.

A lot of people were after  
me but when several of them  
were finished I got a good  
note. In the evening we  
had a good prayer & open  
air meeting.

Monday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - 31

Before breakfast I was out to look after the new building & sundry repairs - all day one thing followed another so I was very busy - We went to Swatow after breakfast & called at the Consuls, as Clara had a paper to sign in his presence relating to a house or houses left by her father which they wish to dispose of so as to benefit her mother. I also got my new passport -

In the P.M. arranged with the steersman to go & buy cloth for the new sails -

Clara felt quite tired out after the hard weeks work.

There was one thing Sunday  
 P.M. that interested me -  
 A-Ham, the first man I baptized,  
 nearly 2 yrs. ago, who is now  
 living at the Am. Poor Chapel,  
 said to me & another one or  
 two who were standing by -  
 "He answered me" - he has an  
 odd way of talking in brief &  
 disconnected clauses rather ex-  
 clamatory - "I was sitting  
 & thinking - well I wonder if after  
 all I can get to Heaven - & I  
 heard a voice say 'Tia-tieh oi'  
 ('Certainly - surely can') - a small-  
 small voice - God answered  
 me - Ah! I thought, this  
 is deathly strange - my body  
 was all of a tremble - but I  
 believed it." He is a stolid  
 appearing old man, but he

roused up in telling this. 33

Tuesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

Another busy day - looking after various sundry "affairs".

Early I looked after the Compound matter & at 9 a.m. opened the Students class - I had not found time to prepare anything - but recited 15 the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm & had them read vs. 41-57 & 89-112. noting down as they read the different blessings the Psalmist had gained by the Word. & pointed them out. telling them to prepare the same for the next day besides the lesson in I Samuel VI & to study the first part of the V<sup>th</sup> chapter for a text.

Clara also opened the girls school she has some large

girls that bid fair to <sup>34</sup>  
be troublesome if not checked  
so she proposes to rein them  
up at once. I managed to get  
time to post up my accounts -  
Wednesday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> -

The "Formosa" was due from  
Hong Kong but did not appear  
early so I could not go. Mrs  
Norvell & Carlina (the Carlina's  
came up from the Island  
Tuesday) went over to Swatow  
Expecting to call at the strait  
if she came in -

After dinner I got at my  
accounts again & called Ed-  
ward Scott to help me about  
some of the work he could do  
save me time - At 3 o'clock

I was just settling down<sup>35</sup>  
for an hour I hoped would  
be uninterrupted when a  
note came from Dr. Carlin  
saying he was suffering in-  
tensely from neuralgia of the  
teeth & would Mr. Howland  
take his place & lead the  
Union Prayer-meeting at the  
E. P. Mission at 4-30 -

M. N. could not so I must  
& fell back on Ps. 119 - which  
had served me so well at  
the Students class. I was  
feeling tired & not much  
like putting out extra effort  
but was obliged to get  
ready & go so far as ac-  
counts - I stopped by  
the "Lantern" just come in to

inquire after our expected <sup>36</sup>  
couple. But no couple -

The meeting was not lively  
but I had known "Liberty"  
that I anticipated & the  
time was fairly well taken  
up.

Thursday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> -

X The Student's class is very  
interesting & they seem to take  
an interest in the work. I  
give them a verse to think over  
for a text besides a passage to  
prepare for recitation & they do  
have ideas. From the  
passage in Ps. 119 - one  
of these arranged the ideas  
so as to get quite a full  
Christian Experience - beginning  
with being "quainted" moralistic

from sin - & closing with  
 full complete salvation -  
 & eternal praise in heaven -

I am going to get some of  
 them translated & sent home -

The men most of them in by  
 noon - I arranged for a prayer-  
 meeting with them in the even-  
 ing. Much of the afternoon  
 was taken up in looking after  
 the steersmen who were planning  
 the new sail - The women  
 are going to sew up the strips  
 & have a sail-maker called  
 to finish it -

By 4 o'clock after getting  
 preparations made for going  
 away Friday I began to feel  
 about used up - I had to take  
 a nap - There has been no  
 "let up" for almost two weeks,  
 just one thing after another.

For the evening meeting

I took the passage discussed  
in the morning class - I Sam. III:12,  
"Hitherto, the Lord (that) helped us" -  
we had quite a good meeting  
The Elder gave thanks for  
Especially good opportunities  
in Swatow the past few days.  
They preached especially of the  
future coming of Christ & his  
judgment & the people listened  
ed quietly - Hakk. Jii told  
after the meeting for case  
where a woman had been  
beaten some of the bin wut  
the village to visit & said her  
when the whole village  
turned out against them - gangs  
were beaten & everybody was for  
war, when the "head-man"

came out & said - "Don't 39  
touch these men, or consider  
the doctrine they teach as  
something out of the way - I  
have been at their chapel  
in Swanton & heard the doc-  
trine & it is good." This  
dispersed the crowd - It is  
a wonderful place for seed-  
sowing & I hope we can keep  
it open much of the time.

Friday Oct 10 -

Still no Dr. Ashmun. I  
was obliged after the morning  
class to meet the preachers  
decide the place for each  
to go - pay them & at noon  
to go to the store - which  
was late - but as Dr. A.

After dinner, which 40  
was late mascot of my  
trip to the S.S. I had a lot  
of matters to do before leaving.  
Am now writing on board  
the boat "Peace" - not far  
from Phai Thai - It is  
nearly 10 o'clock & bed-time.  
I have been writing for  
some time - must confess  
that since Sunday it has  
seemed impossible to find  
time & strength for this so I  
have been obliged to finish  
it up now - hope hereafter  
to get down something each  
day.

Clara is getting rested & is  
feeling better. Baby is long  
plump & cunning as can be.  
Miss Emma & Grandmother & Uncle

Sat'y Oct 11/90 - 41

at Gieh-Sia" chapel-

Several brethren who wish to be  
baptized are here from Soa".

On - 10 miles up the river -

there are also others who live  
near by who will probably

come to-morrow. ~~me~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~am~~ <sup>are</sup> going

to ask these four men

preliminary questions -

One is named Siau-Siu-Siu.

- 49 yrs old - the age is always

taken - another 48 yrs old

is named Ki-Low - another

37 yrs old is named a-Hong -

the fourth - Szu-Chhai - 48 yrs.

(On the boatman)

The latter is in many re-

spects the most interesting.

He is quite well read in Cen-

Jucius - & is a man of 42  
influence in his village.  
a relative is a Sin-Chai (Grotto-  
ate) now assisting at the Ex-  
aminations in Chau-Chow-Tsi.

This bro. was at Kuk-Chieh  
on July & I was not especially  
impressed with his sincerity.  
But to-night his answers  
& conversation were very encourag-  
ing. He says Confucius's doctrine  
is good but it knows nothing  
of life & death offers no hope  
for the future & further his  
disciples cannot "practise".  
those who live the doctrine are  
"few" "perhaps 2 in 1000 &  
I don't know if there are that".  
Regarding himself he seemed  
to feel that he had been

renewed in heart. Before, 43  
he was fond of whiskey & could  
not break off. But since he be-  
lieved had been able to let it  
alone & to abandon other things  
he knew to be wrong.

A-Hong also seems to be  
quite intelligent & able to give  
reasons for the faith that is  
in him, tho' a trifle hazy on  
some points - Siu-Sien is a  
Hak-Ka & we tried to talk  
with him through Sam-Sing,  
Mr. Campbell's boy who is  
my cook on this trip - but  
their dialect was not the same  
& it was very difficult to  
get at his amount of knowledge.  
Lai-hia" is a good fellow &  
sincere, I judge, but not very  
fully instructed in the doctrine.

It is cheering tho' to find <sup>44</sup>  
men in middle life who  
will walk ten miles close  
a day's time to apply for bap-  
tism, which will only make  
their fellow country men turn  
against them.

I have been at work on my  
accounts to-day & had a long  
tussle proving my postings but  
finally got them straight.

I rode at Kit Lî<sup>u</sup> to meet  
the Chabel for a short call.

Sunday Oct. 12.

at Chabel. 9.20 A.M. -

Lau. Kee. Chit. Che 42 yrs. &

Hô Tng - Phûe Ché 46 yrs.

are here to be Examined for baptism  
& Siang Sin. Peh. 60 yrs old, two

A number more have come -  
 a young woman - Gu-Khiam Ché  
 20 yrs. old has come to join  
 the church. Their experiences  
 are not so marked as our  
 could wish, but they under-  
 stand the principles of the  
 doctrine & claim to have ex-  
 perience a change of heart.  
 At the forenoon service I  
 spoke on Psalm 119 - & at  
 the close A-Ham - got up &  
 told his experience about  
 the Lord's answering him  
 when in the Am-Pou chapel.  
 saying "I tell this that you  
 need not doubt - this is true.  
 It produced quite an effect.

