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1891/1891 (1) Vol. XIV - Page 1 - Sunday, Feb 15 -
On the boat between Sugar-Loaf 1891,
the shore going to Tang Ai - Clara
Mrs Scott, Miss Scott & Miss Sum-
merville are in the boat. There is
a swell here but not enough to
make us sick yet. Later - both

Clara & Mrs Scott sick as we
got to the landing - We had a
pleasant walk to the chapel &
found a goodly no. of people present.

I enjoyed the day - so did the
ladies - Aguan Thám preached,
I insisted that he preside & he
did well - took Matt. III: 1-12. &
spoke earnestly - it seemed a
spiritual meeting - I spoke on
Matt. 1: 21 - the name of Jesus
& Joshua a type - had more

"liberty" than usual. Mrs. Scott 2
told me going home I was "getting
on splendidly with my Chinese" - like
it is so - but do not feel at all
satisfied with it -

We had Communion at 1 P.M., a
short service before. I asked them
to present subjects for prayer &
was pleased to note that most of
them were for wives, widows or
children unconverted.

They think they will not have
a school this year. I think be-
cause there is but one man to
act as teacher left & they do not
want him. I did not tease them.
The children are theirs not ours & they
must be made to feel the responsibility

We walked across to Khat Chiu³
& sailed home, the boat having
come back to meet us there.

As we neared the pier Clara
saw the flags in the Community
at half mast & we concluded Mr.
Smith must have died; we met
Mrs. Gibson Mrs. Duffus on the
landing - they had come to notify
us & arrange for the funeral - Dr.

Ashmore to lead at the Cemetery, & they
asked me to take part in the
Chinese service at their Swatow
Chapel - Idemund -

Monday Feb 16 -

Finally decided to undertake it.
Went Mrs. Gibson a note.

At 2 P.M. Church 4
the two young ladies went
to Swanton; the service in Chinese
was well attended. I was called
on to offer prayer - but was not
feeling very well, not rested from Sunday,
& did not speak very freely.

At the house Mr. Gibson & Mr. MacKen-
zie read ~~of~~ the latter offered prayer,
as did Dr. Riddle.

At the Cemetery on heaven Keek-
Chick - Dr. Ashmore read several
passages most impressing & offered
prayer - a hymn was sung in
Chinese & prayer offered by Mr. Mac-
Kenzie, then in English by Mr. Gibson.

There were nearly 200 Chinese there
I sh'd think a good no. from

the Community - Mr. Smith⁵
was a good man. one of the
sturdy Puritanic Presbyterian
Scotchmen - but not a man to
be a general favorite. He has
been a hard ^{working} self-denying faith-
ful minister of Jesus Christ &
was respected as a Godly man.
& a man of good abilities &
attainments.

We are planning to get away
Thursday for our Country trip.

Thursday - Feb 17th -

I had Mr. Campbell's mail
& sets to get ready for the
messenger & sundry other matters
besides seeing that Mrs. Scott's

boats got off - all right - 6
She sent up some furniture &
medicines to start a small dis-
pensary at Kerb Yang, (which
we call Kit-De in our dialect)
She & the two young ladies went
up in the "Peace" - crowded as
it is the smallest boat that
large for two - but we are going
to take both large boats.

I am getting some compensa-
tion such things out of the way
before going away -

Mail came per Oceanic
two good letters from Mother
& note from Father glad to
hear fully about Christmas &

other items - Letters from ⁷
the Rooms give a gloomy financial
outlook -

Wednesday Feb 18

9.45 P.M. I was called on
unexpectedly to lead prayer meeting
this evening. took the copy of
last Sunday - We had a good
meeting - tho' but few present.
Dr. A. was busy finishing his
letters & did not go. Clara
is now busy getting the last
things ready. We expected to start
to-morrow noon but the steerman
came up this afternoon & said that
after breakfast is the best time -
So we are hurried - I may have
to wait a day as a lot of the boys are sick.

Thursday - Feb 19th 8-

On the boat - the baby is having
her dinner & we are about to have ours.

The day is cloudy & a chill northern
ly breeze blowing. We are a little
above Swatow. in the river headed
for Bue - Khoi - Dr. Paul Ashmun's
boat just passing alongside -

After dinner - a little rain.

We are making slow progress -
Our boat is quite well filled with
two of us, baby & nurse, & all the
bedding & baggage needed for a
fortnight -

Friday Feb. 20th -

7 P.M. - sitting by the table - Clara
is opposite Knitting & reading - Anna
sound asleep with her "Adah", the
one seen in her last picture, in her
arms. A shawl is hung up so as
to screen the light from her. She

had been a pretty good girl 9
to-day but uneasy to get out.

Mr moon a little while near
Tang Ling walked on the shore
which gave a good chance for
her to enjoy the fresh air.

I have studied Chinese a little,
read the Watchman, & taken a
nap.

have not been as busy as I
usually am on the boat. but hope
to lay up some physical reserve
for later activities & hotter months.
Dr. A. is writing another
article on "Red-Rock Mission."

We discussed the future prospects of
the mission & best ways of arranging
our work, during this evening walk.

He expects his son back in the
Autumn. We passed beyond Tang
Ling moon for the night.

Saturday - Feb. 21st 0 -

We all visited the Chung-Lim Chapel this morning. Found a good number of the preachers there. a lot of people crowded in to look & furnished an audience to which several spoke in succession.

Dr. A & I went to call on Heng-Peh - who was delighted to see the Dr. whom he knew in Siam 40 years ago: they spoke of the men who used to be there & have gone - & the Dr. asked him how he felt & the old man was most enthusiastic in his expressions of faith & joy - Coming to the "end of the road" he was very happy. "This is the true doctrine" he said, "the Lords holy truth, the beautiful pearl the

precious gem" - "Do the neighbors
laugh at you?" Dr. A. asked -

"Laugh at me? I talk to them."
I say "What do you tell them?"

"God has ^{given} man two eyes & a heart.

- need not talk so very much -

A man can look at the sun &
decide who it is directs the
sun, brings forth the wind, lets
fall the rain & dew - "that's enough" -

Dr. A. says these are the things
to which he used to testify in
Siam. Fifty three years the
old man has been a church-
member & a witness to his genera-
tion - He coughs badly & do
not think he will last long.

On the way to his house we
stopped at an idol shop & Dr. A.

had a long talk with the ¹²
proprietor & several young men; a
large crowd collected before we
left. He had a most interesting
dialogue on the subject of idols.
It is surprising how much they
will hear if it is carefully pre-
sented & they will bring up points them-
selves. They are afraid tho' to have
anything said in the presence of the
idols that might offend them.
This young man, who was bright,
knowing young fellow too, stopped
the Dr. two or three times & point-
ing to the idol on the table said
"Don't. He will hear & take offence."
He objected strongly, also, to taking
up some small unpainted images
by the head, he used both hands
& lifted them tenderly about.

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They are genuinely afraid of
their idols -

We are now - 3:25 P.M.
Thih-Pyom on map.
Sailing up to Kham - C₁ - where we
spend Sunday. Four of the preachers
stay at Chug Lin & we shall have
four. So hope to get some out of
door preaching done.

Sunday Feb 22nd -

Rowing back again - we went about
half way in our boats & moored for the
night the water being too shallow
for further progress. Dr. A. went
out with Mrs. A. visited a village
& the people said - "Ah - you are
going to see Wan-Seng" - He did not
know what they met so soon met others
who said the same - on inquiry
he found Wan-Seng was a woman
who is a Christian - Everybody knew

about her being a "Worship- ¹⁴
God-woman". He found her
a pleasant old woman very
glad to see them. He enjoyed
greatly finding her there & that
she was so well known through-
out the whole village. She is
over 80 yrs. old.

This morning we took a small
boat & proceeded up stream 3 or 4
miles - being nearly two hours doing
it. the water is very low & we
could not make rapid progress -

This stream is walled in on either
bank by high strong dikes. For
at high water the stream rises
rapidly & would overflow the country
doing tremendous damage - There
are beautiful banyans along the shore.

We walked a mile or two after
leaving the boat and passed many

signs of New Year celebrations.⁵⁻
The women are unusually painted
& powdered. many have their gayest
clothing out & theaters are doing
a great business. This was once
a wealthy place. Before foreigners
came the junks leaving for
Siam & the other southern ports all
came to Tang Lung & Ching Lin.
So this was to the nine districts
what Swatow is now.

We stopped first at a town, oc-
cupied by Kien-Hong one of the
teachers. & the only inhabitable apart-
ment of what was once a fine large
Chinese residence. The former owner
was rich & influential & defied the
authorities, became a "head thief"
as they say - a patron of thieves &
robbers & ruled with a high hand.
Some determined Mandarin

decided that the house be fixed 16
& that it should not be rebuilt,
so it lies in ruins still - Then
we visited Abbi's house, where
he has a cupboard of medicines,
& then to the room used for work.
A-Khine's husband's house, a
neat square room, a goodly no.
were present were had service
in which the Chinese preachers present
took part. Dr. A. leading with a
few words. We had lunch in

the room first visited & then re-
turned for Communion Service.
It was very warm & uncomfortable.

Communion over we set out for
the boat visiting a sick family
by the way, a brother who is a
Chinese doctor. In front of his shop
we had an audience for a time &
passed on to the market which was

too crowded for us to do any work. In a field close by were a no. of men & boys & two long rows of lanterns on poles about 6 ft high & flagstuffs set about 10 ft apart. At the further end a large ^{triangular} flag flying - it must have been one 10 ft long & 4 or 6 ft wide at the base of the triangle - a dark color bordered with red. We walked out to look & found by inquiry that they were to "run (the) Läu. Läu".

A boy was vigorously beating a gong & soon we saw two chairs set in a frame work with long handles, so that four coolies bear them, each containing an idol & each borne by four boys came running along at breakneck

speed. They raced this way ¹⁸
Several times & afterwards large
idols borne by young men were
to run ~~later~~. I have not yet
learned the origin of the custom,
but it is sport for the bystanders & is
supposed to give pleasure to the gods,
who certainly get thoroughly shaken
up. We talked a little to the
people but the opportunity was
not very good. Dr. said to them

"We worship the living God of
heaven" Tom's young son of Belial
said "Where is he? Call him
down let us see him." - at
which the crowd laughed but
a few questions checked them.

