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In the afternoon I worked on my books. the two gentlemen visited & wrote till 4 o'clock when we went to visit the E. P. Mission.

Saturday. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1890

The evening meeting was a good one. Dr. Waterman & Dr. Macbie both spoke to the Chinese - the subj. of the meeting was "thanksgiving & prayer" - Phil. II: 6 - Clara led the women's meeting. Mrs. Ashmore, Mrs. & Miss Scott & Miss Durwidie were also present. the largest no. of ladies belonging to the mission ever present I think -

Saturday we finished our home mail & in the P.M. attended to writing acc'ts & other such matters. The days are so filled up with incidentals that it is hard to tell when the time goes - the table-talk is intensely interesting & profitable - Questions of Theology & methods of work at home & abroad

are fully & freely discussed - interspersed<sup>d</sup> with wit & pleasantries that make the hour at table most enjoyable - We are highly privileged to have distinguished guests - Clara gets on admirably in keeping the house in "good form" - Our two visitors are a great addition to the family circle & the baby is not to be left out - Mrs. A. gave her a doll & she delight knew no bounds she sat on the floor with it & fairly shouted for joy - it was a great wonder there.

Sunday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> -

We had an excellent 9 o'clock service Dr. S. M. & W. both spoke & a no. of the Chinese took part. Dr. A. preached a good sermon - Two young men from the Customs came in attracted by the singing - they promised to come again next Sunday - At 11:30 we

met to English Service - biggest dele-<sup>3</sup>  
gation of Baptists I ever saw there.  
Dr. Makie preached an excellent sermon.  
He asked me to take the preliminary  
exercises so I read the Scriptures & sang  
the hymns - He offered prayer & preached  
ably with power - from Eph. VI: 20 -  
"An Ambassador in bonds" - or "Conducting  
an Embassy in a chain" - subj - working  
out our life-task with liberty under  
limitations - 3 points - "Conducting  
an Embassy - "under limitations" -  
"with liberty" - boldy of vs. 19 he said  
might be rendered "with liberty" -

He developed the thoughts grandly  
giving many Scriptural illustrations  
we all enjoyed it & felt refreshed -  
All present gave excellent attention.  
Not many of the Community were pre-  
sent because we did not promise  
to have the Church Service -

We had a good Sunday School  
after school went around the "plateau"

14 or 15 of us - In the evening  
we met at Dr. Scott's & had a short  
prayer-meeting after which Dr. A.  
gave an intensely interesting acc't  
of the early days of this mission -  
from its beginnings in Bangkok  
& Hongkong. It seems that S. Will  
Williams was largely instrumental  
in this ports being opened when  
the treaties were made, because  
he knew of the interest felt in  
these people - (By the way I got a  
report the other day of a woman  
who used to help Mrs. Sawtelle  
perhaps the nurse she inquired  
after; recently A. Rhine, "Speed", told  
me this woman married a Presby.  
member, was persecuted for right  
conscience sake but now is very  
prosperous. lives at Sam Chan)  
After Dr. A. Mr. Campbell gave

a brief acct of the Hatt-ka 5-  
people & field also of the year's  
work. & thus closed a most delight-  
ful Sunday.

Monday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.

On the boat again. We started  
about this morning to get ready  
for the trip & after visiting the  
School & Hospital we set out  
at 10 o'clock & are now, 3 P.M.,  
not very far from Phai-thai. I  
have greatly enjoyed talking with  
Dr. Mahie. He has given me  
some good thoughts on the subject  
of faith & work. We also talked  
about mission matters quite a  
little. He is feeling jaded from  
his trip in North China & slept  
quite a part of the afternoon.  
At dusk we landed at Pang-  
Khai & were on shore brushing.

to a few people - one seemed to  
genuinely interested - Po-Hung &  
Chai-Ing came up in a small  
boat to call on the visitors -

At supper the discussions were  
resumed & lasted till bed time -

At a little after nine we started  
for Poa Kai.

Tuesday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> -

Dr. Waterman & I went to "Phin-Si"  
to-day - took a small boat for  
a mile or two & walked 3 miles -  
At this place had a large  
group of men & boys to crowd  
about the chapel - some listened  
well & bought books - On my  
way out we had a great crowd  
after us. I sold out all the  
books & leaflets we had & might  
have sold a lot more -  
We walked back to the boat  
at Phin-Kug -

We met Drs. A. & W. going out 7-  
to preach at the village of E. Tung  
(see map). Dr. Waterman and I were  
glad to get back to the boat dock.  
Just in front of our boats were  
moored 3 of Brig Tai Jui's big  
official boats. That doughty warrior  
and some other officials have gone  
to the city on business.

We made a short landing & got ready  
to bed - Wednesday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> -

On a Hak-Ka boat bound for Swa-  
tow. We got up before sunrise this  
morning. Breakfasted. Saw that every-  
thing was packed & set out a little  
after 7 o'clock in chairs for Chao-  
chow Fu - It is a pleasant trip.  
Most of the way over a concrete  
road, level & easy to travel -  
At 9 o'clock we got to our chapel  
and in a half hour more were

setting out for Dr. Conslands &  
hospital. He had an old house  
now, but says they have rented  
a new one & the Carpenter will  
be here to fit it up soon -

We found a lot of patients waiting.  
He took us to see a young man  
in chains - (the son of a church mem-  
ber) who has been taken in several  
times to try & give up opium but  
has always run away. So this time  
Dr. C. said he must put shackles on  
him if he come again. The young  
man consented & has remained 7 or 8  
days till the craving is now past.  
Dr. Noble was deeply touched &  
said "Let's pray with him." - Dr.  
Consland asked Dr. Ashmun Spray  
He offered a short petition that  
the shackles of sin might be shaken  
off & the man be given power to

overcome temptation in the 9-  
time to come - he afterwards spoke  
kindly to the young man urging him  
to rely on the Lord - We then made  
a visit to the Examination Hall & to  
the Confucian Temple, but a subaltern  
came in as we were looking about  
the place within the door & said  
"You do not want people to go  
into your chapel we do not want  
you in a Confucian Temple just the  
same - We disavow the statement  
regarding chapel saying we were pleas-  
ed to have people come in - "Ihu"  
said he, "a Confucian Temple is  
not the same - Go out -" We  
went, having already seen a part  
of the establishment - Gen. Ping  
has ordered a bamboo staging  
built above the temple roof  
so that a Hung Shway nero -

managers can get up & look <sup>10</sup>  
about, decide what sort of "Kind  
& Water" will be favorable to gen-  
eral prosperity. In afterwards  
went to Kim-Sua & back to the  
Chapel. The men had hired a  
Hak-Ka boat so we took dinner  
therein & have been rowing down  
river ever since.

Thursday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.

We woke up at daylight in Swatow -  
tho I had been awake several times  
before. The "man at the wheel" was  
amusing himself by humming  
airs from the last Opera & as  
he hummed his spirits rose, then  
his voice, so I felt constrained to  
request the Capt. to check the musical  
young man, which he did in about  
two syllables. The boat ran aground  
several times during the night  
but we got a very good night's rest.

We breakfasted in Kak Chieh - 11

The day was a busy one, our guests having decided to leave in the afternoon - I went to the S.S. with them & then to Swatow to get some silver dollars - In the evening Miss

Falconer & the two young ladies here were in to tea & Mrs Scott & Edward also came in after tea - We passed a quiet but very enjoyable evening. We have a game of "Flowers" something like Authors but more interesting which we tried - It was a beautiful moonlight night & we all adjourned to the boat & took Miss Falconer home.

I appreciated the quiet social evening as we have had so much solid discussion of mission matters & similar subjects -

The Campbells all left for Kia Eng in a Hak-Ka boat.

Friday - Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> - 12

A day broken up so that I did not get very much time for anything except a busy day. We are thinking of a trip to Kuri-Su & that region soon. Dr. Scott may go with us if the larger house boat can get through the canal. Prayer-meeting was held as usual in the evening - very busy after supper Clara takes one lantern & goes to the Girls' School while I take another & go to the Students Classroom. Saturday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> -

A high wind blowing - We planned to go to Swatow in the afternoon but the bay was too rough - Dr. & Mrs. Riddle & a new young lady are expected - we want to see them.

Dr. R. has some new maps of <sup>13</sup>  
this region.

We are having quite a siege with  
our servants just now we have to keep  
one or two extra ones on account of  
going to the Country so much, and  
if we want to make any changes  
the one to be changed is likely to  
make a fuss & then the others do  
not like to take his place, something  
of the home "union-men" spirit -

but I think we shall get organized  
in time.

Dr. Mus. A. left for T'ien Si after  
dinner - Sunday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 9 P. M.

? went to Tang Ch'iu to-day & feel tired.

This morning at 2:30 I was roused  
up by hearing a man come & call  
up the "boy". For the two larger

Boats had "run" - broke loose 14  
& drifted off - I was glad to find  
that they had only floated off  
against the H.B.M. Consul's pier,  
had not gotten on the rocks nor  
pounded against the pier badly.

I feel on the whole encouraged  
about Tang-ai - the members  
are certainly in better condition  
than a few years ago other  
on signs of progress - I went  
over the Ch. roll & found them  
ready to take up cases of discipline  
There are also several who may  
soon apply for baptism.

I had a good talk with one  
boy A-kgi, on the way over  
& found he had given up belief  
in idols - I urged him strongly  
to believe.

On the way back A-mi' the <sup>15</sup>  
young man who has been some-  
successful as a colporteur was with  
us & I tried to draw him out  
about his own experience & as  
to let A'ngi see what the  
gospel had done for him.

He is an earnest & active young  
man. & seems to show real  
fruits of repentance & faith -

In the evening some of the  
Chinese came in to ask about  
various affairs and did not get  
away till after 8 o'clock - There  
was a Bible Reading at Dr.  
Corlins but we were tired &  
did not go. Monday - Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.

It is difficult to realize that the  
last month of 1890 has come -  
& I have been here almost 3 years.

but such is the case

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The days do pass quickly & so many things come in to interrupt that they fairly melt away.

In the forenoon I went to Swatow to get some books from Hankow & do some banking business. Mr. Novell was going so we went together while away a Mr. Pitcher of Amoy called, a Dutch Reformed New Yorker.

In the evening we had accepted an invitation to the Carlin's & had a pleasant company.

Tuesday - Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>/<sub>11</sub>

Dr. & Mrs. Ashmore come early & I went down to arrange with the steersman to go right up with the Novells when the tide turned. They will stay at Ning-Khen Liang a few months yet.

I omitted to mention the important

went of Monday in the evening  
of the mail per S.S. City of Peking.

Clara had a good home letter  
& list of contents of box shipped  
with the young ladies goods. It  
makes us impatient to get it.  
I had good letters from home  
The account of the Temperance  
Crusade is most interesting, may  
it succeed. I am sorry for Nat.  
Meader. & still more so for the  
now unhappy victims of the  
miserable traffic. I had also  
letters from Scoville, the Mission Trus.  
a lady in Jamaica Plain regarding some-  
thing sent for S. school work & a lady in  
Chicago about school-work.

The acct of the Convention in-  
terested me much. no remarkable  
advance yet - but waking up in  
certain quarters - There is a  
tremendous boom in Education in  
the West.