After the service  
 was the baptism in the river  
 at a ferry - not very good but  
 town close to the shore but a  
 fairly good place. They  
 sang a verse of a hymn after  
 the baptism of each of the  
 eight persons. Quite a  
 no. of heathen stood on the  
 shore but they behaved them-  
 selves on the whole better  
 than a crowd at home -

Before the candidates were vot-  
 ed upon - a fond grandmother  
 who lives at Siak-Ti<sup>2</sup> - held  
 up her granddaughter (the mother  
 was one of those baptized) said,  
 "Father, is this one good-to-be  
 baptized or not?" - (S) "Why should

she be baptized - what profit? <sup>47</sup>

"To glorify God" - (G.D.) Does she want to be baptized, thus she believe?" - When at the grandma said "Do you want to be baptized, are you a believer?" but the 8 mos. infant "answered her never a word" - There was quite a hubbub of comment & laughter, which quickly subsided - the matter was referred to a quorum in the afternoon by A. Chuan who spoke at Communion service, which was a pleasant & really an impressive service. 43 partook - I was kept busy talking with people till nearly supper time, and was at the chapel at evening Washik - <sup>men</sup> + to be very tired.

Monday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - 48

Anchored above Phai. Thai.  
in the north branch of the river.  
We have had a heavy rain.  
greatly needed & worth many  
thousands of dollars to this  
ungodly ungrateful people.  
But there are an ever increas-  
ing number who do give thanks  
to Him who sendeth His rain  
upon the just & upon the unjust.

I woke at Kieh-Yang & went  
to the chapel after breakfast.

Lung Heng came to Khek Khoi  
with me & we had a Conference  
with the Deacon - who is meditat-  
ing a departure, with Chhiang.  
Sui, I judge, I hope he will  
not for he is a useful man  
here - Lung Heng remains a few days.

I have done some more 49  
work in my accounts but  
feel a little "Mondayish". &  
find it hard work. The boat  
roof looks badly, not having been  
painted this season. so the mat  
the boatmen generally use had to  
be put over the cabin roof &  
I presume they are not happy.  
I have no rubber coat or blank-  
et unfortunately but with the  
mat on the roof no water comes  
through. We hoped to get to  
Chi-Kug to-night but it is  
too dark & stormy - fear we may  
not get home to-morrow - but can  
not tell -

Tuesday. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>

8.20 A.M. off S. P. Ebb-  
tide. East wind not yet strong.  
boat pitching somewhat.

We just passed a gorgeous <sup>50.</sup>  
flotilla. A small gunboat paint-  
ed green & decked with flags  
from stern to stern - & having a barge  
& boats in tow. Behind a larger  
iron despatch boat not unlike  
our "Dolphin" in appearance,  
one of the Revenue fleet & judge,  
as there were evidently Euro-  
peans aboard. She was also  
paeans aboard. She was also  
flying all her bunting & they  
were a pretty sight. I waved  
my handkerchief as we passed  
the second one & some one on the  
bridge waved back -

The green boat is General or  
Admiral Fung - (Pung T'ai jin) &  
he is probably going to Pu-  
ning (see map) or Hon. Lung as  
we call it. The larger boat  
can go as far as Kieh-Yang.

The small boat can go very <sup>51-</sup>  
near to the District City of Pu-  
ning. which by the way has always  
been a very hard field. but since  
the Admiral's mother was cured  
by Dr. Fulton of Canton, the people  
are said to be a little better.  
We have a Baptist there who  
came up from Canton & I hope  
we may be able to get a foot-  
hold there -

We had a hard time getting  
down after the wind grew strong-  
er & the steersman said at 10.30.  
he thought we could not get any  
further, but I went out & watched  
proceedings & took the helm  
for an hour or more; the wind  
came in from the S. East a  
little & we got down to within  
in a mile or two of home & then  
brought a little boat for 40 cast

which brought us to K.C. 52  
by 3 o'clock. I was able  
to do a little work during  
the rest of the afternoon & evening.

Clara & the baby were well.  
The former seemed a trifle  
pale - she was glad to see me  
when I come in - Everything  
about the compound seemed to  
be serene - nothing had come  
up to mar the slow progress of  
the daily exercises -

Wednesday Oct. 15.

I hear that the flotilla was to  
bear a bro. of Admiral Tang's  
who is to escort his mother  
to Canton when she is to receive  
a decoration from the Emperor.

No news yet of Dr. Ash-  
more but we are going away  
again for a week up the Kit.  
Si river - They have the new

sail made & to day have <sup>53</sup>  
dyed it. Friday we expect  
the 3 boats to "open" (as the  
Chinese say for depart) - Dr. Scott  
Clara, nurse baby & take two  
& J. Hattwell goes to Ching Hai  
for a few days in the other - He  
comes back Tuesday & the Nor-  
vell's go to Tung-kau-nia.  
Wednesday if plans do not fail.  
He & Mr. Campbell got back  
Sunday having had a good  
trip. I have been busy with  
my report much of the day - but  
the forenoon was largely taken  
up with the class & helping Mr.  
Hattwell with his Colportage  
Prayer-meeting at Mr. Camp-  
bell's in the evening - all the  
mission present - none in the Committee.

Thursday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - 53<sup>1/2</sup>

A very good lesson with the class in the morning & I put some time on my books in the afternoon & a little in the P.M. We sent off our wedding present to Dr. & Mrs. Graves - a box carried by Ji-nou - containing a pair of little silver bowls & spoons made by our jeweller in Kit. Si<sup>n</sup> - a very pretty little thing - not extravagantly expensive - the box Ji-nou says will be a "few dimes" & the silver work is not more than \$2.00 I think - I went to Swatow

in the P.M. hunted around for a clock for Gueh-kia<sup>n</sup> & found a second-hand clock just what I want for \$3.50 - It has a most

gorgeous Eagle & flag on the glass-door -

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Mr. Richardson told me that the body of one of the fishermen drowned outside in the storm of Sunday & Monday. Reports are conflicting but probably a hundred boats were lost - In some cases a whole family lived on the boat & were all lost. At Tatikau & Hou the loss is heavy & many were from Hai-mun. I hear that one man who employed a large no. of these fishermen has given \$6.00 for each man who was lost to his family or relatives.

In Swatow we went to the "Yuen Sang" (the ship we took for Shanghai) just in from Hong Kong. But no one on board for us. The "Haitan" the officer said was expected soon.

I worked till 11 o'clock finishing up my mail & getting ready for departure on the morrow.

Friday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1840. 55-

Before breakfast a carpenter came after me to get hinges, screws &c. so I went to the hospital & was glad to find the work rapidly nearing completion. While at breakfast

Ji noi came, also several girls to see Clara & several brethren, one of them from Jian. They see me. The first two were easily disposed of, but the latter came with a dismal report that the heathen had declared their purpose on Sunday to "spoil their goods & after driving them out, take possession of their fields & houses. They were very anxious for me to go at once - but I could not go, so was planning what to do about a letter to the Magistrate, when it flashed into my mind that Mr. Campbell might go. & Mr. Startwell had the boat all ready to go when

that direction I would be willing  
to change his plans & go up  
there too. He came in on his  
way to Mr. C.'s house & readily a-  
grees to the plan & said he would  
see Mr. C. at once. So I went to  
the men who with Hai-ju  
were sitting in the Chinese recep-  
tion-room below. I had barely  
begun telling them of it, when  
in walked Mr. C. himself come  
up to bid us farewell I suppose.

He was willing to go & while we  
discussed the case I looked out  
& spied the "Haitan" at her  
moorings: this morning I really  
expected Dr. Ashmore. Because  
we rec'd a Japan paper post-  
marked "Yokohama Oct 4" -  
So I called up to Mr. Howell &  
he readily agreed to go to the  
steamer with Mrs. N. Starbuck.

Mr. Campbell had no Chinese<sup>54</sup>  
Cards or passport so Hak-  
Jin wrote him some rules for  
Mr. Hattrell & I sent the boat  
around ahead - to wait for them  
the other side of Swatow, so they  
could go to the Consul's & get  
a paper if possible to show that  
his passport was coming & he  
could use his present one if  
necessary - We watched the boat  
through the glass & was soon  
sure that there were four pas-  
sengers two in dark clothes.  
So we hurried down to the  
pier to greet them. Mrs.  
Ashman is looking a little  
fatigued by her journey, but  
is a fine cultured looking woman.  
I had a Conference with Dr. A.