Thence we went on where a
stage was erected & a theatre was
prohibiting before a temple -
The performers were eating

we could go without suspicion¹⁹
that we wished to see the performance. In the temple was spread
the feast for the gods & a feast
it was. A pig head at the
Chief's table with a great number
of ducks, geese & chickens things
plates of cakes covering a
table as large as our dining
room at home & another table
still stood at our side -

A pile of confections tastefully
arranged also graced the board.
The idols were absent "at the
races" but their chairs each uphol-
stered with a leopard skin were there.
Dr. asked if he might say a word
in front of the crowd we were willing
but our old man objected.
so he only said a sentence or

were good-naturedly about 20
the God we worship giving us
all things richly to enjoy. We
went away - speaking to some people
& giving them leaflets as we
passed along the way.

Dr. Ashmore understands these peo-
ple & knows how to approach
them so as not to give offence
& leave them in good humor.

We took boat again & rowed
down to our homes. There to
this morning near Chung-Lin whence
we expect to leave for Ung Rang
to-morrow. Lung-Hing came
down with us & all the preachers
will be along to-morrow. Parker
goes back to Kak-Chieh to-morrow
& shall send this to be mailed
after to-morrow in hope to find the
people less intent upon idolatry -

Monday - Feb 23rd. 21-

Moved by the bridge near Ung-
Kug. We had a wonderfully
favorable day. Sea smooth & a
southerly wind so we sailed
along beautifully - got to E. Phi-
Suaⁿ by noon when the preach-
ers left us going across to E-
Che. Tow came around here
on the flood tide. Dr. A. & D
went across the ferry walked
nearly a mile to the E.P. Chapel
where we had a pleasant chat
with their preacher & another
young preacher on his way to
a further station. The streets
are lined with signs of the season -
cakes, paper-money, incense & fire-
crackers. Dr. A. priced several

Bunches of fire-crackers, a string
four feet long or more. The largest
was 60 cents & contained over
3000 crackers; mostly small, but
20 or more as large as a man's thumb.

This evening is the 15th of the first
month the great time for worship-
ing the ancestors. Rockets & large
firecrackers are going off all about.
The muse has just gone out to
see the sights - We hear there
are to be several "set-pieces"
dragons, tigers &c.

Our boat is engaged & we hope
to start by 7 to-morrow morn-
ing. The ladies go as far as E-che
returning to-morrow -

The baby is a great curiosity.
"They say she is "very beautiful",
very entertaining", "Eyes blue" &c.
I ~~heard~~ ~~one~~ ~~man~~ say "Eyes like
a cat" - the first time I ever heard

that expression. describing our ²³
light eyes - The nurse carried
Anna & went with us to the
Chapel & drew enthusiastic audiences
along the way - Tuesday - Feb 24th -

In a "double-sharp-boat" as they
call these boats pointed at both
ends - the proprietor is laying in
provision for the journey - We
planned to start at 7 o'clock it
is not quite 10 - the sail is being
made ready - off at last - Mrs.
John & Clara came near losing
their trip - The boatmen said they
would not so much as let a
woman step on their boat - A-ka
had not yet gone into her tem-
ple & it would upset everything
to have women as passengers -
Later the promise of a few extra cash

changed his views because 24
he could use part of it to
worship said goddess -

We had a pleasant sail up
but the East wind was chilly & added
to my cold - We met the proce-
ssion on shore & went to the chapel -
The Bible-woman was away help-
ing tend her grandson who had
small-pox. Hearing this Clara
is at anxious to have her kept
away as she was before to send for-
her. We met a few of the peo-
ple, our old brother who used
to be in Siam, who was much pleased
to hear we are going out to evangelize.

At about half past two after
eating dinner in the boat the
ladies went back to Ungking & we
sailed up stream until after six
o'clock - Two of the teachers

are going with us. Lewg-Hang & Min. 25
An. The boatmen here want over
3000 cash to go up to the head of
navigation while we are only paying
2000 for a longer distance. The
other four will remain at C-Che till
we come back. Dr. A. & I walked

a little way across a neck of land
while the boat went around a long
bend of the stream - we passed through
a little village & found the people
more ignorant of the gospel than in
any place I have been. We went
into a little sugar mill & had a
most interesting audience. Dr. A. also
talked to the people outside. I
left a few leaflets to be taken
there on the way down -

We moved under a high bank &
had the privilege of viewing a process
ion of boys with drums going down-
town & two or three chairs holding

idols.

Wednesday. Feb 25th 1926

Warm - We are "inching along". water so shallow that we dodge all about & occasionally have to dig a passage through the sand. all hands get out & tug at the boat except Dr. & myself & I occasionally lend a hand poling the craft. We had a comfortable night. Having put straws in the bottoms of the "Compartments" of our boat - Great Excitement just now - A. Ngi righted some fish swimming down stream & started after them with a ~~knife~~ bamboo pole & ranted the water fiercely while the fish swam away. Then he jabbed his pole under a lot of brush by the shore & A. Ngi went down stream with a huge chopping knife to slay the fugitives

Not succeeding they have gone to ²⁷-
another place & tried to make a dam
of sand to stop the fish - no
booty - Now they are coming back.

We are near the market Peng
Tah when I saw so many
buffaloes last November - in
six hours we have made nearly
8 miles! - 8 P. M. A little

above Lái-Phũ-Sua". moved on the
right bank - We were fortunate in
meeting nearly a score of boats that
had been all day in coming down
about 2 miles - they had dug
their way along through the sand
& in some places made a dam for
more than a hundred yards to get
a sufficient depth of water. We came
up in their track. How it will
be above here I do not know.

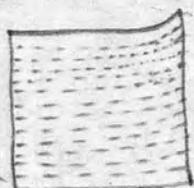
but we shall push on hoping ²⁸⁻
to reach Jian Phing by night.

Thursday - Feb 26th

Jian-Phing Chapel writing by the
light of a lantern - We had an
excellent trip. Found less trouble in
passing shallows than further down
stream - Mia-ti left us early walk-
ed the last 8 miles went back a
chain for Dr. A. We passed some
hot springs, or rather pools near
the river on a rocky slope -

We took also a more careful look
at the stone bridge I mentioned be-
fore. It is about 350 feet long
& is supported by 7 arches there
being 6 piers beside the abutments.
The distance from the center of one
pier I measured to the center of

the next is $46\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The 29
pines are square on the lower side
but sharpened like the prow of
a vessel pointing upstream.



horizontal section - vertical section.

The point is high like a sharp
prow or the end of a Chinese
gable & the courses of stone laid
with that curve till you come
to the lower courses. It is

all powdered stone on the outer
courses & excellent masonry.

The roadway ^{12 ft wide} is all granite &
on either side is a granite rail-
ing. posts 9 in. sq. over 3 ft high
& the two rails 7 ft long by about
6 x 8 in thickness & depth. It is
the outwork I have seen in China.

I walked in from Khoi-Tham¹³⁰
about 4 miles - it was warm.
Dr. Ai Chai had but two horses
he needs three so he had to walk
quite a little. To-morrow we
go to Băm-Sing in the forenoon &
after dinner I go to E-Cham
10 miles away if we can carry
out our plans -

I have been interested in two
scripture interpretations - one of Jno
XVI - "of sin because they be-
lieve not on me" - viz. of other sins
Conscience unaided by special reve-
lation will rebuke men. But this
sin a man is not convicted of un-
less the Holy Spirit works in his
heart.

In Jno. XVII Jesus says I have
manifested thy name - vs. 6 and

7 vs. 26 - "I have declared unto ³¹
them thy name & will declare it."
cf Ex. XXXIV: 6-7 - The mercy, grace,
goodness & truth had been declared
in our Lord's life & by his death
he was yet to declare how
God was to forgive & yet not
clear the guilty -

Dr. A. is much interested in
H. Gattan Guinness's last book
giving his calculations from
Daniel & other prophecies -

Friday Feb. 27th -

Ē Chhān chapel - sitting on
the edge of a Chinese bedstead
my feet on the rounds of a
bamboo chair to keep them
off the earth floor.
Ling-Hang is trying to teach

A-jin the Hak-Ka bro. to ³² Sing "Silver Street" in the next town. The result is rather distracting to the writer. This has been a varied day. After breakfast we had Chinese worship we set out for

Hâm-Sing in chairs with the tops off so we could look about

This is a beautiful country - grand mountains all about & green fields of wheat stretching in many parts of the plain. There are a great

no. of fine banyans in & about each village which stand out in bold contrast above the houses which are either dingy white or earth-col. or. One peak rises fully 1500 ft. The top is a lower peak crowned with a pagoda.

a little way out we met A. Long
the bro. who went to Kak Chieh to
leave off his opium last Dec.
He is looking much better, evi-
dently has not gone back to his
opium, but looks a bit dis-
consolate.

We went to his
house & waited but not many
of the believers came. they are
very much afraid to be too
brave just now -

Bii. Song
the pugilist appeared & professed
great attachment for me because
of the quinine I had given him.
& we had a long conversation.
Some passers by sat down & Dr.
A. told them about Paul's
conversion & preached no little
of the truth. Mia Ai also
talked. At the close of my

prayer. Bu. Song got 34
votes & argued that it was
good doctrine & taught good
morals, but he had made
up his mind fixedly to worship
the Ancestors & the Lã. Lã -
Poor fellow he is a rebellious
soul by nature & it would be a
tremendous struggle for him
to accept the truth in its entire-
ty - At the close of the pray-
er he objected loudly because
the Mandarins had been re-
members - they are a set of
Extortioners. He argued & to
pray for their well-being
was destruction of the people's
good - It required several dia-
logues to silence him,
& after the Dr. had left he

was heard to say, "I do not³⁵
know much about letters will
find a man who does to comerdis-
pute" - He needs praying for sadly.

After dinner & necessary pre-
paration I mounted the chair
a little before 3 o'clock & in a-
bout 3 1/2 hours reached the
harm - It is surprising
suppelling the no. of villoges
in this beautiful valley - a
field that needs to be systematic-
ally evangelized - I stopped
once or twice & had attentive
audiences by the way - I found
the bin my baggage here all
safe & was glad to find a harm
after so long a trip - This is
a low & not a spacious man-
sion but as good as most

of the houses about.

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Saturday Feb 28

8.30 P.M. Lung Heng is reading

Rev. XXI & XXII - no more striking

contrast could be furnished than a Chinese house & the description of the heavenly city.

But ~~here~~ I am glad to say that the people here are likely to enjoy the blessed change when the time comes - The disciples of

here are as pleasant & their party as reassuring as in any place I have been - To-day we visited several

families - at our place a neighbor came in an old man 71 yrs.

old, who had been a hard character in earlier years - he talks about glitens to the truth but is afraid of losing his share of

Ancestral property! - He looks 37 -
as if he might be taken away
any time but "the cares of the world
& the deceitfulness of riches" have yet
a strong hold upon him.