Wednesday. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> -

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The day was varied by finding a party of tourists wandering about the premises looking after "some girls that came over in the 'China'" - I took them to the ladies-house & had a pleasant conversation with our gentleman, Professor Brogdon of Auburndale - head of the Seminary there - a Methodist Miss Scott says - They looked about & four of the party stayed to tiffin with the Scotts. Afterwards I saw them on the S.S. "Titan" - to which I went for two reasons, one because the P.O. closed before advertised time & I wanted to mail our letters - & again to say good bye to the Sidfords - I had not seen Mrs. S. since his death.

It is sad for her going 19  
home thus with the children  
when they had all planned  
to be going together.

We sent two house boats off  
to try & get through the "Si Le"  
Canal: if they succeed Clara, the  
baby nurse will go with me in the  
large boat & Dr. Scott will go in the  
"Peace" - We had a quite good  
prayer meeting at Dr. Scott's - I led -  
but took it very easily -

Thursday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> -

Weather still fine, clear & beau-  
tiful - thermometer at 69° - East  
wind blowing fresh - I am  
finishing up a little mail for home.  
Poor Ji Hsin was in this morning  
He has been very ill, suffered much.  
Many Chinese physicians - I fear.

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Clara is very busy these days  
as one of the teachers in the  
girls school is ill & the matron  
is obliged to be away with her son  
who is ill in Swatow. . . . .  
I was  
very fortunate in having such a  
good nurse - she seems really  
fond of the baby & never com-  
plains. Anna sleeps every morn-  
ing an hour or two but is awake  
all the rest of the day. At night  
she wakes once when we go to bed  
& early in the morning but usually  
sleeps all the rest of the time.  
She seems very well & strong &  
of course is growing more &  
more cunning every day.

I am sending a small  
box to Sheila by mail  
containing a wedding present.

& a few trinkets -

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Friday. Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1890.

On the larger boat near the shore of  
Hai Nam bay - 8.30 P.M. We came  
over this afternoon but it was too  
late to cross the bay so we shall  
lie over here till 2 A.M. - Dr Scott  
is with us in the "Puce". This  
morning I was very busy writing  
letters & getting the various sum-  
mers all attended to that always  
need to be settled before going  
away. Dr. Ashmun plans being  
away over Sunday & again taking  
a trip up the Kit Di" River next week  
so the Compound will be quite  
deserted - The two young ladies  
came down to see Dr Scott  
off. They have not yet  
been out in the boats -

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Edward Scott is partially  
employed teaching Mr. Allen's  
son. He is going to study Mandar-  
in & expects a teacher from  
Hankow soon.

Saturday - Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

At Kwei-Su. We have had  
a heavy rain & the boat has  
leaked a little but we managed  
with a rubber blanket & part of  
an old extension valise to cover  
the roofs we have kept dry -  
we passed the Hsia-Pheung bridge  
a little after sunrise just after  
the tide had begun to run out.

We sailed away well and reach-  
ed here by 2 o'clock. I found the  
old chapel-keeper "Cross", bright  
& chipper. A-Kai was here too.  
He reports his mother better -  
I have written a long letter to

New Britain & have our <sup>23</sup>  
nearly finished to Mr. Gitchell  
of St. Vass. Sunday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> -

A quiet day. We visited the chapel at  
about 9 A.M. & stayed till nearly noon.  
It is so stormy not very many were  
out. Clara taught Jos. III:16 to the old  
women present & we had opportunity  
to talk with a young farmer who stopped  
in for a little time. This afternoon  
we had a quiet but interesting Com-  
munion service. I spoke on the  
gift of Gods Son to save & sustain our  
souls - I was pleased to see a young  
boy come to listen at the door who  
has always been here when I have  
come & who listens well. We called  
at the E.P. Chapel after service, they  
have not so good a chapel as we,  
but have a resident preacher all  
the time & a larger congregation.

Monday Dec<sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup> - 24

This morning I went with A-Kui to preach in the city & we had good opportunities - plenty of hearers, not too many - & some listened with evident interest - & I sold nearly all the books I brought - This afternoon we went to the Chiao & visited some members - Dr. Scott also went & had numerous applications for eye & cough medicine - One old man came & listened well to the doctrine. & afterwards asked if I thought he would die this year - He had been told by some one that he would die in his 69<sup>th</sup> year & he was now 69 - I do not know what effect the truth had upon him - but he listened well - After returning we took the baby out for a walk & she enjoyed it hugely - She is full of life & gets on very well in the boat

Tuesday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> -

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Back from Hie<sup>n</sup> Sua<sup>n</sup> Thau<sup>n</sup> - having  
walked about 10 miles and made  
a no. of visits - Dr. Scott met & was  
throughed much of the time with patients  
of various kinds - The majority  
of people here seem to have either  
rheumatism, a cough, sore eyes or some  
skin trouble - There are some frightful  
cases of ringworm particularly among  
children - One boy was treated to-day  
whose head was really covered with it.

The damp, dirty houses these people  
have & the way they herd together all  
tend to produce such difficulties -  
We took the baby & she was the  
cyprus of all eyes - She does not  
mind it much, but once when a  
great crowd surrounded the chair she  
cried & she evidently gets too much  
stirred up for she is wide-awake cry-  
ing & playing with no idea of going to sleep.

Wednesday. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 26

To-day at Chiah-Liau-tho  
we were on the way longer than  
at the chapel. We stopped at  
"Hau-di" to call on two brothers there  
& attracted great attention. It was  
the day for worshipping the local  
gods - three of whom were seated  
under a canopy their arms staffed  
full of paper money & in front of  
them a feast spread while at the  
further end of the square was the  
stand for a theater to be given for  
the divine guests' delectation.

When we came back at night  
the theater was in full blast &  
a great crowd standing about  
Our brother there told us that  
several tens of thousands of people  
in the cluster of villages belonging to  
"Hau-di" unite in worshipping these

"Lāu-ā" Sometimes there is 27  
a dull almost deadening effect  
upon our faith produced by the  
sight & thought of such multitudes  
of idolaters & their determined adher-  
ence to their error. Sitting in the  
chair I read Isaiah LXI:11 - a verse

I used to quote in speaking on Foreign  
missions at home & it came to me  
in a new light. i.e. as pointing to a sud-  
den acceptance of truth - a springing  
forth of the seed - so we must go  
on sowing - It has seemed rather

hard work to-day - people seemed  
even more than usually indifferent.  
I fear I was not in the best condi-  
tion myself - Dr. Scott was with us  
& had numerous patients -

We decided to go to Bua Chiek  
Khe" to-morrow I have ordered  
chairs - <sup>Later</sup> I have just been up to  
the chapel to see a - Koi about

going to Bua-Chieh Khe" - 28-  
with us. He was puzzling over  
Galatians III:19 - "ordained" by angels -  
& I helped him to passages that  
explained it more clearly. He is  
interested to get at the meaning of  
Scripture. Yesterday he had a lot of  
passages - the Scribe's bringing  
forth things new & old, Christ's words  
to Nathaniel - & also he asked a no.  
of questions on Church history regarding  
the relation of Baptists & Anabaptists -

He is the young man standing with  
an open book before him in the picture  
of the Baptismal Pool. He has a  
tendency to pedantry, but is improving  
& may yet become an earnest useful  
preacher -

To-day I read Gladstone's  
reviews of R. Chamers & also a story by  
Mrs Ward - Miss Brereton, first  
novel I have read in a long time.

I began it after leaving Chhiab 29  
Liam this afternoon & hastily ran over  
it. rather interesting but super aesthetic,  
showing like R. E. how little the  
author has studied human-life  
by contact with the mass of mankind.

Thursday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - 1890 -

7 P.M. Back from our days jaunt -  
supper finished & while Dr. Scott &  
Clara are making the baby playing  
between her mother's feet I begin  
this journal. We have had a

good day for traveling. Cloudy & mild.

We took 3 chairs with good carri-  
ers who made quick time. We

found the bin sisters glad to see  
us. We eat lunch at the house of  
the sister who was badly persecuted  
here some years ago. Then repair-  
ed to the house of Li-Ling, who is

the only brother at the place - 30.

Some-time ago I mortgaged a room  
in his house for \$1,500 - the only real-  
estate I lay claim to anywhere.  
It is a small place but, we hope,  
the beginning of better things.

Dr. Scott had a lot of patients -  
some of whom may come to the hos-  
pital - Clara invited one woman  
to come read in the class with Khan  
Chi (the one formerly persecuted) they  
start down next week - A - Khan's  
mother-in-law who was her bitter-  
est persecutor is now quite mollified  
was a candidate for eye-medicine.  
I had an audience before an Au-  
stralian Hall & several men seemed  
inclined to question with a view  
to tripping me: but I had more  
"liberty" than usual & followed the  
chief questioner up till he acknowl-  
edged the truth of the main doc-

time - or rather its consistency. <sup>31</sup>  
He asked a no. of questions - about  
the place & time Christ was born  
& when I had committed myself  
on that point asked how it could  
be that He was God & creator  
& only dated back 1800 or so years,  
when the "Chou" family had lived  
50 or 60 thousand yrs; so I had to  
go back to creation & give him the  
whole line of history up to Noah &  
the relation of sacrifices to the Stone-  
ment - A man appreciates the Old  
Testament in this sort of work.

As we were going away Li-Ling  
said "Those are the three men who  
wanted to persecute us & took the  
names of 30 of us, mine at the head,  
to the magistrate & wanted him to come  
arrest us for worshipping God. Now  
thank the Lord, their hearts are milder  
& they have listened to the doctrine."

I do not remember ever having 32  
so interesting a dialogue with any  
heathen as with this man especially  
the part relating to the relation between  
the old & new Covenants. the sacrifices  
which were the "shadow" & Christ the  
substance - He questioned me very par-  
ticularly on this & when he got  
the statements clearly did not offer  
an objection. I suspect he is a  
bad fellow but if he can get  
as clear a view of the truth spirit-  
ually as he seemed to mentally con-  
sidering the short & imperfect instruct-  
ion he got - he would make an intelli-  
gent Christian - I certainly never felt  
more assurance in speaking nor a  
fuller realization of the strength of  
our position. It is a blessed  
privilege as Dr. Ashmun says "to be  
able to testify whether they will  
hear or whether they will forbear".  
At a village on the way back when

the Chair Travers set us down <sup>33</sup>  
while they went for a lunch, a large  
crowd gathered about & Clara &  
Coch had an audience while Dr. Scott  
applied medicine to a baby that  
had some skin trouble.

After we reached the boat Clara &  
took a walk with the baby who  
always attracts attention & after our  
return Coch had an audience - Dr. also  
was busy till supper time.

This evening we have been at the  
Chapel for worship; only the Chapel Keeper  
& her grand nephew & a Bible Woman  
on there. I was glad to see that the boy  
seems much better for the medicine  
he has already taken & that he could  
repeat John III: 16. Clara taught him  
Sunday, perfectly; she urged the old  
woman to teach him a little every  
day. Beginning with the Lord's Prayer.  
The poor boy is an orphan.

Friday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - 34.