I had time to tell him of 58  
the most important events &  
pressing needs. He seemed much  
pleased with the house and  
with the state of things as far as  
he had learned of them.

They will go right on & Reh  
house while we are gone - as  
both the cook & boy & there, we  
have Chiswick, the Campbells  
Ex-cook, who left because  
Mr. Ashmun Jr. his former em-  
ployer was expected -

We are thankful, indeed,  
that all our difficulties are  
for the present solved by Dr. A.'s  
coming, & Mr. Campbell's going,  
just in the nick of time -  
We are wonderfully favoured, too,  
in weather. This morning the bay  
was perfectly smooth & now

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We are at Chi-Kug - skimming  
along. finely with tide favourable  
for five hours more. so I hope to  
be at Soan-ou to-morrow night.  
Dr. Scott & Clara will remain at  
Gieh-Sia - till Monday, then go  
very early in the morning to Soan-  
ou. Baby is along & now sleep-  
ing sweetly. Mrs. Ashmun seem-  
ed to take to the baby & the baby to her.

We feel greatly relieved & de-  
voutly thankful that the day  
has brought us so much of bless-  
ing, that so many perplexities  
have been removed - (End)

Saturday. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.

We woke at Gieh-Sia &  
I put up the clock in the  
chapel in the morning & then did

Some copying on my report.  
 The north wind was strong  
 no boats going up stream so  
 I did not start away till  
 afternoon. Clara went with  
 Dr. Scott to "Vi-Thau" in the  
 afternoon to "Tham-Chai" - to  
 visit the members and "heal  
 the sick" - had a busy day -  
 I went as far as "Tham-Chai"  
 with them on my way to  
 "Sin-Hu" where we stayed over  
 night at the E.P. Chapel -  
 It is a place beautiful for  
 situation & the Chapel a large  
 one. I had a comfortable bed  
 in a little loft. I was sorry  
 to see that the chapel is not so  
 clean & orderly as a chapel should

br. This is the first time<sup>61</sup>  
I ever stayed at any of their  
Chapels - The preacher asked  
me to preside at evening wor-  
ship & explained I Samuel  
IX: 27. & Context - as illustrating  
our becoming to men busy  
with worldly affairs, <sup>the message</sup> that there  
is a greater more important  
office for them in the future  
if they will hear the Saviors prom-  
ise "Whom that overcometh".

My first plan was to take  
a chair the rest of the way but  
they wanted 900 cash! (7 miles).

Sunday Oct 19th -

I was out by half past five,  
ate a lunch & started off before  
7 o'clock. The morning was cool

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a fresh North wind blowing so  
that my flannel suit was  
now too warm. indeed I felt  
the need of some protection for my  
chest & used my umbrella -

This is a beautiful country, a  
"Soa" Oü means mountain-lake  
basin, surrounded by high broken  
hills, & the whole plain waving  
with rice, now a rich green -

I really enjoyed the walk &  
the way seemed very short for  
2 "phon" - I do not think it  
can be more than 6 miles -  
twice I took off my shoes &  
stockings, once to wade onto  
a ferry-boat. & once to cross  
a small stream near the chapel -  
I found the chapel quite full.  
They were surprised to find I had

walked: they expected me to take a boat & that I would not get here till late - We did dicker with a boatman at Lo-Soa".

but he wanted 700 cash & it was not certain that he would gather before noon -

The day was a good one -

A. Ngain read Joshua II & commented upon it. I requested special prayers for Jau Phing & then A. Chuan preached very well from Eph. II - the Christians are now - "Biu-kū" as they call it - "military implements" -

I called at A. Ngain's home after dinner - & at his uncle's - the deacon, the first believer here, a sturdy man about 55 - A. Ngau, A. Kai & A. Pha" & a

Younger bro. are all Christians<sup>64</sup>  
& a sister also is a believer tho'  
the last two are not church  
members & the daughter's hus-  
band does not let her wor-  
ship. It is a cheering sight  
a whole family of believers &  
four stalwart young men with  
none of the bad habits that  
young men here so easily ac-  
quire. The father is very ill.  
I fear will not recover.

After Communion & the Sun-  
day school lesson in Acts IX. I  
spoke to them about the incon-  
gruity of keeping the chapel so  
dark & dingy, when we worship  
the God who dwelleth in light  
& has made all the world so  
bright & beautiful. This induced

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Considerable discussion but  
the truth evidently struck  
home & stirred them to act.

I offered to give the 500 cash I  
had saved by walking up here,  
200 cash the value of a chicken  
that A. Ngan's mother gave me

& another 100 - after service I

went to "Goi Chiu", to visit  
the home of Chap Lian, the wealthy  
member, who is building a nice  
new house, with a large room  
for worship. At his present place  
we drank tea & eat some very good  
cakes a sort of tart. His old  
mother 71 yrs old who used to op-  
pose him bitterly came and  
listened very well to the doctrine.  
We also visited a member of the con-  
gregation, who still uses opium.

In the evening we had a 66-  
late discussion, after evening  
worship, on the subject of  
weekly giving. I was much  
amused to hear the same ob-  
jections raised that I used  
to hear at home. "The money  
will not be enough" - "the  
faith of the people cannot  
be trusted" - "the time has  
not come" &c &c.

Monday Oct 20.

This morning at 7-30 we set  
out to visit a member & a  
worshipper at a village  
2 miles away. had a pleasant  
visit returned at about 11-  
I took a nap & wrote in the  
journal. After tiffin went to  
the boat met Clara & the doctor.

There is a crowd in the chapel waiting to see her. They are in the room I occupied last night with the door closed, admitting one person at a time. Tit-Kim ("Gold-Getter" Miss Fisher's book) a former Bible-Woman is with them. ~~I~~ am going to go in when <sup>Dark</sup> the men come to their turn.

There was a great deal of crowding by both men & women but we finally got to the boat & had a beautiful trip - by moonlight the latter half of the way -

Tuesday - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> -

I should like to have the full biography of one of the men at Soa' Oi. He claims to have been possessed by a devil from the

age of 21 till he was 42 - 68

Then he heard & accepted "the doctrine", & the devil left him.

He used to go through the various performances of walking up a ladder of knives, washing with boiling oil, walking over burning coals &c. Besides being a "medium". He insists that it was not his own will, but the demon had him under control -

We dropped down to Seah-Tin during the night. & in the morning there were a lot of people who wanted medicine - & the members who live at the place wanted us to come up & visit them - The plan had been to go to a village near by & see a woman who is very ill & then to Hwa-Ching - but the morning was hot & the ladies were tired so they

wished to take the work more <sup>69</sup>  
easily. I set out for Pou-Chin.  
at 10-30 I had a hot walk. Mid-  
way we sat down under a large  
banyan near a little temple and  
talked with some of the other travel-  
ers. One, an old man, thought he  
knew me, but it must have been  
Mr. Partridge. He had met at Hui  
City. We had a little talk & he  
asserted that our books & theirs were  
about the same. I handed him a  
leaflet with Acts xiv 24-31 <sup>vs. III:16</sup> on it.  
& told him the last part of that  
was not in their books - also  
said that Chinamen told me that  
the disciples of Confucius cannot  
do as he bids them; they gamble,  
smoke opium & do a great many bad  
things, but that the disciples of

Jesus have power given to them,<sup>70</sup>  
whereby they can put away evil.  
He nodded, & said to one or two who  
were standing by - "Those who follow  
the Holy Doctrine can't gamble, or  
smoke opium - That is good - a good  
thing" He bought a leaflet & so  
did several others. When we left,  
the old Daoan from Siak-Ti<sup>2</sup>, who  
was my guide, said - "He is a  
Graduate - a great scholar - & earns  
a lot of money as a teacher" -  
He seems to be well known about  
here. At Pau-Chhân Mîa-ti  
said he believed the truth & had  
invited a preacher to his house  
to tell his wife about it -  
He lives at Sin Hui when I stopped  
Saty night. I went to Pau Chhân  
chiefly to see about building there

want help in buying - but there is so much complication about it I doubt if it can be done satisfactorily. I called on the members in the village & walked back. In the evening met with Clara & Dr. S. to evening worship at the home of a member: all the Christians meet every evening for worship.

Wednesday Oct 22.