We visited a brother 4 miles
or more from here, who lives with
his father & bro. in a hob by a mar-
ket. They rec'd us kindly but
the whole neighborhood turned
out & soon the window was blot-
ed & the house filled with sight-
sees - only a few could talk "my
dialect", so it was not very agreeable.
I was led to the upper room to
eat my lunch & the rabble fol-
lowed - was driven back to the
trap door put down but they push-
ed that aside & five heads were
framed in the space between

door & Stairway. Some one pushed ³⁸
the door & I feared our little chap
would be decapitated. They kept mudd-
ing, then a bundle of faggots was
thrown on the door & again a
man sat on them but still the
impatient audience clamored. I
finished lunch with half a dozen
in the room. Going down again
I found the crowd ^{worse} & soon left
with a howling mob of youngsters
all about. I tried several modes
of treatment but concluded si-
lence & a slow gait were the
most effective. Out of the
village I met a graduate,
a fat party with glasses.
He was very glibly compli-
mented me in Chinese style on

my stock & gave him two books³⁹

Mr then visited another bro. & then met a young woman who claimed to be suffering persecution, but a jin says the trouble is she has not learned patience & does not listen to her husband.

I've had some of the best opportunities for preaching I have ever found & I never enjoyed the work more - particularly one instance when I sat down first & had a long talk with a man who understands Si Chiu - He listened, evidently understood, & seemed to assent. I have never seen any one show so much apparent appreciation of the Gospel, the work of Christ.

A - Jiu, the white was 40
preaching vigorously in HoK-Ka
& most of his heavens were inter-
ested, only our women made trouble
& objected to her husband's get-
ting some leaflets. & our man
went off in a huff saying
they had Confucius & his doctrine
which was enough -

He talked nearly all the
way home & after he got here
for about a half hour to a
stranger who dropped in. He is
one of the best most persistent
seed-sowers I have met. This
evening I tried to give him an
outline for a sermon to-morrow
but that was too much for him.
He got some good points
though & I hope an impetus
toward the Bible work.

Leng-Hung says he saw a 41-
lugs lion made - not of butter-
of straw - covered with peanut candy.
several hundred weight of sugar
with peanuts dropped in after
boiling - then this is plastered
on the straw image - after the
people have looked at the curioity,
it is taken to the temple for the
idols to look at & eat the
"Khi-bi" of the candy - Later
the candy is distributed to
the family & friends of those who
provided the animal - they
also had a long string of little
cakes made into a long flag.
to be used in like manner.
At Jan Pheng, the night
we got there they had a

grand celebration & among 42
other things carried about a huge
dragon 50 or 60 ft. long & his head
8 ft high - This was made
with a bamboo frame covered
with paper - but with joints
tied with cords to be flexible -
A no. of men carried it &
by walking in different directions
raising & lowering the different
sections, produced such writhing
& gyrations as a healthy & well
ordered dragon is supposed to
make - lights were placed at
intervals so as to illuminate
the beast -

Sunday March 10th -

The people began to come about
the time I finished breakfast.

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By 10 o'clock there was quite a little company in the room. We had early worship - The regular service began at 11 - First a prayer & praise service then a sermon by A. Jim on Rom. VIII: 18. There is good material here - half-a-score of young men the most of whom can read somewhat & if we could be here to train them a little, they could carry on a service themselves very well: they pick up tunes readily & could be taught to sing quite well.

We had communion at 2-30 P.M. Ling Heng preached briefly on the disciple

whom Jesus loved - giving 43 1/2
what the New Test. say about
the life & character of John,
& drawing some lessons as to
what it meant to be "loved"
by the Savior - it meant re-
sistance for wrong & the imposing
of heavy duty & call away from
home & family - it did not mean
protection from Exile - but
in exile the vision of heaven-
ly glory was given to him &
through him to all the
Church -

A - Jim read
the first 4 vs. of I Cor. X & I
read I Cor. XI: 23-29.

After Communion a con-
tribution was made & after some

Talking & exchange of greetings
 the brethren began to leave. There
 were but two sisters to leave; one
 of them, a young married woman,
 came from a house on the mountain
 some miles away 3000 ft & more
 up the mountain side. She had
 her baby on her back, too.

We called to see a brother who
 lives near by & preached to the
 neighbors. In the evening a
 delegation of young men came
 in, among them two who live
 10 miles away on the hills & one
 who comes from the other side
 of the Eastern range in Fokien Prov-
 ince & is a Presbyterian. He seems
 to be a good fellow. Another was

a lusty "young heather", ⁴⁵
who enjoys his part of a con-
versation hugely. All talked
with him but I concluded he
could never to be amused than
benefited & proposed that we have
worship & read the account of
the crucifixion, which kept him
quiet for a time. He has a
bad arm, it was burned at
below the elbow -

Monday March 2nd -

Afloat again, i.e. occasionally
afloat, as the water seems
ever lower than when we
came up - We are just now (5-20 P.M.)
going down some rapids - The
sternman is wading leading the
boat by the bow & shouting to his

mate - a boy of 18 or 19 who ⁴⁶
wades at the stern - poor fellow
his position is much like that
of the traditional cabin boy whose
use was largely letting the
Capt. break dishes over his
head - whenever he needed
to vent his feelings. The irony
& sarcasm which the "Lord of the
boat" puts into his remarks
is simply withering. He has a
sort of dry wit that is amusing.
Some of the Chinese told him
there was water enough to pass
the need not dig the sand any
more but he went on saying -
"Ah - you think I am doing
this for fun (Khui chin-ti)
do you?" - (He has just
yelled out to the boy - "Get down

† as the boy did not move quickly⁴⁷
again in stentorian voice - "Get down!
vaccine Dr. Ashmun - "Deaf when
I speak, Ears shut tight!")

We are still favored with good
weather - a little mist when
I got up at 4 A.M. - but
not much - I was all pre-
pared to start from E-Chhâm
by 6 o'clock but the rascally
Chair-bearers were late: getting
tired of waiting I set out & walk-
ed a mile or two & visited some
temple at a small village, while then
the tardy chair-bearers came on
we went - A-Lông, at whose
house is the chapel, carried my bed &
baskets & A-tigî took the lantern.
I rode nearly all the way - stopped

a few moments at one place 48
where a booth was put up for
the gods & a theatre staging
facing it. at either side of
the booth was a high bamboo
pole with ~~tuft~~ of leaves & small
branches at top & a curious bun-
ner flying - a circle of bamboo
with a disk of paper & sort of
fringe to that. then from its center
a long bottomless paper bag -
it seemed to be gaudily decorated
with cut silver & red paper. &
at the end red fringe. When
this was raised the wind carried
it straight out & made a cylindri-
cal pennant. a foot in diameter
& 15 or 20 ft. long.

I had our pleasant interviews

near a lunch-counter where
 the coolies stopped. I saw two
 mess on a table. Kilm went to
 talk with them - "Ah -" said
 over a pleasant middle-aged man.
 "You are the 'Enter-doctrine teacher'.
 There is the one-eyed. A. Jim -
 he belongs to your people." "Yes,"
 said, "I just left him. he is a
 good fellow consistent & earnest -"
 "Yes - he used to work here. He
 is better than he used to be".

"He used to gamble" I said -
 "And did not have enough to feed
 & clothe him - Since he became
 a worshipper he is better off.
 My own friends & worked together
 for eleven years - Yes your doctrine

is good". I had some further ⁵⁰
talk with him, urged him to
accept the truth. He was disposed
to listen & followed me down when I
went back to the chair.

At the chapel I found Dr. A. had
left early for the boat. After a
lunch & the baggage was all to-
gether I set out on foot. Having
sent my card to a graduate whom
I had promised to call upon - happily
by he was not at home.

It is about 5 miles I reached
the boat at 2.30 P.M. I went
out & worked along slowly stopping
a little below the stone bridge.
I went up & soaked my feet in one
of the hot pools - it was a trifle
too hot for comfort & my feet
were quite parboiled when I
dried them.

Tuesday March 3rd - 57

5-45 P.M. - We are just passing
a line of 8 boats bound up-
stream & another boat & 2 rafts
are in sight - They have the
mat up & the cloth sail above,
they are a picturesque sight

against the green hills -

We have a beautiful day,
cloudy but no rain & just
cool enough to be bracing -

I have not done much but
talk with Dr. A about various
subjects, write a little & sleep -
My long day yesterday & the
effects of this cold that is just
passing off left me feeling very tired
this morn. - I am very thank-
ful to have thrown off the cold,
for thinking about thus sleeping
in boats & Chinese houses is not

always favorable to a cure - 52
I have taken no medicine but a
few doses of quinine & plenty
of hot water -

Supper is announced - we are
nearly out of provision -

We hoped to reach E-Che by
night but we waited nearly
2 hours at Lai Phi Sua -
when we made a call at the
chapel & went for a time to
the market - where we had a good
hearing, preached to several knots
of men & distributed some leaflets -
The people were uncommonly
pleasant & inclined to listen -
more so than when I was here last -
In the evening they were talking
about idolatry & told about
a town where the head-man made

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an image that was not good
to look at - & the people wanted
a better one so a better one was
made: then came the question,
how to dispose of the first. No
one dared to destroy it for fear
of incurring its vengeance. So
they proposed hiring a Christian
& paid a church-member \$2 -
to split it up - he did so with
pleasure & with profit for beside
the \$2.00 he got wood enough to
boil his rice for several days.
it was made of camphor wood.

1-10 P.M. Wednesday, March 4th

Almost down to My King - the
two steersmen met us a moment
ago & report all well save that
Ma Ah-shan has a cough. We
stopped opposite E-che & made
a visit at Ho-Ting-Jou's

Chong-Chi away from home.
 but the women of four generations
 at the house - his mother over 90 yrs
 old, his wife, sons wife & child.

The oldest (or an older) son is
 in Siam. Mr. Eaton is employing
 him. They rec'd a letter yesterday
 saying that Mr. Eaton goes home in
 the 2nd (Chinese) month. Mrs. Ea-
 ton did not long ago. He takes the
 Children home - 4 o'clock - Back

at the boat a few rods below
 the bridge - all are quite well.
 the baby is looking bright & has
 made a little progress in talking
 & walking - Clara says she has
 been a great curiosity & people from
 a long distance have come to
 see her - She has had a cold
 but is better as are the two
 ladies -

P.M. Thursday. Mar. 5th - 55

Just below Chow-Chow. Fu.