Rainy to-day. We left Kwei-Si upon sunrise & when breakfast was over we went at Kang-Sai & visited A-Thong who was baptized about 2 yrs ago.

We called upon him & I had an excellent opportunity to talk with a friend of his & the village school teacher: the former had heard at our Swatow chapel - A-Thong seems to be proving a faithful brother: his wife is always much pleased to have us come to visit, & to have the Bible-woman come & stay with them.

We moved on to Si-Bi Phou & I have been writing as the rain prevented our going about as we planned - the sky is threatening & the prospects poor for getting chains so I do not know just how much we cannot accomplish the next few days. but we have had so good

matter & opportunities thus far 35-  
that the trip thus far will repay  
us for coming.

Saturday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

Bright & clear - Mr succeeded in get-  
ting the chairs together & set out for  
Khe" Khain at 9-30 - I packed up my  
bedding & Clara got materials ready  
for my meals at Khou-Khoi so I could  
go there direct & gain a little time.

I had a decidedly slow & uncertain  
Chair - braver who slipped down once  
and barked his knee nearly throwing  
me off the seat. They are so tough &  
their sinews so much like wire that  
they do not often get sprained. & indeed  
this is the first time I ever had  
one slip down with me.

The new chapel at Khe" Khain is a  
neat structure & seems solidly built.  
They have a little room at one side  
as well as a main room - The mem-  
bers I am sorry to find are not in

the best frame: the one sister <sup>36</sup>  
accuses the two brn who were promi-  
nent in the labor (& there was but one  
more bro.) of 'sequestering' funds &c.  
She was out of sorts because her boy  
of 14 or thereabouts was not paid for  
his work: She is having & has  
had trouble with her husband - &  
threatens to leave him. Clara had  
invited her to read in the Woman's  
Class for 3 mos. But when this view  
of the case presented itself she thought  
it best to wait so I took the hus-  
band, who is not a Christian, aside  
& talked with him. He seemed re-  
signed to fate, but I think he  
understood we did not want to com-  
mence the woman in running away  
from him. Dr. Scott opened her  
medicines & had a tremendous crush  
for an hour or more. The demand is  
marvellous - Coughs, rheumatics,  
tooth aches, eye aches, stomach aches

and notably "wind" need all to be <sup>37</sup>  
drugged. "Wind" is the name for  
all dyspeptic pains & is located any-  
where from the groin to the shoulder  
& the nose says "very old people  
have it in the head". Dr. S. thinks  
it very likely is due to their manner  
of eating - just pushing down the rice  
& other articles with scarcely any chew-  
ing.

I was glad to see our old brother  
with the boat back who was over  
last year & is ready to be baptized -  
He walked a mile or more, poor old  
fellow, & got there just as Mr. M.  
was leaving. They asked if he could be  
baptized & it was partially arranged  
that he go to Kou-Khoi -

I reached that place at a little  
after 4 o'clock having visited  
two bins on the way. I was glad  
to find Gr. K. Lang studied the Scrip-  
tures in his shop. The workmen having

left for the night.

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We had a little prayer-meeting in the evening. I used the latter part of II Cor. III. reflecting Christ. illustrating by the custom of raising a bamboo pole with a couple of lanterns thereon - upon the roof to worship Heaven. Suppose a mirror were placed there & the Sun to shine full upon it which would be more brilliant & be seen farther; so our duty is not to shine by our own light but to reflect the light that comes from the Sun of righteousness.

I had a very good talk with Dah the big son of Han-Lai. We did not get on well at first but the past year have been very good friends. He inquired particularly after Father - Last year I was writing in this journal & they of course "wanted to know you know!"

so I told them I was particular<sup>39</sup>  
to write home because I was an only  
son & there were no more children at  
home. This impressed them very  
much.

Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

Back on board again after a busy  
day. I slept last night on two cots.  
Fortunately had 3 quilts & a double blanket  
so made it quite comfortable. I got to  
sleep early & only heard the clock strike  
4 & 7 this morning before rising.  
A rat scampert about & disturbed  
me somewhat.

We had early worship at 9.30 &  
regular service at 10.40. after Clara  
& Dr. S. arrived. The rooms were crowded  
full. The church members took  
the service & did well. Our read  
II Chronicles 24 - another preached on Matt.  
III: 5 sq. & Gen. Laing on the brazen  
serpent. The old bro. with the  
cut back came in a chain of

was obliged to make hasty ar. 40  
rangements for a baptism. The large  
pools in front of the village were being  
emptied of water & fish taken out so we  
could not use any of them but we  
found another pool a few rods away.  
Objections were made that it was too  
far & the old man would catch cold  
& die &c. &c. Finally all was arrang-  
ed - at 1-30 we met & examined  
the old man. his experience or rather  
his "hope" was more satisfactory than  
his "doctrine" - but his sincerity was  
so evident that all voted for him.

The baptism passed off better than  
I feared. the man was a very dif-  
ficult subject for when he al-  
most sat down his back was still  
vertical & I had to "put out strength  
to assure his going beneath the water.  
He had never seen a baptism. but  
it passed off well. He said after-  
wards when asked if he was all right.  
"Yes thank the Lord - track't Auld at all."

He is a most ingenuous creature 41-  
& with all his simplicity seems to  
have some native shrewdness. He is  
the first one baptized from Khe'khai  
Chapel since I have been here & for  
some time before I did not think  
there had been any out-

We had Communion at 2-30 & gave  
this Bro. the hand of fellowship so  
he communed with us. Over fifty  
must have partaken -

A few had asked the Dr. for medicine  
& soon a great multitude were all  
clamoring. If we could only see  
people as anxious about their  
souls - We reached the boat just  
after sun-down before dusk -

I walked all the way but about a  
mile which part of the journey  
I sat in Clara's Chair - felt  
tired but a hearty supper refreshed me

Monday. Dec. 15. 9.40 a.m. <sup>42</sup>

Just coming up to Pi<sup>o</sup>. Si<sup>o</sup> - Mr  
made Hia-Phing bridge, passed  
through clear. at 10 o'clock, the  
tide being just right.

By 10 o'clock we were at the entrance  
of the canal. But the water was  
out. Finally we got a boat to push  
over the mud in the shallow water  
& were getting on finely when we came  
to a "sandy pile" & they could not  
move any further. Happily there  
was a hard struck in the mud  
clear to the shore with water trickling  
down only an inch or two deep.

I took off my shoes & stockings  
& made the passage safely. Dr. Scott  
had a pair of rubbers & sent them  
back to Clara after walking up  
herself. We met a chair & engaged  
it for Clara & the baby. We got a

boat & though the tide was  
 beginning to come in the wind was  
 light with a good crew of boatmen  
 we reached home by 3.30 - it was a  
 delightful rest to get her away <sup>from</sup> Chi-  
 nese sights, sounds & smells for a respite.  
 Dr. & Mrs. Ashmun are away - left  
 last Wednesday.

I saw the "Chamod" in port  
 & hoped the story I heard Saty  
 about her being taken by pirates  
 the Capt. & three two other foreigners  
 being killed was not true - but  
 am very sorry to find that it is.  
 On her last trip down the cas-  
<sup>in the main</sup> cals shipped as steerage passengers  
 within five hours of Hongkong  
 they took possession of the ship, locked  
 up the officers. They wanted Capt  
 Pocock to come out & he refused  
 saying they would shoot him. They  
 said no they wanted to talk, but as

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soon as he came out on deck  
they shot him. The first & second  
engineers are disabled but I do not  
know how badly. Mr. Urquhart  
& his ass't are taking their place this  
trip. Capt. Pocock was a fireman  
strictly temperate & respected as a  
Christian man. He leaves a wife  
and four children. It is very  
sad. As yet no arrests have been  
made - but some of the ringleaders  
are fellows whose pictures are in  
the "Hong Kong" rogues gallery.

Tuesday Dec. 16 -

To-day we met a Mr. Wales,  
unordained missionary to Amoy district,  
who was passenger on the "Harmon";  
also talked with an officer on the  
"Fokien" & read accounts in the H.K.  
papers so have a better idea of  
the tragedy. The attack was after  
leaving Hongkong last Wednesday. Shows

out of the port - You may have <sup>45</sup> a full account in home papers so I only note general statements -

The pirates separated into four gangs & covered all parts of the ship - Saloon, Engine room, bridge & Forward quarters. They had a bold leader, and fully understood managing the vessel - which they ran from 1 till 7-30 P.M. & left anchored with the boats stove, lights thrown overboard & windlass damaged. The Capt. & a Malay Quarter-master were shot & the latter thrown overboard - the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer & 3<sup>rd</sup> mate were shot in the arm - all the rest were locked & nailed into the Captain's cabin where he was dying. When the pirates got through with the work of plundering of the luggage & put some \$20,000 - into their junks they left without firing the ship - a sailor notified the officers & they broke through a window

got out, found machinery, & steering <sup>46</sup> gear all right & steam enough to start, so they slipped the cables & made for Hong Kong - the First Officer having been able to make out their location -

Mr. Wales takes tiffin with us ~~to tiffin~~ & I hope to get some particulars from him -

We have not been feeling very bright to-day - Clara has had a bad headache & I have not been in a very capable mood, have had various sundry small things to look after -

Wednesday - Dec. 17 -

A cold some way has begun to take hold of me but I hope its sway will not be long -

The Gibsons, Mr. MacLagan & Mr. Wales took tiffin with us, & we had a rather pleasant party. In the afternoon we went to the Scots, 3 of their family, met also

to Mt. Beatty - 643 ft. high a <sup>47</sup>  
few miles away. It was a rather  
good trip, to which I yielded rather  
under protest - and a paid it was  
not the best thing for my cold - The  
view is grand & gives a better i-  
dea of this region than can be  
gained from any other point.

In the evening we had prayer-  
meeting led by Dr. Carlin subject  
23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm - a quiet but good  
meeting. Thursday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

Cold troublesome - I had nearly  
decided to preach Sunday but  
fear it would not be best.

This cold makes me rather un-  
bit for much satisfactory  
work. There are a no. of small  
matters to look after, some letters  
to write & my time seems to be filled

in one way or another.

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Friday. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

We had prayer meeting as usual: a large attendance as besides the scholars at the various schools there are several men here who have come to be cured of various & sundry ills & we have found their temporary lodgings about - Two are down from Nain-Sing out to break off opium - The Head man sent down his salutations to me & said if I came again he wanted to converse with me - The quinine seems to have pleased him.

I am trying to get things ready for Communion & my work of various kinds all done up to date so as to begin 1891 with everything clear & be able to go out into

the country as much as possible. <sup>49</sup>  
I have sent a letter to Dr. Noble  
with an inventory of mission real-  
estate, which he desired - I have also  
had a man clearing out the Brackers  
house - a teacher writing in characters  
on a large map (names of places), be-  
sides working at accounts arranging  
for getting goods to Mr. Campbell &c -  
all the time nursing my cold, which is  
uncomfortable but apparently on the decline.  
Clara says Tui-Siu-Se<sup>n</sup>-Nie was at  
prayer-meeting & stated that she had  
planned to come up on the "Hamon",  
but did not have her hair  
done up in time or something of  
that sort & missed the steamer,  
also the printers, As the meeting  
was a praise meeting this was  
a fitting testimony - or rather sentiment  
of reason for thanksgiving.