Early in visited a village near by Dr. S. opened several large abscesses on a poor woman who had been suffering for 4 mos. with them. & was reduced almost to a skeleton. One of the abscesses on her hip discharged two or three quarts. Also an abscess was opened on the back of a young man & another woman visited, before

leaving for Sze Ching.

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There a lot of people crowded into the chapel we visited a young man who has a bad knee. I had a little talk with

a Chinese about the state of things at the different chapels and his being careful not to be too sharp with them. We got back to the

boat in time for tiffin & sailed quickly down to Kit-Sai. I have done a little writing but not much more since we arrived.

Clara & the Doctor went up into the city & visited the chapel & an aged sister who is lame & unable to get out. They heard that Sr. A. has sent a letter calling in all the preachers next week - because the Secy is coming.

Thursday Oct. 23 - 73.

After breakfast we went to chapel.  
Mrs. Scott had a lot of applica-  
tions for medicine but no cases  
of importance - I had oppor-  
tunity to talk with some men.  
& helped Lingtong about getting  
a church-record copied from  
ours I brought - This P. M. I have  
not done much but read.

Our home-mail per. Rio de Janeiro  
was brought up & we enjoyed  
the letters & papers much.

I had a letter from mother  
with an enclosure from Clara  
with news up to the middle of  
September - also a note from Mrs.  
Dean (E. J.) & several business notes.  
I have not in the Standard much  
of the afternoon, as I feel occasion-  
ally the effects of the past week's

of constant pressure -

We had notes from the Novells who came up the South branch last night & are probably at Wng-Kan-Nia to-night.

This evening we took a walk before supper. & passed along Fanyan whose branches spread fully 80 feet - Ling Heng has been here & I have talked over a lot of things - He brought me a copy of a proclamation issued by the Mandarin regarding the putting up of those vile placards - not a very strong paper but better than nothing - The E.P. Elder was over with another case - that of a theater which reviles the Christians. & performed

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night before last at the  
Yamen - tho' the Mandarin him-  
self did not look on. He had  
the theater on account of his  
mother's birthday. The E. P. bro.  
saw the Mandarin & remonstrated,  
but the official said actors are  
known to talk to amuse people  
& what they say is not worth  
troubling oneself about.

Friday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> -

Sailing again - "beating" down  
to Phai Thai. We passed the  
Forenoon at Khek-Khai. Sever-  
al wanted to see the doctor &  
I had the proposed new wall  
about the premises to discuss  
with the deacon & preachers.  
I told them about work at  
home & the way the No. Vass. Church

had "put out strength & been<sup>75</sup>  
blessed. This place needs a  
great revival, there are some ele-  
ments of strength there but all  
in an unsatisfactory state.

Kuan-Poo - Saturday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> -

A full busy day - we woke at  
Chi-Kug - after breakfast started  
out. A little way from the boat  
we met a poor old woman who  
said her husband used to be  
a worshipper but could not go out  
now: we went to see him & found  
the poor old man sitting on a  
wretched straw pallet on the floor  
in a dark filthy room - he has  
had a paralytic stroke & the whole  
right side is helpless - Dr. S. left  
some medicine for him & also for

the woman - all powders & believe the poor old soul thought they were to be cutaw papers all - she first asked if they were to be boiled - Their Chinese medicines are usually herbs & other such things that need to be steeped - I opened our paper & gave the medicine to the old man, so she could see that the paper was not medicinal - I gave the man a leaflet & she was very anxious to paste it on the wall, asking if the Heavenly Father saw ~~his~~ characters then would it ~~He~~ come & heal the old man. The Chinese worship paper a great deal & have legends on paper upon their walls for good luck. I was glad however that the woman wanted us to pray before we left & knelt down as if she had some conception of the service - She led us to

the house of another woman the<sup>77</sup>  
only church-member in the place -  
a nice-looking woman too. But  
such a talker! - She has cataracts  
coming on both eyes - with such a  
flood-of speech - as comes from  
her tongue she will be - well. it  
will be easy to believe her person  
is three fourths water -

At Shin-Ling we met several  
Church-members & Dr. S. looked after  
several cases - I also examined the

clock which is out of repair -  
It will be necessary to come up here  
soon & look after the work & choose a  
new deacon. Also to go to 'Ti Pi'  
& settle a difficulty there;

This noon after tiffin we sailed  
up to Kwan Poo - where an ex-provost  
& his sons live. His 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter  
in law was cured by Dr. Scott

Early in the month - She has <sup>72</sup>  
had a lot of cases this P. M.  
several boils & swellings to open,  
& a host of sore eyes to look after.  
I have sold all the books &  
leaflets I brought - but put a few &  
I gave one of those to a man who  
brought a present of some eggs -

Sunday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 5 P. M.

On the boat between Kuan-Poo &  
Chi-King - We have been to Kie-  
Point back & are now sailing  
down to moor for the night in a  
creek below - Expecting to be home  
early in the morning - This has  
been in many ways a pleasant  
wet day - After breakfast we  
set out for our small boat  
which took us a winding way

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through a canal which Admiral  
Fang ordered built some years ago.  
The boat was a skiff about 15ft.  
long - & 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft wide very shallow - Dr. S.  
& Clara found it rather uncom-  
fortable sitting on a narrow board  
raised some four inches from the  
bottom of the boat - I sat on the  
edge of a plank that formed a  
"Compartment" of the boat - A.  
No. 3 of his children & a niece  
were with us - The shores are  
for most of the way covered with  
rice-fields, but we pass a no.  
of orange groves, some with pret-  
ty hedges about them - Many  
of the trees are loaded with the  
green fruit - A great many  
men were treading the water wheels  
to pump up water on to their land.

The season is very dry - At 80-  
our place four men sitting & eating  
a lunch. apparently they represented  
four generations - Grandfather, two  
sons & a grandson -

We were met at the landing  
by Po-Dong & led to their house  
in which a room is used as a  
Chapel - The old mother "Lotus"  
came out to greet us. I felt a  
special interest in meeting her,  
as the first thing I ever remember  
hearing about this mission, was  
an account of this family, written  
by Miss Field I think. I also  
read Mr. Partridge's account  
of "Po-Heng & the Loob" - It is  
cheering to meet for worship  
in a house which used to be  
such a center of heathenism.

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I spoke about 20 minutes from  
Rev. II:15 - "The Kingdoms of this  
world are become the Kingdoms  
of our Lord & of his Christ" - Several  
of the others took part. There are  
two ex-preachers who attend here -  
Both are inclined to help.

They have recently built large  
additions to the house and, we  
had one of the new rooms for a  
dining-room. Enjoyed a good din-  
ner & the privilege of being a-  
part - Dr. S. had a no. of appli-  
cants for eye-medicine & some other  
remedies - which kept her busy be-  
tween services & after Communion.

The Christians wanted to take a  
vote on restoring Kai-Chhun to  
fellowship, which was done after  
the Lord's Supper, which service  
by the way was a good one. It

is interesting to see old "Lotus" 82  
sing. she knows the hymns by  
heart. Her tongue had been slit  
when she was an "Interpreter of the  
Gods": & that gives her a slight im-  
pediment. She has also a nervous  
affection that affects her head, as  
it shakes a little. But she sings  
with all her soul.

We returned after service reached  
the boat by 4-30 - & sailed down  
to Chi King so as to get to a quiet  
Anchorage - here to breakfast at Kak-  
Chieh.

Monday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

And we did - we had a favoring  
wind and tide & reached the pier  
by 6-30 - on 7 o'clock - & took break-  
with Dr. & Mrs. Ashmore - we found  
a no. of little additions to the or-

namutation - among them a  
 beautiful tray - Japanese lacquer  
 from Dr. Ashmore's collection - block  
 with beautiful leaves in silver &  
 gold - The day has been much  
 broken but busy - A lot of time  
 was taken up settling with boatmen  
 getting them at work & dye the  
 sail belonging to the "Grace", looking  
 after some workmen, settling a lot  
 of accounts & consulting with Dr. A.  
 about a lot of affairs that have  
 come up during our absence -

He seems to agree with the po-  
 sitions we have taken in most  
 if not all the cases - Mr. M. is invit-  
 ed to attend a cricket match in the  
 Community - between a team from  
 two H.M.S. gun boats & the Swatow men.

We went down at about four<sup>54</sup>  
& found the match over. Swator  
won. We called at Mr. Allums  
& I indulged in a little tennis,  
the first time I have played in  
the Community for over a year.

We were invited to tea at the  
Cambells with Dr. & Mrs. A. had a  
rather pleasant time.