We had a good wind & water enough
in the creek to reach E-Phio Sua last
evening & again this morning the same
wind took us to Chung-Lin by
a little after 9 o'clock. The nurse
had been promised a visit to her

son-in-law so we set her ashore
at Mat on W-Pang Ling, where I found

the old lord-of-the-boat with
whom I came Mat last September.

I sat a little while in his rice-
shop & went with him to his house.

On the way to the boat some young

men came out to hail us, one quite
finely dressed & we went in boat with
them; they have a shop in Swatow.

The old man is evidently quite well
to-do, has an incense shop, as well
as his rice business & boat.

He says his boy 8 yrs old ⁵⁶
has a crooked hand. I advised
him to bring the boy to the hospital.
He smokes opium & I fear too
much so that it is affecting
him badly.

A little after noon we caught
up with Dr. A's boat. They did not
wait at Taing-hing but went to
Toa-hia-king where he says he had
two of the best audiences he had
had on the whole trip. This used to
be a turbulent place.

We decided, having an "obedient"
wind, to run up to the Hi City
as it would not make us much
later home & we might decide
that it is worth while staying over
Sunday - We have enjoyed fine
sailing to-day. At the Kip-Chui
Thak (Pagoda) we stopped to get the

fine view from the hill on 57
which it stands. This is the
best piece of stone work I have
seen unless it be the great Tiv.

Q^{en}.

The baby went with us & attract-
ed a crowd. She made more
progress walking to-day than any
previous day. took 4 or 5 good steps
alone several times. She has
taken up the habit of smacking
her lips if you ask her if she
wants to eat & this afternoon she
walked off the whole length of my
couch holding on to the end to
support herself & coming to the pantry
at its head. she steadied herself
with one little hand while she
struck the palm of the other on
the pantry door & smacked her lips
till her mother came & got her
something to eat.

Friday - March 6th - 58

Moved for the night 14 miles below the city - we left at noon but have had a head-wind - It is cool I have a light overcoat on as I sit here - We all have remnants of the cold that has troubled us all the past week - but do not suffer much inconvenience therefrom - Mrs. Ashman has quite a bad cough.

This forenoon we visited our chapel & the new E. P. headquarters near the North gate - they have a large place & three large comfortable living rooms. Dr. Lang & his family are just getting settled, Mrs. L. & the children were at home - We had a pleasant call - Mrs. L. urged us to stay to supper but we had all preparations made here. Further

More we could not spare the ⁵⁹
time. Dr. A. & I wanted to see the
Chinese & arranger for getting a better
house. The nurse, too, had been
promised a visit home so Clara
came back to the boat. Nurse will
get back Sunday.

I have finished a letter to H. R.
Glover & signed one for the Mail.

— The baby has just emulated
my early accomplishment &
rolled out of bed on to the floor
with a heavy thud, after a hard
cry she is sound asleep again -
She is having a hard time with
some teeth just now, & does not
seem quite well - She walks four
or five steps alone now, but has
gotten so many bumps she
is a bit timid -
To-morrow we hope to be at home -

Saturday - March 7th - 60

Home at my desk - it seems good
to get back again. We had head
wind until about 11 o'clock. After
that fair sailing. happily reached
the bay just after the tide had turned
down so we reached here before 3 P.M.
When should we see at our landing
but Mr. Campbell with Paul & Tom.
They reached here Tuesday ~~ran~~ all well.
Mr. C. returns soon -

Dr. Mrs. Ashman remains at Am. Port
over Sunday so I sent mail to them
at once by Siang Thong who takes them
also some meat.

We find all quite well, tho' there
has been a great deal of influenza.
we took ours on the way -

To-morrow I plan going to Tho' Phoi
Chhi again.

Sunday March 8th 1891-

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Chilly in the wind to-day I am
feeling rather hoarse, having
been over to Tho-Phon Chi & back
in the wind besides talking a
great deal. Mr. Campbell met
with me - The ^{day} started badly.

Sam. Thui crushed his finger
between the end of the boat & the
stove pipe. I went up to Dr. Scott
with him & he got it wrapped up
at once. He thinks the bone is
not injured - Mr. had a larger

no. of the tin out than usual
but one of them is offended be-
cause we would not take up a
case he had with a man who
beat him, so he got up &

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walked out. We had some
stray hearers - a whole theatrical
company stopped in for a
time, but only one listened much.
He stayed fully half an hour.
I had quite an earnest talk
with one of the brin because
the doors were not painted for
cause he did not invite the
visiting bro. to lunch - & he
did give the invitation -

After eating our lunch Mr. Camp-
~~with~~ the visiting bro. from the students
class I met out & had a good
number of listeners. I had a
long dialogue with a shop-keeper
who asked questions for the crowd.
but I answered him so I hope
they all understood & got some
idea of the truth -

Monday - March 9th - 63

Much of the day given to settling last month's accounts & getting home letters ^{finished}. It is chilly & rain fell last night also much of the day. We are having a no. of Mission topics of importance that take considerable time in discussion. We hoped to get our mail to-day but it did not come - there is a ship due to-morrow so we may have it then -

Tuesday March 10

Went to Swatno in the forenoon with Clara & Mrs. Ashmun - had some banking business to do, am glad to find that exchange is in our favor more than last year.

I brought \$400 - back with 64
me. \$200⁰⁰ in silver & \$200 in
bills. This necessity of carrying
so much money across the bay
is unpleasant. I also saw the Con-
sul, paid the fee for my passport
& called at Mrs. Smiths E.P. Mission.
In the P.M. Mr. Howell called
& talked about his prospects. He
hopes to make some country trips
now & get recruited so he will
not need to go away.

Wednesday - March 11th -

Rainy - Tuesday I shall have added
that the Rio-de-Janeiro's mail
come in a little before supper time.
I had a letter from Mother,
one from Mason & one from
Mrs. Watkins of N. Marshfield,
mother of Henry Watkins of the

graduating class at the Institute
at whose home I was entertained
in 1884. am glad to hear that all
her children are converted. Harry
was a fine bright boy when I
saw him & probably has grown
quite a young man by this time.

I am using these days to get
accounts & sundry other matters
put right. My grip-cold does
not let go & I am obliged to keep
in the house - hope to get better of
it soon - I did not go to the
Union prayer-meeting led by Mr.
Campbell at his house.

Thursday March 12th

Another quiet day in-doors.

My time is always taken up more
or less with the Chinese & to-day Mr.
Campbell was up quite a part

Of the afternoon. I have just been ⁶⁶
reading with interest the March Re-
Conder, especially an article on
Consular help.

We rec'd invitations to-day from
Mr. Siau Ah-Kim (Comptroller
for Jardine & Matheson & Co) who
is at the head of the new steam-
boat Co., to a short trip up the
river next Saturday on the new
launch "Siang Sing" - It is
marked R.S.V.P. so I must re-
ply. But do not think we shall
attend. It is kind however of him
to invite us. These boats are
well patronized & must be making
money. It is in the hands
of Chinese though I presume
Europeans may own some stock.

Friday - March 13th 67

In the house again most all day though out for a little time after dinner. my cough is better I hope to get entirely over this soon.

Several surprises late in the day.

Pou Paing-Sing came in to tell me he is going to Siam. I am rather sorry but do not like to urge him to stay because men are always uneasy after once getting the foreign form.

This evening a large delegation of proachers arrived with two brethren from Pou Chhân to settle about buying the chapel. it is settled. They also bring news that Buang Ang the nearsighted

No. at Kit-Jéⁿ - died to-day - 68

This may seriously affect the
new departures there. The men
who are making us some trouble
by starting ~~an~~ establishment of their
own.

Saturday - March 14th -

Cold & windy. Clara went on
the excursion to-day; about 60
in all were present & the sail
was a pleasant one about
as far as Kuan Poo. The
launch is a comfortable
boat & can run 12 knots an
hour though to-day only went
at half speed. Refreshments
were served including champagne.
Mr. Hill made a eulogistic speech.

in honor of the Lost Mr. 69
Ah. Kim & they gave him
three cheers as they left -
There will be another launch
to run on this line so a boat
will leave at either end of the
route at 8 A.M. & 2 P.M.

The baby has a new accom-
plishment - ask her "Where is
Grandpa?" & she points up to the
picture framed over my study
door - Sunday March 15 -

Still further triumphs for the
baby she has walked quite
long distances alone to-day.

I have been at home all day -
the chapel has a tile floor
& is chilly so neither Dr. A. nor I

ventured there - This evening 70
Sing. was proposed at Dr.
Scotts but it rained hard
after supper so we all stayed
at home - Dr. Carlin & Mrs.
Norvell called after Sunday
School -

Monday March 16th -

Heavy rain to-day Ho dark a
part of the time we could hardly
see to read or write. I had a
lamp before four o'clock -

Mail to-day per "Gaelic" glad
to get news from home in Feb-
ruary evidently from Berlin. We
shall look for a report from
Miss Fulde soon of her visit
to our Maine friends -

I have finished an article 71-
for the mail to send by next ^{British} ~~British~~
I have not been out to-day -
am not troubled much by the ^{pre-} ~~pre-~~
sence of the cough - could go about
were it not for the rain -

Tuesday - Mich 17th/₁₁

Mr. N. J. Plumb, Methodist of
Foochow made us a pleasant
call to-day & took tiffin. He
was here last year when his
family went home & is now going
back himself. He had "Grip"
quite badly. We were much
interested to learn of the work
there: they go in for education
largely up there. have an Anglo-Chi-
nese College with 95 pupils.

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I rejoice that I am not in
a Methodist Conference; it must
be a hard discipline sometimes.
I have done a little writ-
ing during the day.

Wednesday - 'Mch 18/91-

Still cool & cloudy this morning
now - 10 o'clock it is raining
again. I have just been look-
ing over the report regarding the
blind by Murray of Peking -
There is a blind boy at Tangdū
I should like to have learn
to read & I think of writing
for information to see if any
helps can be obtained suitable
for this dialect.

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Prayer-meeting here led by
Dr. Ashmore.

Thursday, Mich 19th -

Letters from Mrs. Elden, Shailer
& May - We are glad to hear from
them & to know that our parcel
reached them safely. They had
rec'd a visit from Miss Fuller & were
to have taken tea with her but
Gipke prevented. I found that nearly
all the men in the Students-
class have that same trouble.
The poor baby is miserable
has a cold & is getting some
double-teeth.