Clara has a cold too & the 50-  
baby has been troubled by one for  
several days. but to-day is better -  
Saturday. Dec 20/90 -

Cold better. the day has been a  
rather busy one but largely taken  
up with looking after the sundry  
operations referred to yesterday - It was  
no small matter to get the goods for  
Mr. Campbell started - A large lot  
of tracts had to be looked over & pack-  
ed with other things. We sent a  
box of oranges to bring to the  
young ladies who entertained us so  
hospitably last Spring -

I am taking my exercise in making  
a mill-sweep or rather making  
a part of it new. the post is good

For some time yet - <sup>should have been 51</sup> 53  
Sunday - Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> -

Good services - Hsia-Lin preached in the forenoon. Ji Hsin was present the first time in a long while. Sunday school was fairly attended. Hsia-Lin prepared a drawing of Paul chained to a soldier that was striking my foot - it made a good object lesson.

Next Sunday we have a review.

Clara & I took a long walk after school was over -

Monday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

Very mild - our colds are much better - the baby, indeed, has seemed about well for a day or two. She has red cheeks & looks the picture of health - yesterday a new tooth came through - she just waked

up & cried a few moments till <sup>54</sup>  
Clara gave her a drink of milk  
& she is calmed again. Last week  
she had several vociferous crying  
spells. But the past few days has  
done better. For one or two nights  
I have heard her scolded out from  
my bed a few days & she quieted & replied  
"Pa'-pa'" - very severely. She will  
soon be walking alone. For now  
she holds herself up quite a long  
time at your knee or in the Chinese  
Chair & with a hand under either  
arm she will walk some distance.  
No hope to get another picture soon.

This evening I have been reading  
about from St. B. C. Hays's "The  
Cross & the Dragon" - an Excellent  
book. Well worth buying & reading -

Tuesday Dec 23<sup>55</sup>

Dr. & Mrs. Ashmun were back very  
early at the landing but did not  
come up till breakfast-time.

They have had a very encouraging  
trip - visited all the stations  
but our in Kit-Sê & done a  
great deal of evangelizing.

They went into some orange groves  
& got some astonishing  
specimens of fruit - our bunch  
of five large ones all on one stem  
& a little branch with ten upon  
it - Dr. A. counted 173 trees in  
a patch not so large as our  
Garden at N. & on our way  
over 200 oranges - there were at  
a small estimate - 25000 oranges  
ripening in that our patch.

No had several matters to talk 56-  
over & I was busy one way & another  
all day. Dr. Conslund & Dr.  
McPherson took supper with us & the  
Scotts come over in the evening -  
Dr. Ashmun told us a great deal  
about the early history of this  
place & also of Hong Kong & Macao -  
particularly of the abominable  
Cooly traffic. He did much  
through the newspapers & by  
personal effort to oppose it -  
did get some men released who  
had been kidnapped from this  
region. It was a most profit-  
able business - hence difficult  
to break up. Many American vessels  
were in the trade. After it was  
stopped a 2000 ton ship built  
in Maine for this special trade

by Boston parties rather -  
 Come out expecting to take a big  
 load back & pay for the ves-  
 sel in one voyage - but the  
 "Norway" was obliged to go away  
 without the cargo for which she  
 was intended - Later a ship came  
 here to get men ostensibly for  
 New Orleans - but the papers were  
 made out for America - Dred a  
 bro. of Mrs. Grant was in the scheme  
 & the Hongkong Consul was bought  
 up - They supported Mr. Kingate, the  
 Consul here, was also in the secret  
 & the Capt. let out that they  
 were really going to the Guam  
 islands of Sp. America - & Mr.  
 Kingate put a stop to the game

this it cost him his 58.  
Consulship, as Gen. Grant list-  
ened to his relatives & removed  
H. But later H's friends  
presented his case & he was appoint-  
ed to Foochow & remained through  
the Cleveland administration.

Wednesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

The day before Christmas - I am  
getting together memoranda for  
the Annual report which I hope  
to get off early: & spent a part of  
the day in that work - I also  
got the well-sweeper - it will  
even need a new post but at  
present is usable -

Mr. & Mrs. Allen had a Christ-  
mas celebration for all the

children of the port. The older <sup>59</sup>  
people usually go down also &  
see the presents distributed.

Clara & Mrs. Ashmore, also Mrs.  
Coshin went down. The presents  
were excellent & all were impar-  
tially treated to three gifts.

Anna had a doll - a wooden  
horse & a little horse cart  
with a bugler on the box & a little  
bellows & red inside so it makes  
a little noise. I regret to say

that she was not a very good  
girl - was tired & cried white thro.  
so I fear she did not produce  
a very good impression. Her pet-  
ten however is good & will  
soon send some home.

In the evening we had a

pleasant prayer meeting <sup>60-</sup>  
at Dr. Carlson's led by Dr. Ashmun.

Thursday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

A Merry Christmas ball -

The boys were decorating when  
I got up & had a lot of green  
branches, twigs & leaves all about  
& the table elaborately adorned  
with ferns - We had some  
Christmas cards & a few little  
remembrances - Mrs. Ashmun gave  
me a <sup>silk</sup> Japanese coin - quite a curio-  
sity - & Clara a beautiful bit of  
Embroidered silk - We had

Cards from several in the com-  
munity -

I went with Clara  
to the service which was con-  
ducted by Mr. Gibson - who

preached a short & very good <sup>61</sup>  
sermon from the prophecy in  
Is. II - "the government shall be  
upon his shoulders".

I worked on my report & a few  
undry matters - In the evening  
we were invited to Dr. Scott's. Had  
a Christmas dinner that was  
Excellent & a pleasant social  
evening - games & singing -

Friday - Dec 24/ -

In the morning I went to the class  
as Dr. A. is taking up Revelation  
with them. at their request, I wanted  
to hear the discussion - They had  
prepared the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter & gave  
it with accuracy, fullness & spirit -  
I settled acct's with some of the

preachers. also had fi-nov 62  
up to give him some directions.

Two of his men came up to mount  
the large map given by Dr. Carlisle  
pastor in Kentucky.

The evening prayer-meeting  
was a good one & Clara report-  
ed a good meeting on the "side  
of the Compound. Six Foreign ladies  
present. Dr. Carlisle also was  
down at the mens meeting.

Saturday - Dec 27<sup>th</sup>

Rainy. I have done a little  
writing & talked with Dr. Ashmore  
about mission matter this after-  
noon evening. Mr. Howell came  
in upon us unexpectedly this  
afternoon. He is having trouble  
with his liver again seems quite

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dejected about himself - has  
come down to talk with the doctor  
about himself - He had a call from  
two young ladies by the name  
of Gunther. Eurasian daughters  
of the new harbor-master. rather  
nice girls & just back from England  
where they have been to school -

They will not be recognized by  
"Society," I presume, tho' probably  
their father will be invited  
out as the line is drawn  
just below Harbor-master -

Sunday - Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> -

Dr. Ashmun left for Yang Chi  
a little after daylight - & did not  
return till the middle of the after-  
noon - reporting a satisfactory  
day - He rarely stays here

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over a Sunday - Our services  
were good - a sermon from the  
Elder on the Christian's armor -  
& the Sunday School recitation  
was well rendered - Ma-  
Ka gave a resume of Acts  
pointing out Paul's journeys  
on the map in a way that  
brought so credit to a teacher  
at home or anywhere - Each teacher  
(& one or two others to make up  
the ten) gave the substance  
of a lesson studied the past  
quarter - & then the golden  
text was recited by his or her  
class - After the first three  
were through, three golden

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texts were recited by the  
whole school; they made  
them ring. The girls  
school recited Ps. 121 nicely.  
We had a blackboard exer-  
cise a cross & a crown. Hua-  
Lin out did himself & the  
drawing was really beautiful.

He also explained it well  
closing with Paul's words to  
Timothy "I have fought &c."

This was the first <sup>blackboard</sup> exercise  
ever had in the school. I referred  
to the inclusion of these symbols,  
taking in the whole Bible. Scheme  
of salvation - First Christ  
won the crown, then laid it

by for the cross, that  
we, if we too bear the cross, may  
wear a crown with him -

In their summations of the  
different lessons in the last  
five chapters of Acts - several  
gave as the important teaching,  
the duty of preaching the gospel  
to others after it has been brought  
to us - Referring to this I spoke  
of my intention to go out to a village  
a little distance away after  
S. School visited any who would  
like to go with me or to go to  
Go-Chhän in the opposite di-  
rection to come after service  
& carry out their wishes -  
A. Mi met with me &  
had over 30 learners in all

some for a few moments only 67  
but a few stayed all the time &  
seemed really interested. one of the  
latter brought me a nice stool  
to sit upon.

Coming back we met a part  
of the Go Chhân contingency  
who found a hard set to  
proach at - but I feel we  
ought to keep this up & shall  
go myself when here.

Mrs. Novell took supper  
with us & we sat talking till  
half past eight.

Monday Dec. 29th -

All the proachers but our two  
come in & I have my acc'ts with  
them all settled I rejoice to say.

I have also made out the

S. School lessons until the 68  
Chinese New Year.

I omitted to mention one of the  
pleasantest incidents of yesterday,  
the reconciling of two former  
friends who have been "out" with  
each other for five years.

Toa-Peh the Elder's daughter,  
formerly Clara's personal teacher,  
& A-Khau-Chi from Bua-  
Chieh-Khi. on the two persons

When the former was married  
the latter played some Chinese  
trick upon her that made  
her ~~very~~ angry. Yesterday they  
were talking about A-Khau's  
learning to be nurse in the hospital  
& the need of Toa-Peh's taking  
treatment there, which brought

at the subject of this old 69  
fund - Clara urged A-Khine  
("Sheel") strongly to try to bring  
them together - & after S. School  
she appeared & having said  
these two wanted to present  
their salutations to the "teacher  
ess" - so they came forward  
happy & "teary" - The salutations  
"Pheng-an" - "Peace" - was most  
appropriate. I hope Clara  
will get time to write it out  
for the Helping Hand.

I have been getting a leaflet  
prepared to-day - or rather getting  
Dr. Ashmore to prepare it & the  
Chinese teacher to write it & another  
to take it to Swatara to have a block  
cut so we can print some more.

Tuesday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - 70.

A full day from 4 a.m. till  
5 P.M. Four chapel services  
& sundry other matters so that  
time has been well occupied.

The Campbell mail-bag arrived at  
noon with a lot of letters to be  
sent to the U.S. - & letters & Christmas  
Cards - The Germans are getting  
a little reconciled to their being  
there - Mr. Norvell was in  
at 9 o'clock over talked over  
Mr. Hactwell's absence.

The Bible Students class  
passed an excellent examination  
in the afternoon - In the evening  
I wrote to Father & to Mr.  
Campbell - It is much  
colder -

Wednesday Dec 31 71

A busy day - Beside the usual exercises in rec'd on home mail finished up letters & had a lot of goods to send off to the Campbells besides many to pay for the month.

All seems to be moving well thro unpleasant developments among the brethren - The Hak-Kas from Shin-huang-nia have threatened to make trouble but as yet have done nothing serious - I fear they got into the church from wrong motives - Home mail late

in the day - good letters from Father & Mother.