Mr. Hartwell set out for Kung-  
Kou. Via to-day. He visits the  
Noralls & goes to Puen-hing to sell  
books - Tuesday - Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. I have been  
busy about various matters. Some  
way do not seem to have accom-  
plished much. I have about  
decided to go to Jiau Pheng  
Thursday. If my work can be fin-  
ished in time.

Wednesday. <sup>54</sup>  
Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

A busy day mostly given to my report. but a great many other things came up to disturb me. I also sent off a home letter. It was my turn to lead prayer meeting - met was dull - we met at Dr. Carlin's & they had the house so shut up that it was very close & that affected us all. I took the last of II Samuel IX & X:1 - as my selection.

Thursday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

It was impossible for me to get my writing done clear at noon as I had intended so the boat waited for me at Howard & I remained over a day - & proposed to Dr. Carlin that he go with me we were at Mrs. Scott at 4 p.m. - the Ashmuns, Clara & I.

Mrs. A. is busy <sup>85</sup>superintending the refurbishing of the house on the hill occupied by the Howells - They want to get it into good condition for Dr. Mable & Mr. Waterman.

Friday Oct 30/90 -

It was a great pleasure to see my Francis report all safely in the envelope ~~was~~ letter to Mr. Coleman with it. The postage was 75 cents -! - Dr. A. seemed to think the report satisfactory - the amt of Cash rec'd & accounted for during the 10 mos. was 10,553.69 - My own mission expenses & Clara's were over \$3000 - I wish I had time to make out a copy to send to Father -

Before breakfast I went to see Dr. Currier & had quite a discussion with him on the question of going to the country. He finally concluded to go -

An mail per "Gaelic" came while we were at breakfast. only one letter for me - one from Mother, (who seldom fails us) telling of her labors of love for the dear baby. She would need to go a long way to find a nice baby though, for whom to provide. She is very cunning & looks quite a young lady when she is dressed to go out with the nurse in the afternoon -

We got started for Seaton at about 10 A.M. & after a

Few errands were done in Swatow so we walked over back of the City took a small boat & came up to our good boat "Grace" -

We were fortunate in getting aboard Bao-Khoi by 4.30 P.M. & dropped down near Goa-Sua by night fall - During the afternoon we studied Chinese with Poë-Sin-Se.

There was an unusually noisy theater at Goa-Sua, which I feared would disturb our rest.

Saturday Nov. 1st

But it did not much - I was very tired having been up till after 11 o'clock Thursday night & been busy yesterday - This morning very early we started off

Went down near the sea-shore  
by 6-30. The waves were too

high for the steersman to venture  
out so we anchored & waited  
for higher water to make an  
inside passage & are now skimming  
along with a fair wind  
up the stream that leads to Yang-  
Ling. We shall spend Sunday  
at Chung-Lin (& Kham. E perhaps)  
then sail for Ung-Kug Monday.  
We have been at work upon Chi-  
nese this forenoon again.

We reached Chung-Lin (Tsung Lin  
on map) by 4 o'clock & went to  
the chapel, which is the picture  
of greatness - Sunday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 P.M.  
This has been a quiet day.  
Last evening I had a long talk

with the teacher about 89  
a sermon from I Cor. X: 13-

I slept unusually long & this  
morning we were late in getting  
started - had breakfast a full hour  
after the usual time. At the  
chapel we found Gu<sup>ii</sup> Thong and  
a young man from Hui Si<sup>a</sup> with  
two of his friends - Old King Peh,  
baptized by Dr. Dean in 1838, was  
there. His son who is not a Christ-  
ian also came in. sat with a  
rather cynical look on his face  
during the service - but I hope  
he may be benefited by the  
truth - This P. M. we went a-

gain & had a sort of conference meet-  
ing. Some of them told about their  
experience & the Elders wife gave an

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Unusually interesting account  
of religious experience. She had  
been very devoted in worshipping  
idols, but she heard, I understood  
from a Vegetarian that the heavens  
& earth are to be destroyed which  
agitated her very much. so she  
Inquired to the "Heavenly Ancestor"  
(Thien-Kong) to send her the truth  
(true doctrine) & in about a year  
she was given a copy of Genesis  
which she read & was told of the  
way of salvation in Christ & be-  
lieved - There was a bro. present  
"Who has been in Siam 13 yrs.  
Has a family there - I presume he  
has been dismissed from church  
membership - He is very ready  
to acknowledge his sin - but I do  
not know how much he feels it.

Monday - Nov. 3<sup>d</sup>. 91

A beautiful day. We are now (2 P.M.) near E. Pu-Sua & are preparing to cross to E. Che - which is about 5 miles away.

This morning before daylight the boatmen started & we have enjoyed the sail much. have been at work rearing Chinese. This is a beautiful country - high hills, not so rough & rugged as at

Kuk-Chieh. occasionally some quite well wooded. We passed a wide stretch of tide flat covered with large oyster shells - oysters there too I presume as men were at work gathering something which our cook says are oysters. We are sending the boat back & these people will go too -

Tuesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. 92 -

We reached the E-che chapel be-  
fore 5 P.M. & found the place  
to have an upper story with four  
rooms & a verandah (somewhat  
less than 2 ft. wide) front & back.  
The furniture is rather meager  
but we had a table chairs &  
a bed which we divided & fixed  
out each half with a door-shutter.  
By putting up the ropes we use to  
do up our bundles of bedding, we  
managed to make fastenings for our  
magnite-nets - & now very well  
provided for the night.

In the morning we set out for  
Lai-Phu-Soa with 3 men to carry  
our baggage. We sent for a chair  
with the limit of 1200 cash for  
hire - but they demanded 1500.

So we walked all the way to Lai! <sup>93-</sup>  
Phu-Soo: some call it 14 miles  
& some 17½ - I should say it was the  
latter, but do not know - it is  
the longest walk I have yet taken.  
& I was very tired when we got  
here - It is a beautiful country -  
The river has a winding course  
& now is very shallow as boats  
get on with difficulty - The  
hills are high & more beautiful  
than near Kuk-Chieh - We passed  
our market on the shore and on  
the sand - there were certainly  
800 & I would not be sur-  
prised if over 1000 buffa-  
loes & cows led by men to  
be sold - many were buying  
general produce too.

We had no special adventures 94.  
by the way. I sold a few books  
& preached to a few passers by.  
We waded our small stream. & I  
"walked barefoot" a little way &  
enjoyed it. Saw at the chapel on  
found "Hi. Sin. Se". who used to be  
a preacher in our employ. In the  
evening the resident brethren came  
in & we had worship. Our bed-room  
is in a "flat" - or perhaps more prop-  
erly a loft above one half the room,  
a place about 12 x 15 ft. & the  
center some 6 ft high - sloping  
to four ft. at either side.  
Our beds are on the floor with  
nets fastened to the rafters.  
There are rats about but I hope  
they will not bother us.

Tuesday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. 95.

We passed a comfortable night  
& this a.m. breakfasted in the  
chapel. Quite a no. here com-  
ing & going. But at eating time we  
shut the door to keep out the  
children. It is market day  
& hundreds are here to buy &  
sell. We went to the market  
place to preach & sell books.  
I sold a few. But not very many.  
And I am a little tired. Pōn  
Sui-Se<sup>n</sup> was getting on quite  
well when I left him to come  
back next. In the afternoon I  
went again & did considerable preach-  
ing. Quite a no. listened and  
bought books & leaflets.  
A man came to the chapel  
a little after noon & the bin

talked with him a long time, 96-  
mainly on the worthlessness of idols.  
After about three fourths of an hour  
of listening he said: "I have not  
worshipped these gods for 5- or 6  
years, since the woman died" -  
He further explained that his  
wife was ill the servants the  
idols diligently, but she did not  
get well - so he got angry and  
forsook them. They also talked  
to him on the truths of Christianity  
and he seemed to listen with  
some interest. There were also some  
"outside-men" in to hear the truth  
in the evening. We found there  
was no chair-bearers to be had,  
so we must walk to Chui-Bie -  
when we wish to visit some  
believers, or to Jan-Phang - then  
to carry our goods on our feet.

but the people of this region 97-  
do not like to bear the odium  
of being a chair-cooly - all  
who are in that business are  
from Chao-Yang or are Hak-Kas.  
Chair-coolies are generally a bad  
set of men, gamble, smoke opium,  
& are generally dissolute. Miss  
Filde used to say she would not have  
a servant whose great-grandfa-  
ther had been a chair-bearer.