In the afternoon I went out as
Dr. Scott said it was the best

thing we can do in getting rid of
the Grip - called at Mr. Campbell's

In the evening nearly all the
missionaries here played
some games & sang. a very
enjoyable evening -

We have been amusing ourselves
of late by reading a little from
Diedrich Knickerbocker.

Friday - Mich 20th -

Still cloudy but warmer -
I am writing a little for the
papers shall send home a few
things by this mail. I am
beginning to feel quite free from
the effects of this influenza &
hope to get to solid work soon.

Mr Reid word today that ⁷⁵
poor Capt. Pimdorf has died
will be buried to-morrow:
poor man. I fear he was
ill-prepared to go to his account.
That leaves but two pilots on
the Island. I wonder what will
become of their house, which is
the old Mission property. the
first home the Swatow Mission
had. There is no one left
but Mrs. Pimdorf. the chil-
dren are all away. the daughter
married & the son at sea.

Miss Licky of the E.P. Mission
is up from Singapore. is trans-
ferred from that station
to Amoy.

Saturday Mich 21/91-76

This morning I went down to
poor Capt Pinedorf's funeral.
Quite a goodly no. were present.
Mr. MacLagan conducted the
services, read several Scripture
passages & offered prayer.

This afternoon there was a cricket
match but we did not attend.
The nurse had had news from
her home to-day - her son had
some trouble with a neighbor &
has not been well since. so she
is going home a-while. Siu-
Ki - the woman who was with
us at the Island last year
is to take her place -
if it is pleasant I plan going
to "Tie Le" (Chao Yang) to-morrow.

Sunday Mich 22nd / 1891 - 77

Off for T'ie L'ie (Chao Yang) at
8-30. a.m. - Dr. Scott. The two
young ladies went. we had wind
& tide with us & were only about an
hour & a half from our landing to
a point in the canal over a
mile from the steamboat landing -
we had an unusually quiet pas-
sage through the streets & at the
chapel found a number of the sisters
& later some of the brethren came -
I told one of them to preside & he
preached at the heathen for a
half-hour. then the colporter
A-mi spoke & I said a little on
Hebrews X:25. in connection with
Matt XVIII:19.20 & I Thes. IV 16.17.

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At noon we had lunch together
& had a very pleasant social meal,
had no teacups so made the best
of our tumblers a cup that my
bitter was brought in a Mason's
fruit jar & a saucer or two.
One always has a good appetite
on a trip of this time, kind.

at 2 P.M. we had the Com-
munion & Dr. Scott dispensed a
little medicine: the doors had
been shut, so but few heathen
had come in we got away soon.
The Church-members are on the
whole in a better frame than the
last time I was there, & the heathen
certainly much quieter.

We got back to the boat at
about half-past three & had
a long trip home - about four hours

Had we been a few minutes 79-
Earlier we might have taken
the steamer at 4 o'clock & been
here early.

Monday March 23rd -

This morning I did some work on
a sermon & wrote, copying an article.

This afternoon Luyteng came
in from his Jan Phing stay
bringing good reports & one of the
best maps I have rec'd yet.

Clara & I. called on the new
"Pro Consul" 's wife - Mrs. Hauser.
They have a very pretty home. She
says she knew Kugman's wife
at Tientsin - was at their wedding.
I imagine they are rather uptight
as regards missionaries not inclined
to recognize them unduly. We have

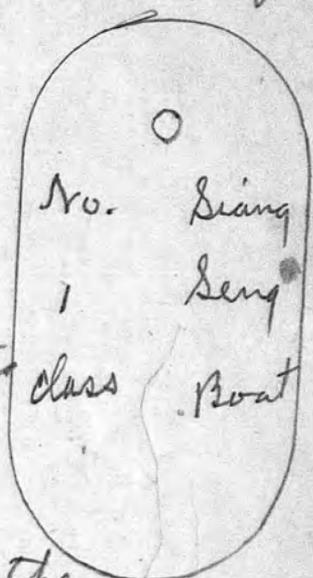
So little to do with the Com⁸⁰-
munity now-a-days that it does
not make much difference what
position they do take.

Tuesday March 24th -

On board the "Siang Sung," steaming
back from ~~the~~ Kieh. Yang, making
about 10 miles an hour. This
boat is 90 ft long - having a
wooden hull & double ex-
pansion engine. Below ~~the~~ are
one or two small rooms, which
are occupied by opium-smokers
I judge. On the main deck are 3
cabins - two narrow rooms near
the stern, one for women with seats
for about a score; the other is for
the Chinese clerks, with four bunks
where they sleep - & table for eating

and for counting the tickets - 81

These by the way are a substantial article - an ^{oval} bit of wood some $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch thick & some two inches ~~that~~ long. Name of boat & class of accommodation on one side & 6 other characters on the opposite side.



This morning at Swatow they gave me a larger ticket which was changed before reaching the first stopping place. That was taken up before we left the steamer. This "first class passagi" gives us a seat in the forward cabin a neatly finished room about 18 ft long with a transom comfortably cushioned all about & 8 or 9 rat-tan chairs in the center.

There is one unpleasant feature.⁸²
Across the end of the Cabin the transom
is about 4 ft wide & serves as a
Couch for opium smokers & there
have been two men smoking most
of the afternoon. It is very sad
to see bright young men ruining
themselves. The air is heavy
with the fumes of opium.

Outside the cabin sitting &
standing on the main deck its
seats are over 150 Chinamen.

The boat makes a round trip
every day - going up in the morning
& back at 2 o'clock - about
40 miles either way -

This line of steamers is owned & run
wholly by Chinamen. They wanted
to ~~to~~ put them on several years

ago. but the officials would ⁸³
not give their permission. because
they would take away the business
of scores of ferry boats - throwing hundreds
out of employment. I too saw
the Prefect of Sir Chin was a frank
& an upright man so far as can be
known. & the men interested in the
Steamers told him that a great
many people were drowned every year
by the capsizing of ferry boats crossing
the bay to Chao Yang with high
wind & heavy sea running. At that
time there was an unusually great
loss of life & a number of bodies
were recovered, which the officials
were called to view. This settled
the matter and the line of steamers
was sanctioned. The projectors
said the steamers would not pay
& got a grant of waterfront with
privilege of enclosing a large

tract which they rent to fish⁸⁴
-men, who set their nets at
gates in the dyke as soon as
the tide begins to run out.

It turns out now that the boats
pay well. Each line takes about
from 5000 to 6000 cash
daily which is probably
about half profit. The paid
up capital of the company is
\$40,000.00, of which \$37,000. has
been invested in boats. Soon
another \$10,000. launch is to
be added which will serve
as a spare boat & to run on other
routes as occasion may offer.
If no accidents happen & busi-
ness continues as at present the

subscribers will probably 5
get 10¢ to 15¢ on their invest-
ment.

The chief managers are two
brothers Chiap-Sung & Ah-Kim
known as "Great (or Elder)
Squire" & "Number Two Squire".
One of them has bought a
petty official title, the oldest
brother & the ~~second~~ son brother
next him are thus designated.
They begin as poor boys
Now the Elder is a Contractor
& builder who does a large
business in building or contract
filling land (Several is almost
all made land) & owns a

a great many houses & shops & he rents bothers. At present he is putting up a two-story-block of stores with verandas above & below just in front of the steamer landing & several other blocks near by. The other "No. Two Squires" is "Compadore" for Jardine Matheson & Co. one of the leading firms here & a branch of one of the largest firms in the East having offices in all the principal ports from Calcutta to Yokohama. Foreign merchants do not speak the language & all business with the natives is done through a Chinese middle-man who knows enough "Pidgin English" to communicate suc-

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cessfully with the foreigners - and
they manage to make the media-
tion pay well - Men who a
score of years ago were table-
boys or just getting a start in
life are now worth tens if not
hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The name "Compradors" is said to
be of Portuguese origin -
But to come back to my trip,
going up I had a very pleasant
experience in the cabin: only one
man smoked opium. Our passenger
was a man about 40. dressed
in yellow silk & with a great amount
of baggage, trunks, baskets, boxes
& two huge lantern-frames.
He came from ~~Canton~~ Hong Kong on

business. He was evidently 89
well-to-do & it was soon known
that he is a son of a high
military mandarin stationed
opposite Hong Kong. in fact the
man whose soldiers captured
the "Itanoa" pirates recently be-
headed at Canton.

He was himself curious as a
Magpie (or a Chinaman) and
the questions he asked would fill
quite a book. I remember he
began interrogating Leing Hung, the
young native preacher with me,
who happened to be a fellow towns-
man here in this Prefecture.
He asked among other things -
"What is your honourable surname?
Where do you live? Father & mother
living? Father how old?"

How many brothers? Younger ⁹⁰⁻
brother how old? Married?
how many children? Where do
you live now? What employ-
ment? What do you get a month?
Where did you study? & c & c.
He asked about me "How many
springs & autumns?" which led
as usual to a discussion about
our method of reckoning age from
birth day to birth day not by calendar
years. If a Chinese baby is born
the 30th day of the 12th month,
~~the next day - the first~~ on New
Year's day they say "he had
two years". Though two days old,
those two days belong to two
years hence they say ~~the first~~
those two years belong to the baby

One other interesting question
 asked when he found I was
 a "pouch-doctrine-teacher" - was,
 "This report about digging out
 the eyes & heart, has it any
 shadow (of truth) or not?"

History repeats itself & as the
 Pagans in the first centuries ac-
 cused Christians of eating the
 flesh of infants, so the Chinese
 say we steal them & use their
 heart & eyes for medicine, some
 say in preparing opium - The
 same charge is made regarding
 the dead of Christian families.

He seemed to be satisfied on that
 point asked other questions
 & we had a long talk about

"the doctrine." I accepted a 92
copy of the Gospel of John: another
Elder man previously asked for a
copy. He was most gracious,
produced some small oranges,
which are a great delicacy among
the Chinese & insisted on my taking
them - also declared he was
coming to see me on his return.
I do not however plan to
remain at home to receive him,
such promises are not always to
be relied on. Still many do come
partly from curiosity -

Mr. Tubbs of the Eng. Pres.
Mission got on at Kit-Li (Kiel
Yang) so I had his company
down. The pilot was most kindly

disposed, showed me the 93
way to the yard where our
new boat is being built -
& on board insisted on my
going up & sitting with him.
I did go up to eat my lunch
& walked on the upper deck
with Mr. Buffus sometime.
The day was fine & the trip al-
together satisfactory one.