Thursday - Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 72 -  
1891 -

A Happy New Year - We had  
the usual services though  
I was not present at all of  
them as Dr. Ashmore & made  
calls upon the community &  
found the people cordial.

The school examinations are  
going off fairly well -

The preachers & Bible Women  
& the members of Bible  
Schools came to call upon  
us & Dr. A. spoke to them  
about the new year. the Christ-  
ian year, was as much theirs  
as ours -

Friday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> -  
We are very tired - this succession  
of meetings & deciding of questions

is wearing - this evening  
 the candidates for baptism are  
 being examined - there will probably  
 be six or eight - Clara says  
 three of the girls spoke to her  
 about coming forward -

We are having a great influx  
 of opium-patients - 4 Wednesday &  
 4 to-day - Yesterday & this morning  
 there were four sorry looking men  
 down in the room under the students  
 house - head-ache - stomach-ache  
 bones & body-ache & diarrhoea all  
 combined - To-day they are a  
 trifle better - The man from  
 Hâm-sing is vastly better &  
 looks quite a different person.  
 We hope he may stand firm.

Saturday Jan'y 3<sup>rd</sup> - 74

In the forenoon I paid some of the school-teachers & consulted with them about the prospect for next year - We expect to have five schools. It requires no little inquiry & diplomacy to get them arranged for the year & to keep them in peaceful order - At noon two brethren from Tang-ai came up & were very solicitous that I should decide what teacher better go there next year - it required 10 or 15 minutes talk to get them to express their wish. If I should take the lead, then when any trouble arose they would fly to me & say "Teacher the school-teachers you sent

us does not profit as 75  
What can you do about it?<sup>2</sup>  
But for all their "tricks &  
their manners": I am getting  
to like the people better & hope  
to know them more fully, & as  
to take the "right course" with  
them.

We had a good business  
meeting in the afternoon.

Sunday Jan'y 4<sup>th</sup> 1894.

The third anniversary of my  
landing in China - & the last  
Communion Sunday taking  
all in all since I've been  
here. At the 7 A. M. meeting  
3 girls & our old man were  
voted upon favorably for  
baptism & a good prayer service

meeting followed.

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At 10 o'clock the first part of the service was of that nature & a no. gave thanks most heartily for the Lord's goodness to them. Dr. Ashmore preach-

ed a rousing sermon from Col. IV: 17 - on taking heed to the ministry. The baptism passed off well. The Communion service was impressive - over 130 partook. At 4 P.M. I went

to Go-Chihau - several of the students had gone before & found the opportunities better than the previous Sunday. a few also went to Chieh-Suan & Mrs. kindly received -

In the evening Dr. and I met the preachers & gave them

directions about subjects for <sup>2/4</sup> study - also discussed the printing of a "quarterly" - a sort of newspaper giving a brief account of the weeks doings. & Mr. Lin' is appointed with me.

Monday - Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

The forenoon was largely occupied by further settlement of accounts & getting my stock of books & tracts set in order. A. K. & our other students came up & worked some time at it. We have quite a variety. This afternoon we had a call from Mr. Williams & his boy Garland

the old man's pride of joy - 78

He is a manly boy of 14.

The Capt says Mr. Armstrong gives him a good name calls him "a good Christian boy". the Capt says "I want to keep him under good influences as long as I can." & the boy seems to be as fond of his father as his father is of him.

Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30 P.M. we have been over to Swatow & just ret'd - Clara & Mrs. Ashmore made some calls & I attended to a little business met them at the C.P. Mission. It is inconvenient to be obliged to cross the bay to get money

& many are already being employed at the advanced rate. If they succeed, the washermen think of striking also - The labor question touches us too.

Our troublesome Hak-Kas are again on the war path and threaten to make us trouble unless we pay them handsomely - Dr. A. & I both refuse to consult with them.

Wednesday - July 7 -

A beautiful day. I have writing most of the forenoon - hope to get the first draft of my annual report done - Francis' statement went yesterday - Dr. A. goes to the Country soon.

My head has troubled most  
somewhat for several days  
& the Dr. thinks it well for me  
to rest a little. Dr. Ashmore  
led the prayer meeting for  
me. Thursday Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup>.

Father's birthday. wish I could  
see him wish him "many  
happy returns". I celebrated  
by a trip to Drible Island in  
the afternoon. I have wanted  
to go for some time & the  
tide & wind now favourable  
so Clara & the two  
young ladies went down  
at 2.30 P.M. & it's in  
good time for supper.

We visited the cottages found 82  
all safe - then the ladies met on  
a tour of inspection & to interview  
Capt Focken about an old build-  
ing on the shore below our Com-  
pound which we might need to  
use sometime if the influx of  
Opium patients continues. He said  
we can have it - & pay him a dol-  
lar a year so as to say we rent it.  
We want to get a bit of front  
age & mud flat so as to put  
up a breakwater for the boats &  
a place where they will be safe  
all summer. But he is unwill-  
ing to sell because it would in-  
terfere with the rest of his property  
which he hopes to sell all in  
one block.

He will give us right to 83.  
Build anything we wish how-  
ever if we give a promise to  
move if necessary -

Friday - Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup>

This morning we were busy. Mail  
came in from Mr. Campbell  
at breakfast. They are still  
making the best of the situation at  
the Chinese "hong" - a place  
271 ft long 9 ft wide at  
one end & 10 ft at the other.  
which they have divided up into  
four rooms. Below is a  
kitchen - They are obliged to take  
aboat out of the city to get a  
walk every day - The officials  
are coming around for his pass -

part & may try to make trouble 84  
but no hope now.

Ling Hing & Hua Lin come  
up with a first draft of the  
Communion Bulletin, which  
we plan to print, & read it  
to us -

Dr & Mrs. Ashmun left at  
about 10-30 - for Ket Li  
where he expects to be on  
Communion Sunday - preach  
in the villages for a week  
then go to Soa: Ai Jova Sunday.

The wind has been so high  
we did not go to Swatow for  
prayer-meeting.

We had Chinese-meeting  
as usual in the evening

Saturday - Jan'y, 10<sup>th</sup> 85

The Elder came Friday to see if  
he could stay near by for a time  
as his daughter Toa-Pih, Clara's  
former teacher is ill. She gets  
no better - Consumption probably.

I went to Swatow & lost much  
time in trying to transfer some  
money to Mr. Campbell in  
Kia-Eng. I also went to inquire  
about one box that went astray.  
But have not succeeded in trac-  
ing it. Mr. Allen however  
will write for it. I wrote  
some letters & for Mr. Campbell  
a statement of his account.

The lady was invited out  
to tea at Mrs. Hill's - a birth-  
day party as two of her children  
have birthdays at about the same date.

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I am surprised myself, to see  
how Anna grows. She is a  
big fat baby & getting strong.  
Her cheeks bulge out so that the  
school-girls told Clara her face  
was broader than her mother's.  
She has not many words yet  
but "Pá-pá", "Má-má" & "á-dá-h".  
This she says "Kitty" quite plainly.

Now that the Sun is not so  
fierce the nurse keeps her out  
a large part of the day.

Sunday - Jan'y 11<sup>th</sup> -

a good day - sermon by Ling  
Hing on Rom VIII. 16-18 -

The Sunday school was good.  
we took up Titus & used  
the larger part of the time in  
asking questions about Titus

himself. Then I had them <sup>87</sup>  
all read in concert the whole  
lesson & said I wanted all to  
learn the lessons by heart. &  
would give a book to all who would  
do so. They sang splendidly.

After school I went with a  
Khái to Chieh-Sua" where we  
had quite a knot of listeners.

The only shadow on the day has  
been Toa-Pih's illness which  
is very serious. She has had  
several hemorrhages & is very  
weak. Dr. Lyall was over.

Her mother I understand was  
a leper, which doubtless com-  
plicates the case.

Monday - Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

Toa-Pih has been easier to-day  
but has had one or two hemorrhages

Dr. S. fears another large <sup>88</sup>  
flow - as her lungs sound badly,  
Her father & others came to-day.

The opium patients all took  
it into their heads to go home  
to-day - against the Dr's orders,  
she refused to give them medicine,  
I fear they will not be able to hold  
out. Two men from Chich-

Sua<sup>n</sup> men here this morning, one  
whom we met yesterday <sup>the</sup> now who  
brought me a sent the first time  
we met. They visited the hos-  
pital & also talked some time  
with some of the young men.

I have had several small af-  
fairs to look out for to-day  
& have kept Clara a little

on her report of the Bible 89-  
Women's work.

The baby does not seem  
well to-day. her teeth perhaps.

Tuesday Jan 13-

A day much broken up. Various peo-  
ple have been to see me about  
various matters. two about teach-  
ing. the Elder about affairs at  
Fam-Sing. Hsia-Lün to show me  
a sheet prepared for the "quarterly";  
messengers for the Campbells & the For-  
ells with letters, or to get ready to  
start away. a Colporteur to settle  
an account for two months & get  
directions for the future - then I  
helped Clara re-write her report  
& went over my own carefully.  
This evening I have been meeting  
to the Am. Bible Society in Shanghai

to Mr. Campbell -

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The sick woman has had  
an easier day, I hear.

Wednesday Jun. 14.

This forenoon Clara went with  
the women of her class to some  
villages on the Tat-han-phou creek.  
Found it very cold going in the  
boat but had good opportunities  
for preaching at these villages -  
One or two of the women she  
thinks quite promising - One  
from Kwi-Su, who cannot read  
but a very little had committed  
the little old hymn book to  
heart & used quotations from  
it with great effect.  
She did not get back till after  
2 o'clock. I was thinking

About a solitary dinner when  
Ling Hong & Hia. Lim came up  
bringing a large silk letter  
written in gilt letters convey-  
ing the thanks of the church to  
Dr. Fritts, a former parishioner of  
Dr. Carlins who gave us the  
large map of Bible Lands. They  
also brought the proof of the  
Communion report, which makes  
a good appearance. They lacked  
"copy" so I gave them some sta-  
tistics from the year book &  
Missy Hand-book. got to telling  
them about Judon which in-  
terested them greatly. By that  
time Clara came & we dined.

We had a good union prayer  
meeting at Dr. Carlins led by

Mr. Mackenzie.

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Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> -

Finished copying my report - it has been a difficult task no afflatus. there have been many little calls that as usual consume time - The bill of lading came for the box that went astray. We sent for it but it was one of the last things to be taken from the steamer as they came back without it. But brought a case of butter sent from Shanghai, which is the best we have had in China - it is in round tins. We take half the case in this mission & Mrs Lyall takes half for herself and others over there.

I wrote a letter to Dr. A. 93  
in the evening, also one to Wp-  
craft. We are having a cool  
season - the coldest for a long time.  
I feel much better.

Friday Jan'y 16<sup>th</sup> -

Cool again. I do not have a fire  
in my study but I feel the cold  
in the boat & chapel too much.  
The mercury is at 64° here  
now, but I am quite comforta-  
ble. These cool days make  
me feel stronger. This last  
fortnight I have had less  
care, taken things more easily  
& am free from the feeling  
of strain that was upon  
me last year than any time  
since the Partridges went home.