Thursday - Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> -

We set out after visiting the family  
of the resident member - am sorry  
to say the house was not very clean.  
They were specially anxious to show  
us the inner room which was more  
spacious - a promising young  
cow was tethered in our corner

In the other part of the room - 98 -  
not occupied by bed & other articles  
a young woman sat on a low  
stool spinning. She was not a  
a bad-looking person. But  
is unable to walk - having  
lost the use of her lower limbs  
through a fever she had 6 yrs.  
ago. Her husband accom-  
panied us out of the village &  
pointed out the way. I advised  
him to see Dr. Scott about his  
wife. After we had walked about  
4 miles we met a boy who had  
been at Lai Phi Swan Wednesday  
& who led us into his house  
which is one of a row or more  
built in a hollow circle with  
a high solid outer wall & a heavy

door with stone gateway - 99

The house was cleaner than they usually are & contained more furniture & other property - He had tea & cakes for us which were acceptable - He also led us to another segment of the circle which he was having repaired, the woodwork apparently being all new - He was having a tile floor laid on the boards in the second story to make it "stronger" - He said he would be glad to have the missionaries occupy this place if they come here to visit - He formerly owned the house now used as a chapel in Jan-Phing.

We walked on a mile or two till.

we came to a marketplace - 100 -

where our carriers hired men to take the loads on & they turned back, one of them having a lame foot.

We waited & proached a little. While negotiations were made for a chair.

After long discussion, participated in by all bystanders, Dr. Curlin & I left - as they wanted 4000 cash.

As we were passing out of the village, the cook came after us to see what we would do. We offered 2500 cash, they to find their own food & lodging.

I would give much to have a picture of our dinner which we ate

sitting on & surrounded by our baggage & that surrounded with a deep & deeply-intent circle of men, women & children watching with eager eyes the food implements & actions of the strangers. After attracting so much notice every-

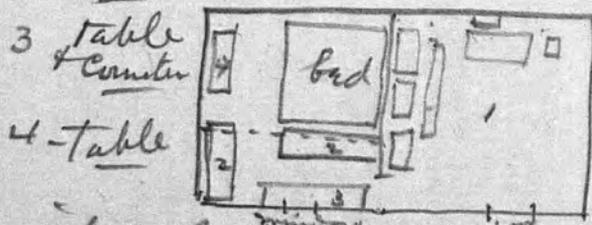
where it may seem dull to 101  
go home & be simply an ordinary  
citizen - but at meal times too  
much distinction is worn out -

We passed on to ascend a high-  
range of hills - the top of the pass be-  
ing perhaps 1500 ft from the lower  
roadway: along the opposite side of  
the hill were a great many persim-  
mon trees planted on terraces cut in  
the hillside - The people thereabouts  
dry the fruit & shape it into saucer-  
like cakes called "Amig-sai-pia" (Persimmon  
cakes).

The view is interesting all along  
this road - In this valley are several bits  
the clusters of houses - & many fields.  
We stopped before a little house ap-  
parently made of red earth covered with  
clay-colored tiles - out came our

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young teacher (who smokes before us)  
 & said, this was the house of  
 the Hak-Ka-teacher or come to visit.  
 "mine host" shortly appeared in the  
 door - a sturdy man with reddened  
 cheeks. We were received in a Ayon  
 room with uneven floor of earth,  
 furnished with several desks &  
 benches placed against the wall:  
 the seat of learning had evidently  
 been swept & put in order for us.  
 The next room was an apothecary  
 shop & bed room. This rough  
 outline is not exact but gives an



1 - School room  
 (22) Cases with  
 shelves & drawers  
 for medicines

idea of the place - From the dotted  
 line back to the wall behind  
 the bed is a loft - about 12ft  
 square which was prepared for

us - straw some mats had been <sup>103</sup>  
put there. We spread our bedding  
there & had room to sleep quite com-  
fortably. The roof was so near we  
fastened our nets to it. The school-  
room served as dining room. &

We had worship there in the eve-  
ing. Pōu Sun. be<sup>n</sup> talked a long  
time & quite well - beginning  
with Noah. There is a church  
member there whose house we  
visited before supper. None of  
his family are worshippers.

I was interested by our thing  
that occurred in the evening. The  
Hakka teacher said he could not  
understand the New Testament much,  
so I pointed out different  
passages e.g. Luke II. John III,  
& the last ver. of Matt. XXI. As we  
were reading this last the elder

of the chain-bearers who had <sup>104</sup>  
been listening all the while.  
Came up & his eyes seemed to  
shine expressively as he heard  
the explanation - The Chinese  
idiom for "heavy-laden" is  
"Carrying a heavy carry" - & as  
the teacher spoke of our being  
buried & burdened in this life  
this figure seemed to come  
home to the poor old fellow  
He said "that is so - true  
doctrine" - Friday - Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> -

The road (i.e. first satap - not being  
able to stand up straight till  
we got down the ladder) & had  
breakfast in time to get our  
baggage ready & start by about  
8 o'clock - The trip was in  
some respects the most interest

ing I have taken - It is through <sup>05</sup>  
a series of valleys <sup>over</sup> the mountains  
that separate them - the prospect  
Everywhere is pleasing & in some  
places the scenery truly grand -  
The walking however is very hard  
up & down steep declivities & over  
rough stony paths - Of the whole  
14 or 15 miles we probably did  
not ride 5 - Dr. C. did not ride  
but a short distance. he was used  
to long walks at home & his feeling  
are tender on the subject of chain  
bravers - I used to dislike to have  
them carry me, but they are used to it  
& always have an easier time with  
us than with the Chinese because  
we walk much of the way -

We were much refreshed on the  
way by a drink from a beautiful  
spring as we walking along a mountain  
side -

These hills are now fully covered <sup>106</sup>  
with trees & shrubs than in many  
other places which adds greatly  
to their beauty. It is wonderful how  
the Lord lavishes beauty & life where  
it is rarely noticed - After  
passing two or three mountains  
we reached a village & as the Chair-  
bearers wished to stop & eat, we  
walked on; after less than half a  
mile of level country we began  
to ascend & kept climbing till we  
reached the top of the pass. Dr. Car-  
lin thinks we climbed 6000 feet - &  
the peak rose still above us -

The Chair caught up with  
me - as they had no cash & the  
Cook had none & they could not  
buy a lunch. The cook was not  
willing to charge a dollar at a sacri-  
fice & they were not willing to pay  
a few cash extra so they & the Carrions

most hungry - the latter found it  
it pretty hard as ~~three~~<sup>two</sup> men had  
taken the job on contract & though  
paid enough to hire two more.

they only hired one so as to make  
room out of it - We eat our lunch  
on the summit - & gave the men  
a little so they got on the rest of  
the way - I rode a part of

the way up & down when I held  
my breath & calculated how far  
I should go if the bearers should  
slip - the path was cut in the

mountain side nowhere more  
than 2 ft & often less than two  
feet in width - Sometimes they

swung around a ledge & occasion-  
ally one of them would shift the  
weight on his shoulders & the chain  
would sway next ~~un~~ comfortably  
but these places were all passed

safely - The view of Jai-<sup>108</sup>Thing  
& the plain in the midst of which  
it lies is beautiful as you de-  
scend the wooded hill & cross  
the streams at its foot, before  
entering the plain itself. There  
are so many large banyans  
in & about the city that you do  
not see the city wall & distinguish  
but a part of its roofs -

We were met by a middle-aged  
brother before we reached the city  
gate, who greeted us pleasantly  
& escorted us to the chapel -  
A - Jiu-Ki the chapel keeper  
also met us in the city - informed  
Po-San Loi Ngou at the chapel,  
which as they say is one of the  
best in Si-chia - It looks new  
because at the time of the French troubles  
it was looted & the mandarins had

it restored - In the main room 109  
is a baptistry & there are 4 rooms  
or a cook-house below & two rooms  
up-stairs besides - We felt like  
resting & did so most of the afternoon.

I was glad to see that the choir-  
leaders wanted me to give them  
some books such as they had seen &  
heard read the night before as I  
found a copy of Matthew & turned  
down the leaf where he could find  
"Come all ye that labor & are heavy laden".  
May the seed fall in good ground.