We were delayed going up by
towing a large mandarin
boat, so we had but an
hour & a half at the city but
I met the men I wanted to
see & finished the business I
went for - We reached Swatow
at about half past five.
The fare for the 80 miles was

500 Cash - about 50¢ - 94
not much over a half a cent
per mile.

Wednesday Mich 25th -

After breakfast I rec'd a note
from Dr. Scott about one of the
men now being treated for opi-
um who is having a hard
time. There was no one to
send so I went myself &
showed the hospital cook,
how to give an enema -

After dinner I went to the
boys-school & helped them
about their arithmetic &
gave them a little talk on the

plagues of Egypt. 95

It was my turn to lead the meeting so I gave some time to preparation. & we had a very good meeting. At Mrs

Campbell's - I read 1st Tim. XXIX:35

& XLIX:8 sq. subj. Praise as centered in the deliverance of the tribe of Judah (Praise) - and of other passages now referred to.

In the afternoon we went to Swanton. Clara had some shopping & I went to get some money - had quite a chat with Mr. Hill on the silver question. We also went to the

E.P. mission. Had a good bye 96
to the Smiths & also bought some
articles of furniture there.

Thursday - Mch 26

a beautiful day - Dr. Ashmon was
at the class to-day the first time
in nearly two weeks. I was at the
boys school again - they pick up
arithmetic quite well - The opium
smoker looks much better to-
day & says he is brighter.

They keep coming tho' Mr. Scott
charges an entrance fee of a
Dollar.

This evening we are invited to
Dr. Scotts for a sing ~~this evening~~.

They enjoyed the company here last
week so much they want to repeat it.

In the afternoon the poor old 97
opium patient had a bad at-
tack. I went down & found him
rocking to & fro. in great pain. A little
hot water internally & pressure ex-
ternally eased him in a few moments.

Friday March 24th -

This morning I planned to go to
Swatow early but the weather was
so threatening I did not start till
9 - & then was caught in a heavy
shower over there. finally got back
with most of our belongings - We have
a very handsome wardrobe made all
of teak, lacquered with gilt trim-
mings - about as good as new - for
\$8.00. (about 6²⁵/₁₀₀ gold).

The day has been warm & muggy
& I feel dull - Several of the men.

ers have come in. They will go 98-
to neighboring chapels over Sunday.

I was at the boys school again,
and they are remembering some of
the things I tell them.

The baby is much better coughs
very little, but is rather fretful.
This P. M. ^{after dinner} she went out
in her carriage and did not get back
till after 4 o'clock -

Saturday. Mich 28th

A mild Spring-like day - This P. M.
I took down the subjects. Dr. Ashmore
has prepared for next week & arranged
the order of exercises which is to
be posted for their benefit -
men went out to four or five chapels
to help on Sunday - Dr. Scott sent
Dr. Kit Liⁿ (Kieh Yang) for her fort-
nightly medical visit.

Sunday March 29- 99

a beautiful mild day. The services have been good. Miss An preached from Col. 1:9-10 & did well. The early part of the meeting, too, was good. This is the first Sunday since Chinese New Year that I have been present. Two weeks ago I was at home but had the cough. The Sunday school was large & interesting. One of the boys Khai-Kain (the first boy I ever baptized) has developed a faculty for drawing & to-day had a very good exercise - "a city set on a hill" & a lamp upon a table - (Mt. V. 15-16) - I went to Go-Chuan after school with Chhai Ngi & some of the young men

went later, also to Chi-nang-ke¹⁰⁰
beyond. We found a hard set,
unwilling to listen & ready with
every sort of objection, however we
must preach whether they will
hear or whether they will forbear.

Monday. Mich 30th -

Mild & Cloudy. I have been oc-
cupied with the Chinese, accounts
& Correspondence. I want to get all
home mail off to-day if possible.

The preachers & others will probably
be all here by to-night & from
this time until next Monday we
shall be very busy -

The baby has just waked up
from her morning nap & looks very
lovely. We had a letter from the
nurse that she found her boy better
will be back soon.

Tuesday March 31st. 101

Last evening Ling Sing came in & reported that the previous Sunday at Kit Si" had been a good one, also that on the steamer coming down they had good opportunities for preaching or rather talking with the passengers.

To day I have been quite busy since 7 A.M. Service at that hour was based on Rom. I:1-4 - "The Gospel of God" - I mo had been selected out to lead & another to assist in presenting the subject. Two others also spoke & it was a good service. The 4 P.M. service was similar with Acts II:22 "A man approved of God."

At 10 A.M. the subj. of Baptism was discussed - The ^{preaching} members of the ~~men~~ were asked to give their views

I also to state what arguments ¹⁰²
are adduced by the Anabaptists.
The old stock arguments were re-
hearsed & Dr. A. refuted them.

At 2 o'clock the Students class
was examined & did finely -

Wednesday April 1st -

Services again at 7- & 10 a.m.

at 2 & 4 P.M. I have taken the
accounts of several preachers besides
writing several pages of a letter.

The exercises have all passed off
well. No trouble has developed yet
we have had some talk with one
or two who have been friendly
with the seceders at Kit-Sé.

Dr. A. gave one of them an exposition of
the case he will probably remember.

The lesson on baptism this morning
was interesting & I hope profitable.

Thursday Apr 2nd - 103

Services as yesterday. Saw that
we had a prayer meeting at
2 P.M. All the services have
been good the principal topic
has been the power & office of the
Holy Spirit you need of His
presence. Dr. A. made one of the
^{the} prayer meeting talks this evening
or rather a short address it was
(Acts 28:31-) that I ever heard.

The nurse came back to-day
& the baby is delighted seems
perfectly contented: it is a great
relief to Clara. She goes quietly
about & attends to everything without
any direction: she seems really fond of

Anna. She found her son ¹⁰⁴
better than she feared.

I understand the blind girl in whom
Mrs. Partridge was greatly interested
is to be married to a bro. at Pouchan.
Gu-Thong is to perform the
ceremony. He was here this morning
to get help on "Square-Root." It is
so long since I had done an ex-
ample in that I was obliged to make
a diagram & study some few minutes
before I could get it. He also had
a sum in fractions to be reduced.
He is a bright boy & seems to be
very pleasant towards me now.
He spoke at the 7 a. m. Service
& spoke with no little energy.
It was one of the best services I have
had.

I rec'd a letter from John ¹⁰⁵⁻ ~~Drum~~
this morning. He is in good spirits.

Friday. March 3rd -

Rain, thunder & lightning. at
the early service it was so dark
we could hardly see & our clap
of thunder was tremendous.
we have had rain at intervals
since & now it is falling.

The days services have been
good. The reports from the
preachers & the women were the
best since I have been here I
think. There is no very great
advance yet to be marked but
there are new hearts at a goodly
no. of places. Soa-Ou
seems to be as promising as any

place.

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Mr. Campbell was up to consult about a colporteur and stayed to tiffin. we discussed a variety of mission matters. The girls school was examined & did quite well.

Saturday. April 4th -

at 7 a.m. the usual service & quite a good one: text Jno. XIV: 24. Various incidental matters filled up the forenoon & after dinner came the church meeting at which church business & the giving of a little money to the poor were voted upon, also four young men were ~~voted~~ questioned for baptism. Their answers were good.

A Sam who has been "Stated 107
Supply" at Toa-Pon & Khe-Khai
came in & reported that the quarrel
at the latter place was settled
w/ which was most welcome news.

Later Sam-Chu, one of the
best members at "Gieh Sia"
came in & said he wanted
to talk with us about his plan
to use his place house as a
place for morning worship on
Sundays, as some of his family are
recent believers and others in the
village are inclined to listen but
they will not go to the Chapel.
His plan is to worship at 8
o'clock & then go to the Chapel
for the usual services. We are
very glad for this as it is just
the sort of meeting places we

want to see established everywhere.¹⁰⁸
Further he is one of the contributors
to the Kieh Yang defection.
But in the evening I heard
the reason of his going so. Some
years ago he had trouble & could get
no one to help him till Chhiang
Sai took it up & prevailed on
the missionary to have the Con-
sul write to the mandarin or
something of that sort. So now
he must reciprocate. We
shall send two of the preachers
then the last of the week.
In the evening I went down to pay
the men a month's salary & arrang-
ed with them about the next month's
work, as they start out early
Monday morning.

Sunday April 5th - 109

Morning service & voting on candidates at 7 - Luke XXIV was read in 4 sections & there ^{were} prayers & remarks. The bro. from Canton whom I met at Phou-Ling spoke. A Tuan delivered quite a volume of thanksgivings, to the teachers, missionaries, churches at home for sending out new money - & the Church here for being kind to him.

Dr. Ashmun preached a vigorous sermon at 10 o'clock on Gen XII: 1-3 & II Cor VI: 17-18. The baptisms followed & at 2 P.M. they were received Dr. A. giving the hand of fellowship. The native Elders officiated at the Communion - I had a no. of very pleasant

words with some of the people ¹¹⁰
after service. Every one seemed to be
in a good frame.

After supper Dr. A. & I went down
& talked a little with the brn.

We took a decided position
regarding the Kieh Yang defection

that we "withdraw ourselves" ^{from}
^{who are causing divisions among the Ch.}
Tan & Chihang. ^{we} then spoke

of the enjoyment we have had
the past week in the good meetings
& the good work they had done.

The "Communion News" was discussed

& they all agreed it is a good

thing. I was elected with

Ling Heng Hsia Lin to edit & man-

age it. So I am following my

Father's footsteps as editor of a Bapt-

ist newspaper - tho' on a very small
Scale.

Book -

Monday April 6th -

Cool & windy. I had two cul-
 porters & our packer to get start-
 ed off this morning. Several
 of the missionaries came in for
 money. We have spent some
 time in discussing the question
 of Double Island & probably
 we shall go down after the
 July Communion for a month.
 Mr. Campbell goes up to Kieh-Eng
 with me aboard to-morrow.
 He came in this evening to make
 inquiries & say good-bye.

They take steamer to Kieh Yang -
 boat to Tung-Khe" & have only 35 miles
 or island - then a few miles more by water -

Tuesday May 11/2

In the forenoon I went to Swatow with Dr. Johnson - did a few errands & got a sewing machine on trial. Clara thinks it will suit her.

Mr. Frater sent me a note in the afternoon saying he had important news about the Kieh-yang placards. I called & he showed me a dispatch from the Vice Roy in which he tries to prove that Mr. Gibson has been deceived by some wicked mischief-maker who had palmed off some supposed placards on him.