The box came to-day &  
contained a lot of things

For the Girls' School from 94-  
Sedgewick - a good box, but  
nothing from home - the home  
box is with the young ladies  
fright - no one knows where.

It cost so much more to get  
this box here from Hong Kong than  
from New York to Hong Kong.

Home mail to-day pei China -  
both Father's & Mother's letter  
did reach the ship in time.

Mr. Coleman writes that my  
report was rec'd all safe - &  
seem satisfactory.

We despatched a man to the  
country with Dr. A's mail &  
some eatables for them.

We had a quiet but good  
prayer-meeting to-night.

The sick woman is very feeble.

Saturday - Jan 4 17<sup>th</sup> - 95

A great day in the year's annals  
for the long looked for freight  
belonging to the young ladies and  
including ours from home came.

I stood on the verandah watching  
the "Tokien" come in & wondered  
if she could be bringing our  
belongings - Last year our goods

came just as they were most  
needed & now the tailor is

here & the things wanted so  
I have been hoping they  
would come - Surely enough they  
did - I went to Swatara base

about them & also was obliged  
to give much of the afternoon  
evening to seeing them in  
their respective destinations and  
getting an inventory for the customs.

The Chinese had a great rattle 96-  
with Miss Scott's piano & wrangled  
with each other about how to carry  
it - Siān-Thóng got highly agitated  
& nearly had a fight with one of  
the steersmen - but at last they  
got everything hoisted & I found a  
place to store Miss Campbell's goods till  
we can send them up country -

I hurt my hand on a cork but think  
it will be all right before very  
long. In the evening I had to make  
out an inventory to send the Cu-  
stoms Examiner -

Our box came in perfect order  
& was a great delight - the  
things Mother sent for baby  
are just what we want.  
Clara is needing to get some  
things made up for her & has the

tailor here so she can go 97  
right on with them - The photo  
graphs are a great treat. & it was  
almost a visit home to look at  
them. I was a bit surprised  
at the size of Father's feet. but  
am very glad to see that he looks  
so well & strong - The photographs  
are all excellent & will be a last-  
ing pleasure.

The tin box you  
have not opened - Clara's sister sent  
her a cake <sup>via post</sup> which must be disposed  
of first & then we will take the  
one - Thursday is our second  
Anniversary & we hope to have the  
mission to supper - when the  
cake will be eaten.

The books for the baby will  
be most useful she has a  
great fondness for books & dolls

not tear them much.

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The Buffalo friends sent a no. of toys for Anna among them a bisque doll jointed that frightens her. Clara showed her all her new playthings which interested her but so much rather dazed her - then Clara gave her "Adah" (the doll in her picture) & she gave a delighted squeal & hugged the old doll her first love most loyally. "Adah" is her bed fellow & she goes to sleep with her in her arms -

Sunday - July 18/91 -

Mr. Clara Miss Danwiddie & I went to Tho. Pho's Chhio after breakfast had a smooth boy & pleasant weather.

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Taking all in all it was a good trip - but the condition of the Church there is not encouraging. The members are not strict in keeping the Sabbath and rather discouraging - We had however plenty of people in the streets to talk with and some sat in the chapel - One fellow was a rank materialist - did not believe in the Ten Commandments, the gods or spirits: - to earn enough to eat was the sole necessity of life - I told him to look out for the day of judgment. & noticed he came in & sat down through the chapel service -

There were flocks of children who were not very orderly I had to talk to them frequently -

Three of the larger boys from

the middle school was over <sup>100-</sup>  
read passages. two of them  
spoke at some length. Huakhins  
younger brother has a good deal  
of speaking power. & preached  
in good earnest. he has not  
yet been baptized but thinks  
himself a Christian.

We eat lunch on the boat.  
Coming back & were in time  
for Sunday school here.

Monday. July 19<sup>th</sup> -

Writing nearly all day -  
I shall be here for some days be-  
fore making another country  
trip & hope to get my writing  
all done up - The weather con-  
tinues cooler -

It is astonishing how<sup>101</sup>  
much time is consumed  
by incidentals - looking after  
things for the people in the country.  
writing checks & drafts sending letters  
to Swaton, arranging about when  
this Colporteur shall go or when  
that man should move to r.c. &c.

The different reports - Annual for  
the mission, statistics, boys school,  
& other things consume some time.

I am getting some correspondence out  
of the way, hope to get all squared  
up & some newspaper articles done  
evening -

Tuesday July 20/91 -

Mail to Swaton again so we  
hurried off what letters we  
could - Dr. Scuttars in

after breakfast to see what <sup>102</sup>  
could be done for an attendant  
to help the poor old man who  
is trying to quit opium. he is  
having a hard time but says  
he will die rather than run  
off before he is cured. He  
is 57 yrs old & began to smoke  
before he was 30 -

I told a young man to give him  
a little special care I hope he may  
help the poor old fellow a little -

Wednesday - 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.

After prayer-meeting, which I led,  
Dr. S. & Clara were called over  
to the hospital as 9 o'clock had  
another hemorrhage -  
Clara says they thought once she

was dying & there was a sound 103  
in her throat - they thought was the  
death-rattle, but she rallied - there seems  
however to be no hope of recovery -

Pou Sin-lee appeared bringing his  
elder bro. who is favorable toward  
the doctrine & wants "to see the cus-  
toms" here - he is a manly looking  
fellow. His wife was once interest-  
ed but became a medium; pos-  
sessed of a spirit" they say & that  
stopped her progress toward truth -  
Now she wants to get rid of the evil  
spirit & is anxious to come down  
here as she says she cannot get  
out from under its power at  
home. I shall go up that way

to Kain Lám ~~soon~~ & decide what  
to do. I know of three in the Ch.  
who were once of this sort,

I helped Ed. Scott get his  
cistern pions apart up stairs  
in the P. M. It is a H. J.

Miller piano with a rich 104  
soft tone & fine case - upright -  
It is pleasant to hear a good  
piano once more.

Thursday July 22 -

Siān - Thōng set out for Swatow  
very early to take a letter about Mr.  
Campbell's goods shipped per Huk-Ku  
boat - The Chinese feared the  
Customs on the river would demand  
duty. We are getting to be quite a  
shipping forwarding agency.  
I am glad to have found a firm  
that will transfer money by giving  
an order upon their house at  
Kia Eng Chiu -

The second anniversary of our  
wedding - had Dr. & Mrs. A. returned  
we should have invited all the peo-  
ple to supper - as it was the

did not observe the day in any<sup>105</sup> particular fashion. Kept busy most of the day about our usual work. I read aloud in the evening from a story by Edward Garratt. "Life's Long Battle Won", which is the first story we have indulged in for a long time. It seems a good one.

Friday Jan'y 23<sup>rd</sup> -

I finished a little work on my books & have them now in shape that satisfies me, so that I can keep the run of all different accts & prove them by the amt of cash in hand.

I am now arranging with Ji-tou to have a few repairs & alterations made in the house Miss Fields last used now occupied by the young ladies.

The old opium smoker was <sup>106</sup>  
at prayer-meeting. he is im-  
proving a little.

Saturday Jan'y 24<sup>th</sup>

A large bundle of mail came  
from Dr. & Mrs. Ashmun with  
a letter telling of their "opendoors"  
for preaching in the country.

Mr. Campbell's messenger also  
came with a heavy mail.

A good bit of time was re-  
quired for stamping & arrang-  
ing their letters & attending  
to their commissions.

Mrs. Hill sent up word  
of a cricket-match that  
was to take place on their  
lawn in the P.M. inviting

us to witness the same. <sup>107</sup>

Having never seen the great  
British game I want - would  
rather see one good game of  
base-ball than fifty of cricket.  
This this was not a fair  
specimen. In the forenoon the  
Swatow men played against  
men from the gunboat "Red pole"  
beating them. This was a  
"pucked-up" game players  
changed so as to make the  
sides fairly even -

In the evening Clara had  
selected passages for a  
S.S. concert exercise to use  
the last Sunday of the Chinese  
year - Subject old times -

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Sunday July 25/91 -

Off for Thi-Phin Chhi again  
after breakfast. one young man  
from the students class & two  
boys from the school, - who helped  
me in the service - There was one

bo. present & a young man  
son of a member, who was not  
at service the Sunday before -  
I talked to them about not having  
painted the doors as they promis-  
ed & one bo. agreed that it should  
be done - The old woman  
who was there the previous Sun-

day came again & seems quite  
sincere - she remembered some at least  
of what Clara told her & that  
she was to pray morning & evening  
& before eating -  
On the way back we stopped

at Swatow & attended Sunday, 109  
School - Hsia Lin being away  
Examining Schools -

In the evening at home Clara  
& I again went over the S. S. Concert  
exercise & arranged the different  
parts - It will be given by 16  
scholars - 8 boys & 8 girls -

We may send it to the Helping  
Hand if it passes off well.

Monday - July 26<sup>th</sup>,

I gave a part of the day to help-  
ing Clara - she has all her  
reports of B. Women's work to send  
off & Gen's school to report also.  
She has both School & Women's  
class to look out for now so is  
kept very busy - I sent off  
a huge pile of mail matter.

Dr. & Mrs. Johnsons - the Campbells <sup>100</sup>  
own. We are having some flags  
made for H. L. Caulters tour  
for his S. S. Concert Exercise on  
'China's Millions' - they will  
be pretty & I hope can be used  
at other churches.

Tuesday Jan. 27 -

Dr. Wheeler of the Am. Bible Socy  
expects to be here so I cannot  
go into the country as I planned  
doing. he will be here by the  
end of the month he writes -  
we write & manage to keep  
occupied all day - We are just  
finishing Edward Garratt's  
story - it is pretty good  
but not remarkable - the  
last chapter seems weak.

I am bothered with a little<sup>110</sup>  
uncomfortable hitch in my  
back when I am writing.  
Dr. S. thinks it is perhaps  
a bit rheumatic & I have  
been sitting at my desk so  
much the past few weeks  
that one set of muscles have  
become weary-

Wednesday Jan 28-

Langling appeared early in the  
morning with a message from  
Dr. Ashmore - They have been  
busy preaching & visited over  
70 villages - He says there  
are three new heaves at Kit-di-  
our has trouble with his daugh-  
ter-in-law & wants to know if he  
can control his temper if he  
becomes a worshipper; another

is afraid of evil-spirits !!!  
troubling his family & thinks  
this religion may be able to  
drive them away: the third  
is a woman who heard  
that one preach forgiveness  
of sins & she is a sinner..

I quit writing in the forenoon  
& exercised at a little plain

Carpentry - we had prayer-meet-  
ing at Dr. Carlson's led by him a  
quiet, good meeting - he read from

II Timothy & dwelt chiefly on  
vs. 11 - the faithfulness of Christ.

Thursday - Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> -

Clara is getting almost all  
her reports off by this mail  
will have quite a burden put  
away with this done & the girls

Report finished.

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I tried the type-writer a little & by "shells" got a page written to E. A. Mason. I may take a little leisure to practice on that machine.

We had letters from the boys well in the morning. Mr. M. is not well again & they expect to be back in Kak-Chieh before long. He is having a rather discouraging experience.