During the afternoon the Elder bro't  
up the Nam-Sing persecution &  
argued strongly that we try to get  
the Mandarin to issue a proclama-  
tion assuring protection to the Christians.  
He evidently thought I did not appreci-  
ate the dangers of the bathos nor the  
advantages of the treaty of Tientsin - &  
he plainly did not appreciate my  
plan of "seeking" the head man of

of the village. He did not say "110  
much on the latter point, but I  
overheard him grumbling about it  
in the room below after we went  
upstairs - Saturday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> -

We did not start very early for  
several reasons - (first because we  
were tired & did not get through break-  
fast till late -) & again the discussion  
of what course to pursue consumed  
time - further it was thought  
well not to get to Nam. Sung till  
noon at least so as to find the  
village dignitary at home. I thought  
at first of sending our cards & a  
passport to the Yamen to let the Man-  
darin know of our presence. but Dr. Car-  
lin did not seem favorable to it, & as  
we were discussing it the Chinese  
warily proposed that if I sent there  
it would be well to send a little more

& let him know about this case!!!

This decided me when I also considered that he might, as with Mr Campbell, send a man as body-guard with me. I remembered hearing Dr. Ashmun tell of some one who thus sent to the official & was furnished with a guard of soldiers that were a great nuisance.

So I said we would go & if they made us trouble we were not afraid to meet it. The walk was a hot one. As to the new believers at Nam Sung I should be compelled, if asked for an opinion, to answer as did Prof. Sophocles when asked how he found his parents - "Very dirty" Still the room where we sat had been recently swept & had been cleared of idols.

Indeed it was this man's <sup>112</sup>  
burning up his idols & putting  
paper having Christian characters  
on it upon his doors that  
made this disturbance in the beginning.

We sent our cards to the "Thăm-Nàng"  
& sought a place to eat our lunch-

They were butchering a dog (said  
to be a mountain-dog) near the door  
& Dr. Carlin felt no relish for food  
there. We had a small com-  
pany to watch us as we ~~staid~~  
sat in the shade seat. (Dr. Carlin  
says he counted the no. of the specta-  
tors Thursday & it was 110!-)

Shortly after returning to the bro.'s  
earthen dwelling - nearly all the  
houses there about are of mud-bricks -  
the Head-man appeared - but not  
seemingly in the happiest frame of  
mind - After sitting he asked what

Sort of words we wished 113-  
start & then followed a long  
discussion in which he took  
a leading part - He is a local  
bully - a powerfully built man,  
a boxer & sort of gladiatorial  
instructor. He must be a man  
of some native ability. His voice  
is like a north wind, heavy  
with a tremendous rush, when  
he gets fairly started. He  
admitted that our doctrine  
is good "but why forbid worship-  
ing the local gods, & ancestors?"  
The Elder & Dan-Sin-ke" talked  
considerable - the former got a  
hearing but it was funny  
to see how he completely ignor-  
ed - the young man & snubbed  
him - but he is a plucky

Young Chinaman not easily <sup>114</sup>  
put down, so he took my copy  
of the Kit-De<sup>n</sup> proclamation &  
Explained it line by line -  
After much talk the Magistrate  
seemed to grow more reasonable; he  
evidently was suffering from a que;  
shivered, & held his temples as if ach-  
ing - I remembered two papers of quin-  
ine in my vest-pocket - & was pull-  
ing them out, when the Elder came  
over & said "I m - Ka" - ("He would  
not do") - but a little later I  
asked him & he said "Chò ni m Ka"  
("Why not do?") - He took a powder  
in warm water, without blinking -  
& it apparently gave him relief -  
He shook hands with himself, bowed  
& thanked me most graciously -  
He also was curious to know about  
the telegraph so I explained that  
& then he told a long story about

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a large gun that had been "rubbed  
with medicine" so it would burst  
when fired - I finally got at his  
meaning that in the time of the  
French troubles the enemy hired an  
old woman to put something (I pre-  
sume dynamite) in a cannon. But  
an American told them not to fire it  
the gun was saved - At the last  
he promised to see that the  
Belirons had fair treatment. Said  
he could answer for the other head-  
man, who is a military ~~graduate~~  
So we left the place unharmed  
& with the hope that some good had  
been accomplished -

Arriving at the Chapel after a hot  
walking - having stopped to preach by  
the way - we found a large company  
of Belirons from the Hak-Ka border  
10 miles away who had come early

to spend the Sunday - Four of them <sup>116</sup>  
were candidates for baptism.

Sunday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> -

The first service was the exami-  
nation<sup>s</sup> conducted chiefly by the Elder,  
who talks a sort of Hak-ka - though  
some of it is much like Mrs. Flor-  
nise's Italian & makes me feel as  
if he pulled out a stop as in play-  
ing an organ - Still they generally  
understand him - These people  
had been questioned & "looked up" before  
at their own chapel & seemed quite  
satisfactory - 3 were young men & one  
a daughter-in-law of the woman  
in whose house they meet for wor-  
ship - The baptistry was not very  
full & is rather short but the  
Elder got on quite well & though  
there was a crowd of heathen look

ing on, it was an orderly & impressive<sup>117</sup>  
service. Before the last one was  
baptized the Elder gave a powerful  
exhortation regarding death & the resurrec-  
tion. After each candidate or sang  
a verse or the chorus of "O Happy Day  
that fixed my choice" -

The main service was between 10  
& 11 o'clock. The service had been  
prepared for the Christians. I had  
Por. S.S. read II Chronicles XX: 1-30 -  
& the Elder preached from John XVI 8-9.  
The Chinese idiom for "Conquer" is  
"to make themselves rebuke themselves"  
so the O.T. passage makes an admirable  
illustration - which can be elaborated  
quite fully - The chief point I  
wanted to bring out was that Christ  
did not promise his followers earth-  
ly power to overcome their enemies  
but that the Holy Spirit could con-

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pel the wicked to admit their  
wickedness might turn them into  
believers - so if we would pray &  
praise as did Judah, God could  
by the Holy Spirits work on the  
Hearts of our Enemies make  
them put themselves to flight -

He preached with energy & truly  
I think with power - The room  
was full, many heathen present,  
but I never noticed a more solemn  
stillness than during parts of his  
sermon - I was pleased to notice  
one old man whom I met on the  
street Saty invited to come -

He was much interested in the  
first baptized Believer of this whole  
region - "Si" Peh - over 80 yrs old -  
but a brave old fellow. He told  
me that when the Nam Sung trouble  
first came up he wanted to go  
out but they would not let him.

"I did not care" he said if they did <sup>118</sup> me. They might beat me to death, but that would not matter".

We had Communion shortly after the other service - & it was a most orderly & pleasant service. Nearly half those present were new attendants, not yet members. The Nav. Sing people came out in force, 3 women - two of whom had been terribly frightened by the threats of the heathen, & some new who were come before. After Communion I talked with them & urged them to meet for worship & read the Bible: if they were anxious to study the last vers. of

Matth. II - When they left their spirits were evidently higher - & they carried back two heavy baskets of clothing they had brought to the Chapel for safe keeping when fearing that their houses would be sacked.

I had some pleasant talks 119-  
with the members & also opportunities  
to talk to the heathen. The members  
at E. Chhân sent a good letter, in-  
viting us to come visit them.  
Two men from there wish to enter the  
Bible Students Class -

Monday - Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> -

I felt unlike a 10 mile walk,  
as the weeks work had tired me  
& lack of good water & too much  
scarceness of food had gotten me into  
an uncomfortable state physically. So  
I sent for a chair & rode most of  
the way to Lai-Phu-Soan. It was  
very hot - After dinner at the latter  
place we bargained for a boat & start-  
ed down river. The boat is about  
35 ft. long & 7 wide - with mat. roof  
& a mat that serves as a sail -

In running before a light wind <sup>120</sup>  
they put up also a white cloth  
sail above the mat & at a distance  
from the river you see only these  
white sails moving along. looking  
like great white feathers - We counted  
11 of them as we walked down through  
the fields of sugar-cane to our boat.

Tuesday. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> -

We rode out about 4 miles  
before stopping for the night. The  
river is shallow & ran a ground  
often. A strong North wind blew  
up & we had a hard time getting  
down. The young fellow whose boat  
we have agreed there should be two  
boatmen - & then produced his small  
brother about 13 - a bright active  
little chap. but not very strong.  
The wind blew us up against the

bank & they sat down in the shelter of  
a mat with Chinese resignation to  
wait till the wind grew milder -  
They possibly would have sat there  
2 x hours (as the wind did not lull)  
had not Dr. C. & I taken hold &  
helped push off - By noon we reached  
Ung-King - & pushed on to E. Phu Sou -

The passage boat had left & there  
was no larger boat to be hired so  
we must travel in a state of uncertain-  
ty as to how & when we should reach  
Swatow - I thought on "poor Goody  
Blake" - who was obliged "for very  
cold to go to bed" - The north wind  
whistled down & under the mat  
roof of our boat with a penetrating  
chill - When our is parboiled  
five or six months of the year he  
feels the cold, when it comes. Keary.