It was one of the richest things I ever read & a fine example of Chinese astuteness. Interest is added when you

Know that the same Vice - 113
Roy has accepted a present of
a jade scepter, costing \$3000 -
from the Kich-Yang magistrate.

Wednesday April 8th -

We had a pleasant call from
a Mr. William Cooper of Sidney
N.S.W. a Friend but seemingly
a devout Christian man. He is
Agent for Cadbury's Cocoa & Choco-
late preparations of which he
left us a box of samples that
prove excellent. - We enjoyed his
visit much - he looked at some
of the buildings & showed an
interest in the work. He had
rec'd Dr. Ashmun's name from
some one he met in India.

In the afternoon I went with
others to the Union prayer-meeting

which was led by Mr. Paton. 1164
Subj. "Ye have need of patience".
a fit subject for China.

Mr. Duffus & Mr. Maclogan are
quite stirred up about the Viceroys
despatch & questioned me about it.
I am the only foreigner who saw
the first & most of them on the
walls when they were posted.
Mr. Gibson procured a copy
of the one representing a pig on
the cross &c. & photographed it.

The Viceroys took exception because
the photograph showed no sign
that the original had ever been
posted & torn off - as it never
had been. Ling Hung tells me
that it was obtained from a
shop-keeper who got it from the
man who posted & distributed the
rest: an C. P. Convent got it
from him.

Thursday Apr 9th. - 115

I saw Mr. Frater again & he showed me an unexpected proof of magisterial villainy - a copy of the ~~the~~ proclamation which the Viceroi claimed ~~was~~ could not have been genuine because it contained a copy of the scurrilous verses before posted up -

The copy Mr. Gibson sent was mutilated. did not show the Marquis's seal, nor marks of paste on the back. - but Wednesday.

Mr. Strick was at the city & learned from the French Print that copies of this are on sale at the Yamen for 80 cash. - & a man bought him a copy. He is going to send again & I have directed Ling Hing to get some if he can.

Mr. F. had a copy of another ¹¹⁶
proclamation & the seal is the
same on both, so the vaseal is
actually selling these miserable
diatribes against Christianity with
his official seal attached.

I think it must yet go hard
with him, Mr. F. expects it will
result in his dismissal - he con-
siders it the most important
case that has come up during his
administration in Swatow.

Our boats went in to Chao Yang
~~Armed~~ in the morning - after
Edw. Scott had taken a picture
of the preacher's new boat.
In the afternoon he took on
household - Dr & Mrs. A. Clara
baby & d. In the evening there
was a musicale at Mrs. Campbell's
but I did not go.

Friday April 10th - 117.

Dr. & Mrs. A. left for Chao Yang
in the morning. We looked over
finally the work of Ling Heng & Hua
Lin on the Communion News.
It is to be in pamphlet form &
much larger giving quite fully
Dr. A.'s teaching as to the ordinances
with the picture representing the
doors to Communion. It will
probably stir up our E. P. friends
but their preachers are so ag-
gressive we must act on the
defensive.

The flower show was open in
the afternoon & we went a little
while towards evening. It was a
beautiful display & the show of
vegetables was good. Clara
had been asked to act as judge
but declined.

Saturday, April 11/91 - ¹¹⁵

Left after an early breakfast for Swatow with Dr. Scott - she to take the Kieh Yang steamer & the boat for Chao-Yang - I had good opportunities to explain the gospel to men on the boat. We took a small boat nearly in to the city wall & walked across - found Dr. A's boat moored outside the canal - & we moved out. I take my meals with them which is very pleasant - We all noted much of the day - we both feel the last article that follows "La-Grippe."

Sunday April 12th -

The preacher's boat crossed to us this noon - In the forenoon Dr. A. Lion Thang & went to Bua-Hsin (our boats crossed over here early this morning) had some

good listeners. The old 119
Catholic bro. is away, I only recog-
nized a few of the people but a
number remembered me. as did
several at the village I visited
this afternoon, when we had a
good-sized audience in an open
court within the walls. They
were a dull set of heavers at
first but before we left seem-
ed more interested & one boy was
evidently impressed with the truth.
He took a catechism & asked par-
ticularly how to pray. We shall
send for the Bible - woman to
come over from Chao Yung to-mor-
row & go to both these villages as
there are women in both places
willing to hear. So many of us
going together does make an im-
pulsion.

Monday. April 13th 120

A beautiful morning we have a grand view across to the hills beyond the bay. Ferryboats have been leaving crowded with men & women sweet-potatoes & turnips. 4 cash for 3 miles to villagers living close by & 6 cash to people from a distance. A. Ngi has gone to buy food for the preachers & Boon Sim to call the Bible Women. It is now 9 o'clock & we soon have worship with the preachers & then go to the village. 8-25 P.M. Just back

from worship with the preachers. We sang "Come Holy Spirit" read II Tim. IV: 17 & 18. then Po Hung & A. Tan led in prayer - I told them that the Pawtucket Sunday

School gave money for the 121.
boat & they wished me to send
their thanks - We have been
twice visiting two villages that
crowds of people at some points,
at other times smaller groups.

There are now six men including
Po-Heng's boy - A Poan came to-
day. Loi-ngon went with the
Bible Woman Lui-Lang to the
village we visited yesterday &
says they had a great many hear-
ers. She is staying with a relative
of our steersman Boon-Sin.

All-in-all it has been a good day.
Quite a no. of people have asked
how to pray & our old man 74 yrs
old I think was really interested &
inclined to remember the few sen-
tences of prayer we taught him.
Truly the harvest is great & the la-
bours are few & we need to pray the
Lord of the harvest.

Tuesday April 14th - 122

Two expeditions to-day - This morning we visited An-chin, & stood before the same An-Central Hall where we preached two years ago & had a great many hearers. It was a lively scene for an hour. Sometimes four different groups all listening at once - So many of us together we can divide the field & "shell" one another so there need be no cessation - At first we were seemed to listen seriously, but before we left several did give the best of attention - One poor, but wizened, half-blind old fellow was taught how to pray & repeated the words -

At the end of the last sentence I was interrupted by hearing that the man who left for Kok-Chiek.

Early this morning had 123-
arrived. I had a good wife's
letter from Clara who reports
all going on smoothly. They
had good services Sunday & Dr.
Scott had a good time at Kit. Li
though - it was hot. Anna
is flourishing vaccination taking
a little - she calls now for bananas
when hungry. I forgot to write
last week that "Timasun" told
Clara she met our nurse
& the Powell's nurse on the Bund
& talked with them about worship-
ing God. Our nurse replied
"I do want to worship - I pray every
night. I go out on the verandah.
I am afraid He cannot see me
if I am in my room" - Poor old
soul, she seems to be groping
for the light - she has seemed

different of late than Expression ¹²⁴ -
softer. We hope the Lord may be
working in her heart.

I rec'd a no. of business letters
from Shanghai & Hong-Kong - nothing
very especial. I have been over
at the preacher's boat for worship.
Miã An is here. reports a good time
at Lam-Chu's house Saty Sunday
30 or 40 neighbors in to hear. but
his brother-in-law at Gueh-Sia,
a recent believer who has not wor-
shipped idols for some time, has
been bodily beaten by his nephew.

This afternoon I went with
Sòi Ngôn to the same village we
visited yesterday P.M. I had a crowd
inclined to argue & talk us but
got opportunity to preach quite a
little. It is splendid practice
for impeturbable good nature:
no one keeps his head level

and shows no annoyance 125
at being interrupted, a sentence
or two will often check a wrangle
& win the crowd's favor.

One fellow broke in once or twice
with a question & I suggested that
he wait till I finished & then he
might have his say - he laughed
& stopped; another fiery party kept
putting questions to Sai-Ngôn talk-
ing as if he was mad enough to eat
him - I had been sitting on a stool
they brought for me & rose up - looked
at the man with a somewhat
amused smile, which quite upset
him, & said to the crowd "We do
not come to dispute or to poke-
fun or divide your gods only to
testify to the truth which we
ourselves know & see" - they all
said "Yes we know it" & there was
no more trouble from that quarter.
The people are far better than
they used to be.

Wednesday, April 15th 1926.

At Chhin-Phou the next town above Sis-Di. This morning we were at Bue-Hue, where we had a goodly no. of hearers but not a large crowd. Its especial interest but there were some who listened well & said they would pray as we taught them. The Ancestral Hall which was in ruins when we last visited the place has been rebuilt & gorgeously decorated. It is now the "largest & most clean in appearance I have seen." I sat for some time before coming away on its threshold & talked with one of the village elders, I think he was. He read one of the leaflets containing Paul's speech & Jno III:16, which gave opportunity to impress on him the truths of a judge - a resurrection & redemption through Christ into eternal life -

At tiffin-time we had the 127-
boats moved out & after I went
back to my boat we moved to
Chhin Phou. when the Mochers
met us at a little before 4
o'clock. - We walked over to
the same open space near
the Incubator Hall when we
stood 2 yrs ago & seemingly
the same pile of earth was
there. A Toan & the Elder
stood upon its apex & Dr & I
standing below served to attract
the crowd which soon increased
to over a hundred. A Toan talked
10 or 15 minutes & then Po-San
began when a fat white-faced
old Sinner walked up & said -
"Go" - Dr. A. told him in Chi-
nese - "We have come to
preach the gospel" - "No - no
want" he replied -

The Dr. did not acknowledge ²⁸
his English & said "Ngô? what
'Ngô' what word is that? At
which he left in disgust.

The Elder preached from the
parable of the foolish-rich-man
& got well on to explaining his
death & prospective judgment
when a middle-aged man with
a child in his arms beckoned
for him to come down & answer
a question which he did. & talked
fully 20 minutes the men
crowding about to listen.

Mr afterwards found the man's
question was one that troubled
David - "Why is it? How is
a bad man who is rich &
prospered there is a good man
the is poor & unfortunate
why?" - How the argument
was finished I do not know.

I saw that Sai-Ngôn, who ¹²⁹
was standing over by a wall adorned
with a fierce Dragon, was hard
pressed by the men who were
about him, & must cautiously move so
as not to draw too much of a
crowd with me - A pale, intense
franciscan young man with a child
in his arms was arguing finely
for Ancestral worship - I made
a remark referring to the living God
in Heaven - at which he said
triumphantly - "Ah-h. Can you see
him? Has anybody ever seen him?"