We are fairly well but Clara is over-tired, I fear. The baby grows steadily & is as plump as a quail. She has a little cold occasionally - has burned her hand once on the poker. & has sundry bumps & grazes daily, but progresses. She wants to stand alone & get about by herself but cannot do much at it

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She does not creep but  
sits on the floor & works her-  
self along in a comical fashion:  
she gets across a room pretty  
fast - By the side of the veranda  
rail she will stand & get along  
sideways rocking from one  
paling to the next for support -  
She is picking up a few words  
in Chinese & in English -

Friday - Jan'y 20/91 -

Mail per "Belgie" I concluded  
seeing the "Haitan" in from  
Hongkong - & before rising heard  
the "Tanioa" whistle & expect-  
ed Dr. Wheeler to be aboard  
so went out in the small boat  
after breakfast. He was not  
there - an English missy from

Foochow told me Dr. W. 114  
expected to come but did  
not - sent word to Amy that  
he would be down on next Steer.  
I had a pleasant conversation  
with said Eng. Miss y - who  
said there was a Miss Carr on  
board a lady greatly interested  
in Missions - I invited them  
to call -

Coming back I decided  
to prepare for a short Country  
trip as the next Steer would  
not probably be here for a week;  
so gave orders for the boat -  
to be put in readiness -  
The cook is not well so  
Siam Thang is pressed into  
the service - he is not a  
first class cook, cannot

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make bad at all - but he  
cooks meat & vegetables well  
& is a Capital "all-round"  
helper -

I had a good mail, two  
home-letters & one from  
N. O. Ayer - but how the  
people are passing away - Dr.  
Boutelle gone! it seems hard  
to realize it must have been  
hard indeed for George under  
such trying circumstances,  
I must send him a line -

I hope to hear soon from  
Berlin in answer to my  
notes & p. k. g. sent last yr.  
I got my home mail ready

& made some necessary ar. <sup>116</sup>  
rangements for the work before  
leaving - The flags are all  
done but writing the characters  
which Hoo-him will attend to.

Miss Carr called just as  
I was about to go - She is a  
Methodist lady who has been  
in the East some time returns, I  
think, to Yokohama - She glories  
in their Methodist work out  
here & I imagine they have  
a good deal to show, but  
I hope the converts are more  
satisfactory away from home  
than a young teacher and down  
from banking by one of their  
Messieurs. He claims to be

a Church-member, but 117  
is a poor stick morally -  
dissipated & dishonest. He added  
on some \$4<sup>00</sup> to his expense bill  
tried to get Ed. Scott to pay it  
but I was confident he was  
lying & it proved to be the fact -  
I did not get away till  
after 4 P.M. & the sky was  
hamy. we did not get far.

Saturday Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> -

Rain in the night. we kept  
on the move after midnight &  
were not far from Thom-Thui  
when I got up. We sailed up  
met Dr. Ashmun's boat there.  
I had a pleasant conference  
with them and then they  
sailed down towards Swatow

We waited at Phan Thien 118  
till noon. A boat of the  
performers & aids lay next  
to us & served us as audience  
for a time. Siân Thoiq talked  
with them some time & I  
came out later - with Pao.  
Sin-Sen's help I had quite  
a preaching service with them.

We stopped at Kit-Lê & visit-  
ed the chapel - I have  
some copies of the Communion  
Report & left several with  
Ling-Sung for distribution &  
getting subscribers.

We have a head-wind  
so have not made more than  
3 miles above Kit-Lê - but  
may be able to get to Kan-Hsin to.

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morning - Siân Thong is chattering  
away most vigorously about  
a spoon & fork that have  
disappeared -  
Sunday Feb. 1.

We came to within about a  
mile of Phou-Ling City this morn-  
ing, but it was too late to get  
over to Kam-Nam for service.  
So Mr. Siân-Thong, Poin-Sin-Sen,  
his brother & I studied the first  
chapter of Acts & held a prayer-  
meeting here in the boat, after  
which - the bro. aforesaid started  
for home & we went out to preach  
in the villages - had some hear-  
ers, but the people do not

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listen as well here as in many places. They raise all sorts of questions & do not give real attention to the truth.

After talking for some time about place a man asked if we would give them a little money if they would take up with our views, & another added that such a course would secure a large following. I hastily assured him that it was not their adherence to us we wanted that was of no value to us: we hoped to see their souls saved, giving them money to spend would be likely to make them sin the more rather than lead them to repentance.

numbers in a clan or a guild<sup>21</sup>  
as an element of strength & they think  
we want to get a large constitu-  
ency - I found this man  
a defender of the worship of Heaven  
& Earth - He asserted that Heaven  
is a living being because it has a  
voice - thunder - Another, who had  
listened well before, said "Then are  
the 'four regions' East, West, South  
& North, you foreigners live in our, but  
this place is ours & the idea being  
that they should worship the gods of  
the place. I told him yes, but  
there was the Sun, the same the  
world over, as the moon & the stars,  
we all received light from them,  
so there was one God who cre-

ated them two to whom 122  
his own allegiance, which  
after he got hold of the idea seemed  
to impress him favorably. Two  
came away. There were a few  
who listened well & showed some  
appreciation of the truth. We dis-  
tributed a no. of leaflets.

This afternoon we went to the  
E. P. Chinese physician's place to call  
upon a member from Canton who is  
the only resident Christian in this  
region. He was away attending service  
in Mi. ai but soon returned & we  
had a pleasant visit with him. He  
appears success- is much troubled be-  
cause his mother, brother's wife  
do not believe. He promises to  
be at Communion next April.  
We had some opportunities for preach-  
ing on the street.

Monday Feb - 2<sup>nd</sup> - <sup>123</sup>

A busy day - after an early breakfast I embarked on a sedan chair. &

Came up to Kan-tain, about 10 miles & until dinner time had a lively & unpleasant conference with several brethren who are in some trouble or have taken offence.

The old brother who persecuted me so two years ago is in trouble again & brought me in a melodramatic fashion that nearly upset me.

Poor old fellow he is in great distress because all his family are turned against him. This afternoon we went to see him & he led us up to a loft & showed us how a place could be built out so our could stand right over the city wall into a market

street, and our could stand up <sup>124</sup>  
then approach to the people below  
to greatest advantage with no one  
to molest. a fine pulpit.

There was a howling mob of  
youngsters outside the door while  
I was there & after my rant out  
a large & enthusiastic crowd was  
in waiting. The old bro. held  
forth some minutes till he branched  
ed off on to the amount of money  
bro spend to have the gospel  
preached. as a proof of our good  
intentions. a dangerous subject, so  
A-Khing preached a while then  
I spoke briefly. I was rather  
tired as we had before gone to  
Sim-Uin about four miles away.  
which with the walk to Khs-Ling  
makes about 10 miles in all.

I am writing in the chapel 125-  
While a Bro. is talking with the  
Deacon about some church troubles.  
The Deacon's conversation is chiefly  
composed of quotations from the  
hymn-book & striking illustrations.

This Bro. is not on speaking  
terms with his oldest brother  
a church-member of gentle mind  
& speech but accused by his young-  
er relative of appropriating more  
than his share of the family goods.  
"Oh yes" - says the Deacon focosely,  
"I took him to be good-natured -  
but like a bed-bug: look at  
him, he is clever, good-natured,  
but he wants a man's blood"  
The Dea. is a valuable helper  
a reservoir of wisdom in

Exhaustible, a lay-prover <sup>126</sup>  
& really a much better cook  
than I supposed. He gave me a  
first rate supper to-night. Yesterday  
he said: "I shall take the bones  
of this beef & the head & feet of  
the chicken I kill, & boil for six  
hrs a soup to-morrow" - This

Rabbily gave opportunity to advise  
the omission of chicken-extremities  
& this evening he had a welcome plate  
of soup seasoned by native onions  
& plenty of pepper. - Just now  
he is delivering a lecture on  
the practice of medicine, founded  
on his knowledge & experience  
of native practitioners & what  
he has gathered from a book  
Mr. Will Ashmore left in the  
house.

I was interested to find that 127

"Tui-Siu-Se" his widow of the  
man who began this work at

Kan Sam is the one who was  
nurse for Mrs. Sawtills daughter  
when they were at Double Island.

I had a pleasant conversation  
with her this evening - she is  
much interested to hear of Mrs. S.  
& her family - We had a very

good meeting this evening. I  
feel a little better than this

morning -

Tuesday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Still better to-night - this has  
been a day more cheering than any  
before on this trip - We left Kan Sam  
at about 9-30. made several calls  
upon church-members and set  
out for Hou-Lou Ti - 5 or 6 miles

distant. A-Không Biân-Thông. 128.  
Come with me and Mr. especially  
the "Deacon" did some preaching by  
the way. I set out wearing a thin over-  
coat on but the latter part of the  
journey the sun came out & I was  
too warm even without it.

I overheard the "Dra." say that yesterday  
at Toa-Pa market he met a man  
who told him that A-Thông &  
Tang Seng (the man Pôn Sim-Sen) had  
been there preaching; that Tang-  
Seng's older bro. had been with  
him to Kak-Chieh to see the ways  
of the foreigners & that after they came  
back the Elder bro. had thrown  
away his idols & also that his  
wife had been an "interpreter of  
the gods" many people had  
been to inquire through her.

I was glad to hear that the  
Young man had been so prompt

in clearing his house of abominations. 29

We reached the village at about noon & were met by Tang-Sing who took us to A-Thong's house. where we drank tea. I was glad to see a bright boy there who read in the school a few months. I gave him a leaflet & found he could read the greater part of it.

We went to the ex-medium's house & found her a young rather bright looking woman, with two children. We talked to the heathen neighbors fully a half hour & then went to the Ancestral Hall that serves as a school house & I eat lunch. The 'Dea' had two slices of bread sparsely buttered, some crackers, two boiled eggs, some

dingy salt v. I think, a piece of 130  
gingerbread on a small plate.  
Also a glass of orange marmalade,  
a glass of water & an artistic  
plate of oranges framed with two  
bananas - later a cup of tea - My  
appetite was first rate & the plate  
was soon lightened of its contents.

We then went away about a  
half mile to visit a boy who  
was with A-Thông at Tân. Ông  
has read in all about a year &  
half in the schools - I do not  
know how he will turn out but  
he is the most interesting boy I  
have met in many a day - looks  
clean in body & mind - is very  
quiet & modest but a bright little  
fellow reads very well - His  
father & brother do not believe.

or at any rate do not profess - <sup>131</sup>-

They were pleasant & we had opportunity to talk with them & to have prayer before we left.

Before we left for the boat Tangsing got me a sword they showed me at his brother's house, which had been given the medium to cut her tongue when the frenzy was on her - if it came - It is an interesting trophy - a double-edged short-sword in a scabbard made of heavy leather - mounted with brass. I hope to take it home with me.

We had a brisk walk here to the boat & it was very refreshing to bathe & get into clean clothes.

This evening Siân-Thông & A. Khing came in for worship & since

then have been discussing <sup>132</sup>  
Church-matters & Church helpers  
to my enlightenment if not to my  
edification. Since then a Khing,  
has shown me his report of the  
work he has done on Sunday  
& also where he has been each  
day to preach, how many listened  
& how many opposed the doctrine.  
The old man seemed to have been  
aroused & renewed since he was or-  
dained. I believe he is a genuinely  
earnest man. Wednesday - Feb 4 - 9 a.m.