Wednesday - Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> -

We woke up cold several times during the night. & the wind howled as we despaired of making the passage across the bay. But at day-break the wind lulled & I got out & stirred up the boatmen to start out; he hoisted the mat - which gives a concave surface fully 13 x 8 ft. & with a heavy wind astern it sailed enough for a light boat. We fairly bounded over the water made the 10 miles in an hour. He did not dare go further so went up to Páng-Lung & away down again to the shore up to Bue-Khoi - a long inside passage. We now wonderfully favored with winds - had North wind as long as we could use it. Then that died out so the sea was calm when we got outside & then the East wind

came up fresh just as we entered 12-3  
the creek we would have reached Bui  
Khoi by night if our boatmen had  
known the course - but we stuck on  
a bar about a mile & a half be-  
low - The wind was cold we  
hung up blankets & coats all about  
us to keep ourselves protected -

Thursday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> -  
10.45 a.m.

Within two miles of Svatov - with  
a light astern - we late & dine at  
home - Last night we slept quite  
comfortably but were rather too  
cold - Each of us wore nearly all his  
clothes to bed, besides covering up  
with several blankets - This morning  
our hands were almost stiff -  
though I do not think we suffered  
quite as much as yesterday morning.

ing. Yesterday we had rice & <sup>124</sup>  
Eggs. & before we could get it from  
months the rice tastes as if had just  
come from a refrigerator - the wind  
blew right in across our extemporized table  
- and once or twice the Captain ran  
through & stepped over it - but our  
jets used to such "pleasant little  
episodes" - Our boatman is an  
odd fellow - seems stupid & conkers,  
& obstinate yet rather good natured -  
While we were shivering with cold he  
got into the water & with his brother  
& our Cook to help got the boat over  
the bar & up to the main river - so  
we came on all right. Yesterday  
the little chap fell over board but  
seized the board that served as a rudder  
& was pulled in - He changed his  
clothes & began to row for his team.

boon pole that fell overboard - <sup>125</sup>  
The cook's basket also went so we had  
a chapter of accidents - To-day all  
has gone smoothly thus far & we hope  
soon to get home, see our families,  
read our home letters, find out if  
the new missionaries, you good  
from San Francisco have arrived  
& learn what has transpired during the  
fortnight past -

Friday - Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> -

We reached home in time for  
tiffin - found all well - the  
new missionaries here & the goods  
from home arrived - Mr. Hartwell  
here. The Baby has five teeth  
that came in five days!! - She -  
is very cunning & grows more  
so every day - She subsists entirely

upon food given her from a <sup>126</sup>  
spoon or a cup & is settling down  
serenely to that programme -

Clara is quite well & has been  
busy these days - Last evening  
I found she had invited privately  
all the mission to supper with  
us - 15 at table - We had a most  
enjoyable evening - Nearly all our new-  
comers are musical & we have  
considerable singing force -

I have been occupied most of the  
time I regret to say in unpacking  
& sorting our home stores - Now then  
about all arranged to-morrow when  
to get the units due from each  
made out - I have been at prayer  
meeting - the Chinese all seem  
pleased & thankful over the result  
of our trip to Chün-Sing.

Saturday - Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 127

A large part of the forenoon was taken up in settling last no. 8 school ac- writing letters to be taken to Hong Kong & Canton by Mr. Hartwell & such matters - The rest of the day has been given to getting these home goods disposed in order & figuring out each person's share of the amt.

It seems very sad to read the paper Mr. Sidford wrote - He wanted among other things "a Santa-Claus's mask wig for next Christmas" - and now he is in his grave.

He died in Hong Kong just about the time we left for the Country - news came shortly after we left - He had an abscess in the liver.

so deep-seated they could <sup>128</sup>  
not find it though they operated  
twice - It is terribly hard

for Mrs. Sidford. She has six chil-  
dren - all under 17 to care for.

She has quite a little property.  
But of course it will be quite  
a change to give up an income of  
six or eight thousand dollars a year.

& the burden will fall heavily  
on her because he was very  
fond of his family & with them  
a large part of the time.

Mrs. S. takes the children home  
soon -

Dr. & Mrs. Ashmore have gone to  
Am. Pon. their first Country  
trip together. Mr. Hartwell  
did not get away - goes Monday.

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Sunday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 9-30 P.M.

We are just back from a good evening at Dr. Scotts - We sang a no. of pieces - then had an informal Bible-Reading taking up the first prayers of the O. Test. chiefly dwelling on Abraham's intercession for Sodom. All seemed to enjoy it - we got some profitable thoughts. This has been a good Sunday. Ma-Kai preached an excellent sermon from John 8:8. We went to English service Mr. Gibson preached from II Cor. 4:17-21. He has been very busy & I judge had not much time for preparation - He said much that was good, but did not seem.

to rally draw the sword from <sup>130</sup>  
the scabbard - all the pointed  
truths that were most avoidable  
for many of the people were  
rather gently put to say the least.  
I enjoyed the service however -  
Sunday School ~~however~~ was  
not very large but a good service.  
We took a walk afterwards - &  
had a few hymns standing by  
the reservoir - We walked back by  
the hospital which is looking  
finely -

Monday. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> -

Dr. A. has not come back yet.  
I presume he is on a machine tone.  
Po-Hung & A-Khing men in to-day.  
They have been on a trip up back  
of the Hi City - report good

opportunities. My day has been <sup>131</sup> rather broken, by various interruptions. This morning. I rec'd a note from Mr. Hill requesting on the part of the Community that we help in the services at Kak-Chick. I am rather glad to receive it, as it is an admission on their part I never knew made before.

This afternoon - Several of the young men, those in the Customs & Mr. Landale of Jardine Matheson & Co. - called upon the young ladies, who had just gone out, & also called here.

Tuesday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> -

To-day we all rec'd invitations to a ball to be given on the 28<sup>th</sup> - by the St Andrew's Society. I presume the young men called

yesterday so as to be able <sup>132</sup>  
to send these invitations, as it would  
not be correct to send to those whom  
they had not called upon.

Mrs. Innocent & Dr. Laying of the  
Community called to-day - Mrs.  
I. told us particulars of their  
experience in the riots at Ching-Kiang.  
We were sorry to hear that Mrs.  
Horicks whom we met at Shanghai,  
is going into Consumption & must go  
home. It is caused entirely the  
doctors say by exposure at that time.  
Her baby was only a week old &  
she had to get out of bed & run  
to escape the rioters.

I finished up my accounts  
of the home stores, & our sundry  
things besides being interviewed  
by numerous Chinese -

A. Ngan came in reports new  
 beams at Soa-ai. At a place  
 not far from there a number of  
 people are inquiring about Christi-  
 anity - but, while some are doubt-  
 less sincere, there is a little  
 danger that a part may be afraid  
 of trouble from the official for  
 some trouble that they have had  
 in the past. Dr. A. says - "Png  
 Tai jin is a great revivalist" &  
 there is danger that some  
 who fear he will come down  
 upon them will try to shield them-  
 selves under the wing of the Church.  
 so we advised them to wait till  
 we can go up see. He says  
 they have finished whitewashing  
 & painting. His old father is able to work.

Wednesday. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1894

A day filled with sundry duties -  
In the evening the prayer-meeting  
was led by Dr. Carlen at our  
house. A good room-ful of our  
own mission - it is a great cause  
for thankfulness that we have so  
large a company.

Thursday. Nov. 20/90

Dr. McKie & Dr. Waterman came in  
the morning. We enjoy their visit  
very much. In the forenoon they  
attended the students class which  
they enjoyed, & did some writing.

The afternoon was given to discussing  
plans &c. The proposed trip to Kia-  
Eng - Dr. McKie is tired from his  
long jaunts in the North & says he is al-

ready impressed with masses & <sup>135</sup>  
distances in China - We planned a  
trip up toward Kieh Yang for our  
Sunday, but after dinner that  
was given up - The Corvells are  
here looking well. In the evening  
we invited all the mission & had  
a social evening - with Conversation  
a game of Halma & that checkerboard puzzle.  
Music - Dr. M. had opportunity for  
a long talk with Mr. Campbell on the  
Hak-Ka field - Friday - Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> -

We visited the girls' <sup>school</sup> & Women's  
Class then went to Swatow & visited  
the Chapel; several preachers were  
there & a large crowd gathered  
Dr. M. & Dr. W. seemed much interest-  
ed in the scene - in the doctrines of  
the Trin. who talked directly to the  
heathen - Then we went about the city.