Near Kia<sup>n</sup> King Thoh (Pagoda) - The  
men got an early start & are now  
6 or 7 miles below Kieh Yang -  
The men are towing, making fair  
progress against the tide. By noon  
we shall have the tide with us.  
The Dea. quite surpassed himself  
this morning & produced some

Griddle-cakes. Not so light <sup>133</sup>  
as they might have been. but  
Edible & a pleasant variety.

The "Dea" is a man of resources -  
he is always ready to do anything  
he is asked to do, but even has  
an air of busy self-respecting  
importance as if he was attending  
to these mundane affairs but had  
higher concerns under consideration  
& was bearing heavy responsibilities  
about other matters - His fluency  
is wonderful - I believe he could talk  
a steady stream from morning till  
night, allowing time for meals.  
He may be attending to some ordinary  
duties, cleaning lamps, or washing  
linen, & at the same time talking  
with owl-like wisdom about the  
duties of man or the "low state of

religion in the churches." 134

He delights in quotation. The Bible, Confucius, popular proverbs, but more especially the hymn-book are freely drawn upon to assist his "his own" statements of truth. I must hunt up his picture & send home.

Histongyag did not

always differ. The other evening he seemed to have finished my meal. "Pá-ha" - which contained the idea - "You have eaten all you are satisfied with that do?"

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Just before noon we must call upon Po-Hing at Kea-King. Saw him with his old mother "Lotus" - the two bride-grooms, one bride, & many other members

Dear Mother -

Please read as directed

to Miss. Sawtell. - Sorry I have  
not time to write you but Clara  
sent a long letter last time -  
all quite well - Yours John.

of his family. The room fitted <sup>135</sup>  
up for a wash-room is neat  
& quite elegant indeed, from a Chinese  
standpoint. They brought candy  
& tea & insisted we should stay for  
a lunch, which consisted of eggs  
boiled or "dropped" in a sweet lig-  
our. I ate two - one of them with  
chop-sticks - my first attempt with  
those weapons & this pair was  
an especially difficult one to handle,  
ivory, apparently, & slippery.

We are now below Kuan Pon.  
8-30 P.M.

Anchored below Chi-King. I have been  
writing a letter to Dr. Gordon & studying  
Chinese with Elder A-Kiang. While  
I was in the cabin the new "Kit-Si"  
steamer passed by - had I seen her  
I might have taken passage & got  
to Kaki Chieh - but perhaps it is as

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well for my letter-writing  
& Chinese - as I should have been  
at prayer-meeting this evening -  
I now have had ~~some~~ Chinese here -  
studying Rom. VIII 10y. with the Elder  
& the "Dea". The steersman says to-

orrow early we can get home -  
It seems as if I had been away from  
home a long time already - hope  
Clara & the baby are well & nothing  
unfortunate happened.

Thursday Feb 4 - 3 a.m.

The boat started shortly after mid-  
night & after waking a second time  
I heard the men "putting out  
strength" at the oars & got up to see  
why - saw a larger boat  
near, & soon found they were  
passing it again or another.

one like it as there are 137  
fishing-stakes too about here & the  
night foggy I got up dressed &  
went on deck - All is serene & we  
are hearing Kak-chick. Sean Thong  
has refilled my lamp which failed  
me last evening so I went to bed in  
the dark & am packing my box  
so as to be all ready to go ashore  
early - shall "turn in" again soon & hope  
for a sound nap before breakfast  
time - Arrived at the pier

by 4.30 & had the nap - Clara  
came down to meet me before  
breakfast & reported all well -  
I was busy most of the day talking  
with preachers & teachers and ar-  
ranging when & where they are to go.

Friday - Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - 138 -

Rainy a part of the day - The  
Hornells came quite early in  
the forenoon - He was up to see  
about what to pay his boat-  
men & ask after some little  
matters - Her coughs come &  
looks badly depressed.

I was in my study most of the day  
settled up several accounts & did  
some preparatory work for the  
Sunday Exercise. The flags for

Caulkins are done & are really  
beautiful - Haidim did a good  
job writing the letters in gilt &  
drawing a dragon on the Pekin-  
Province flag - Chih Li.

Pang-Sung's brother & his wife

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Came in the morning - He goes back  
for the New Year & comes out with  
Tang Sing next week.

His case was mentioned at prayer  
meeting as a special cause for  
thanksgiving - A-Toan led the  
meeting - He is happy over the  
birth of a boy - says the Khon-  
Khai church has been greatly  
blessed - the bir have "been  
increased" by 7 children - 6 boys  
& 1 girl -

Saturday - Feb 6<sup>th</sup> -

I am writing on the small  
boat - have gone to meet Dr.  
Wheeler again with no result -  
at 10 - a. m. we have a rehearsal  
of our S. S. Exercise.

Rehearsal not very satis<sup>140</sup>-  
factory, something like our  
rehearsals of the synagogue ser-  
vice - too much levity - but  
they are children -

In the P.M. the ladies put  
decorations in the chapel & I  
prepared some characters for  
putting up before the Congrega-  
tion - Sunday - Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> -

A good day - the morning ser-  
vice was Excellent - a thanks-  
giving service at first, in which  
many took part with genuine  
feeling - Evidently some our or ones  
made a thank offering as there  
was \$15 - in the box not given by  
missionaries - There was

three short addresses by Chi-  
 here - one by Hak-ji on Ps. XX  
 by A-Toan on I Thers V: 16-18 -  
 & by Hina - Lina on the future -  
 Rev. XXI - Dr. Ashmun spoke  
 very finely on the hopefulness  
 of Christianity compared with hea-  
 thenism - Expounding that passage  
 about turning the heart of the  
 fathers unto the children; he  
 also spoke of our hope that  
 the New Year may see further  
 aggressive work and many  
 souls saved -

The S. S. concert Exercise pass-  
 ed off finely - Clara expects  
 to write it up for the Helping

Hand = Dr. A - gave an <sup>142</sup>

address on Heb. XIII:8 - the last  
passage recited - by the children.

Many of the Chinese spoke  
approvingly of the Exercise - as  
helping the children to understand  
the Scriptures - to remember it.

In the Evening we had some  
in "darkest England" - it is  
dark indeed - Monday Feb. 9

Cold & chill - damp piercing  
air - we are having fires - I  
have been in my study about  
all day - Elder Po-San called  
this A.M. His daughter Toa-Pih  
is getting up wonderfully - is able  
to sit up & to walk a little - Clara

I called yesterday & was <sup>143</sup>  
surprised to see her looking so  
bright. Hak-jin's wife is recover-  
ing rapidly - Dr. Scott is a successful  
physician. I hope she may be har-  
ed many years to labor here.

This evening Ed gave an Exhi-  
bition of views with the Magic  
Lantern - Dr. A. Explained them -  
Mr. Allen loaned his lantern  
views: they have a set of views  
from Pidgeon's Progress & Mr. May  
has them next Communion.

Tuesday Feb 10 -  
Cold - I have been reading  
in Booth's Darkest England to-  
day - he does present a dark  
picture & his "way out" has many  
features to commend itself - but

I fear there may arise 144  
secular influences that will  
mar the spirituality of the  
Salvation Army work - still  
it is a plan worth trying -

I had a pleasant call at the  
student's house this P.M. the  
young men seem in a good frame  
of mind. Wednesday Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

Anna's birthday - she rec'd several  
remembrances. Mrs. Allum kindly  
sent a box of alphabet blocks that  
can be matched so as to build  
many sorts of structures. Mrs.  
Ashmun gave a silk handkerchief  
& Mrs. Carlin sent down two  
pinty cups - she has been  
out this afternoon although  
it is very cold for this cli-

mate. She is trying to stand <sup>145</sup>  
up but loses her grip sometimes  
& gets a fall. She looks the pic-  
ture of health.

This morning I looked over  
Matthews gospel to arrange S.  
S. lessons - Hsia-Lin came up  
& I have given the latter part  
to him. There is no reason why  
the Chinese should not do these  
things themselves. We had a  
call from Dr. Chen Chuan's  
two boys who have been in  
Hong Kong studying English. They  
are bright boys & appear well -  
their pronunciation of English is  
remarkably good, especially the  
younger boys. This P. M. I wrote  
some letters & met to dinner.

ing - at Mr. Gibson's - Mr. <sup>146</sup>

McCleagan led, & the meeting  
was a good one - he read Matt.

XXV. Mr. Smith is very ill &  
they feel alarmed about him.

Mr. MacKenzie goes in a few days.  
and the Gibsons in a few weeks.

Mrs. Lyall loaned us a copy  
of "Regions Beyond," containing  
a review & criticism of Booth's  
book - in which he commends  
the project & wishes it all  
success, but takes the writer  
to task for not recognizing the  
work already done, e.g. the London  
City mission & especially Dr.  
Bernardo's missions where  
thousands have been rescued.

I deed he has shelters, 147  
search agencies, colony in Mani-  
toba, & almost all that Gen. B.  
advocates, on a smaller scale.

Thursday - Feb 12/91 -

Clara took the girls & women  
on a picnic to-day & judge  
they had a good time. She  
& Mrs. Scott provided cakes & tea  
for them & they made the grave  
& its rest-house to which we  
went last year, their stopping-  
place. She took some of the  
baby's playthings to amuse the  
smaller girls - Mrs. Scott, the  
young ladies & Mrs. Ashman  
went also Miss Falconer, who  
is visiting from Non-Ke-Phon

Mail to Hong Kong to-day. <sup>148</sup>  
I sent off some may send more  
to-morrow when we look for the  
City of Peking mail - I have been  
studying the first chapter of Matthew  
a little - am interested in looking  
up the life of Joshua as a type -

Friday. Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.

Coal & beautiful weather - I have  
been writing somewhat - Attended  
the class this morning to hear  
the Chinese & also to see if any  
new views of scripture would be  
brought out by the Dr. They are  
studying Luke -

Mr. Mackenzie called this  
afternoon. He goes home early  
next week - He reports Mr.

Smith as very weak & 149  
probably beyond hope of recovery.  
very sad for Mrs. Smith & the five  
little children - He was out  
over 15 yrs on his first term  
before they had comfortable  
homes & lived alone in the  
country seriously impairing  
his health -

Saturday Feb 14 -

Home mail - only our letters.  
Father is - very glad to get it  
but sorry he is threatened  
with Asthma - trust he has  
been able to ward it off -  
Cold at home - if the ther-  
mometer should go down to

25° or 30°. here I fear we<sup>150</sup>  
should all perish in a night.

We are glad to have this cold  
season, it braces one for the  
coming heat.

I have done a little work  
on Joshua - have just been in  
talking with Dr. Ashmun about  
how to express certain things  
in Chinese. I plan going to  
Tung Ai to-morrow. Clara &  
the young ladies talked of going too  
but it is windy & probably will  
be rough. Anna was invited to  
a part at Mrs. Innocent's to-day  
Clara went also & they had a fine  
time — Herewith Vol. XIII -