I tried a reply that has been in
my mind of late & said - "No He is
a merciful God & hides Himself.
Should He reveal Himself in His
might you & all of us would die -
How long could you look at the
Sun on a bright day? That would
make you blind - God created the
Sun His glory is far brighter than

the Sun. There was a time 130
when He revealed Himself to men
before they sinned" - Then I gave a
little of Old Testament history & just
came to the life & work of Christ when
rain began to fall. He started to in-
terrupt me but I asked him to wait
till I got through & he quieted down.

This was perhaps the most liv-
ely contest we have had. The town
is more wealthy & influential than
many others & the people "talk big".
As A. Swan said to me.

The preachers did well; this sort
of work puts them on their mettle.
They are far bolder when we are
by.

Thursday April 16/91 -

Last evening I went to supper wearing
a thin alpaca coat & now am sitting
with my overcoat buttoned up & all
the boat windows closed. "The wind

is in the East" & that makes as ¹³¹
much change here as it did at
Bleak House. This morning I was
out on deck before 6.30 & finally
got the boatmen started off.

At Bue-Hue I boarded the large
boat & let the "Peace" stay to tow
the preacher's boat. We came to the
lower edge of Hia-Pheng & moored there
for a time. There are 18 villages to-
gether in a cluster bearing the above
name: the population is variously es-
timated, some say over 100,000, others
50,000 or 60,000. We went into

one part of the settlement & found
people numerous enough to satis-
fy all immediate demands for an
assembly. I do not say audience
for hearing was not what they
implied. Dr. A. I stood on the
steps of an Ancestral Hall & a
great crowd gathered about, youngsters

to the front. They laughed 132
& talked & occasionally got in a dance
mass & swayed to & fro till the outer
ones gave away & a general scramble
ensued - Two or three of the preachers
got a hearing on the outskirts of the
crowd & at the last there were four
or five knots of people each listen-
ing to a man: it is a general rule
the larger & more influential the place
the more violent the ^{prejudice} ~~opposition~~ & the
more determined the opposition to
Christianity. Some followed us to
the boat & we had opportunity to talk
quietly with them - after tiffin we
moved up under the bridge & later
visited the town on the East bank.
There is a most wonderful Ban-
yan growing over one of its gates;
apparently it must have first taken
root just over the gate & the roots ex-
tended down on both sides the gate

on either side the wall & 133
the tree thus sucking the ground
for its nourishment has grown
till its branches cover an area
fully 100 feet in diameter & it
is still a most vigorous growth.

The people here are much quieter
& blithered well. A middle-aged man ap-
parently a person of some importance
seemed quite friendly & well disposed
toward the doctrine also. Dr. & I did
not stay long. Left the bin talking.

Dr. & Mrs. A. took a walk on the
west bank & found a large temple
which serves as an asylum for un-
used idols & tablets. over 200 such
one then - people come & make
offerings of hard rice occasionally
as they have no one to worship them
regularly. "Beggars Dr. A. suggested
they were & the Chinese admitted they
might fairly be so designated.

To-morrow if not rainy we move on.

Friday Apr 17-90 ¹³⁴_m

Rainy last night & to-day. We have not been out to much at all. We had worship with the preachers & consulted about some improvements for the boat besides taking an account for some already made. I had planned to send two men ahead & announce Sunday's service but did not like sending them in the rain so left it with them & with the boat of feeling two arranged to go to Chhut-Liân, & another to Khon-Khoi while the rest rowed up to Kuei-Sui & two of them will go to Hui-Sua-Thau to-morrow.

I finished a letter to the Watchman to-day but have been bothered by a cold & not felt much like work. Lung Heng came in this morning & brought news from Kuei-

Chick - Clara is quite 135
well. Baby is cunning & learn-
ing something new every day. Her
vaccination is beginning to take.

Kui-Sū Saturday. Apr 18th.

Rain or a penetrating mist nearly
all day. We came up here early in
the forenoon. In the afternoon we
walked up to the chapel. looked about
the place & stopped at the little
square where I preached last year.
a company of 50 men & a lot of
children gathered & P. - Heng, Lung-
Heng, Sui Ngou & Po San spoke to
them in succession & I never heard
the men speak better nor saw
a more attentive crowd. The
Elder's address was well arranged
a miniature sermon that would do
credit to a Seminary man. He said
There are three sorts of Kingdoms
of the Earth - of the Devils King.

- dom of Gods Kingdom - 136

We live in this Earthly Kingdom,
but we shall not always live here,
Everybody knows we must pass-
Beyond-the-generation (Kie-Si) & then
whither? According to which we have to do
^{with} here. There is the devils Kingdom & Gods
Kingdom. The devils deceives men here,
first to do what? To worship ~~Heaven~~,
not the God in Heaven but Heaven.
next they say here is the Earth that
can bring forth fruits - worship
that & you have Heaven, Earth, Father
Mother (Thi-Ti-Pe-Bi - universal-
ly worshipped about here) - Then the
devil tempts further to worship
idols & past heroes & then other
things - also to do wickedness
of all kinds - The devils have a
place, hell, there are bad men
there, fire, worms, Satan the
head-devil & all evil & suffering -

You know how it is if a man ¹³⁷
may affiliate with thorns or with the
officials - if he has to do with the
thorns, when they are caught & pun-
ished the mandarins cut off his
head too. The man who is
on the side of the rulers is safe.
So here if you worship I have to do
with devils to the devil's Kingdom
you will go. But if you worship
the true God in Heaven he will
receive you into his glorious Kingdom.
He has a Kingdom where there is no
death, no sickness, no pain, no trouble,
no tears, no care, it is blessed
forever - no end -

God has given his Son to die
for our sins that we might all
go to that Kingdom by believing & obey-
ing Him.

I used to be as you are
Knew ~~the~~ nothing about this: igno-
rant, ignorant. & worse for in many

region. Chung-lin - they worship ¹³⁸
a pig & I used to worship it.
Think of that! -

Now we have for this & this
only to call you to leave the false
& clear to the true to leave devils
turn to God -

They say that when we worship
God-people, come to a place the
idols are displeas'd - all right I
admit it. I dare say that it is so -
we want to drive out devils -
But none of them ^{come} out to hurt us.
they are in their temples & there they
sit - They cannot hurt & cannot
help - The true God can save -
after death we shall all rise again
& be judg'd - We call you to-day
to leave false gods & worship
Him & obtain eternal bliss!
That is about as he gives it.

not so full & may have 139
added a little & changed a little
but not much. The Chinese sentences
are shorter & more crisp than can
well be given a translation. & he
delivered it with life & energy that
held every body's attention & showed
ed more feeling than the Chinese
generally do.

I had Lang Hing in for a talk
about to-morrow's service & also
asked about his Kish-Yang trip.
He did not succeed in getting a
copy of the Mandarin's proclamation
& at the Yamen they denied selling
them.

He told me also of an
interview with a graduate who
is a believer but not yet baptized
quite inclined to join the E. P. Ch.
as I presume he will. but sure
one form of baptism is right.
We are getting from time to time
valuable information about the
Deceders there. their path is not shown
with roses altogether.

Sunday April - 19th 5 P.M. ¹⁴⁰

Still raining - but we had a
goodly number present - people
from Bao Chieh - Khe - Hue - Sua -
Thau. Chhiet Lien & Kou - Khai
Chapels. Some come 10 miles at
least. In the forenoon we had a
service at 10 o'clock. Jno. xx:

21 was the subject & the different
topics in the verse were written
out on the black-cloth (which
makes a portable blackboard)

hung up over the table -
All the preachers spoke briefly &
spoke well. Dr. A spoke very
finely on Christ as our atonement
who made our peace with God. A
large no. of men outside listened
attentively.

I had expected that Po. San

would perform the baptism 141

but he was unwell last night
& feared a chill. I have had a
cold for a day or two & did not ex-
pect such a duty but fortunately
Alara had given me flannel
clothing enough so I was able
to dress warmly: it is wonderful-
ly cool for the middle of April.
We met at a little before

2 P.M. elected as deacon, a bro.
who lives & dyes at "hâm-đi"
then questioned & voted on four
Candidates. a boy & his mother,
wife & son of a "jī hia" who helps
conduct service at Chhiet Lian,
also the young wife of "jī hia".
at whose house the church meets
in that village - & an old woman
living in "Kui. Sū".

A little rain was falling but
quite a company of hearth was

well as the Christians stood 142
about to look on. A verse was
sung. Dr. A. briefly explained the
ceremony. P. O. Saw led in prayer -
& the four were baptized -

I did not add to my cold, in-
deed feel better than before.

Dr. A. again explained the re-
lation of baptism & Communion
by the picture of a wall
with doors cut therein & gave the
hand of fellowship to the candi-
dates also to a brother who was
excluded years ago. had been
voted forgiveness by the church
but never rec'd the greetings of
the church. It was quite a
marked contrast - the little boy
13 yrs. old & the old woman 73 yrs
old stood side by side - 60 years
difference in their ages.

P. O. Saw broke the bread & I
poured the wine each making

Brief Remarks - Then we made
 the weekly contribution, a brief prayer
 was offered, 3 vers. Sung of "There
 is a fountain filled with blood"
 & we closed the days service.

It has been a good day con-
 sidering the storm. This going
 in force is a capital plan I
 believe the more we can follow
 up such work going with a force
 of men to a place & having
 good stirring services the
 better it will be. I hope
 we shall be able in time to
 hold "a series of meetings at
 different points, indeed we may
 before long be able to do this at
 Son" air. I am sending to Kiki
 Kiel tonight.

At Si-Bi-Phoi. Monday April 20/91. ¹⁴⁴

This morning I went up from the
river below the city where we lay
overnight & visited the preachers
boat - some of them also came down
here for final consultation upon
their next movements. It is finally
decided that they are to work
down the river preaching in all the
villages, making a map ^{noting names}
of villages & their population. Today
they go back ^{to Kien-Si} & divide up, going to
four different chapels - two go to
Kau-Cham - two to Chiet-Lien,
thence to their homes for a few days
then to meet us at Kieh Yang the latter
part of next week - The others will
return to the boat & go back to
Kak-Chieh - next week we hope
to all start out 3 home-boats &
the preachers boat for a trip up the

South Branch - (Hâm-Khoi). 145-

This afternoon we had a bit of most welcome sunshine - the first in a long time. Dr. A. & I visited a little village close by the bridge where our boats lie. But the people seem very suspicious & very dull -

I heard Siam Thaing use a funny expression: after questioning the children & finding them ignorant & having no school this year he said - "Chieh huan chü chái" -

"Eat foreign (sweet) potatoes very much" Sweet potatoes are the food of the poor & "Eat-sweet-potatoes-men" is a synonym for "low-down".

But what is honor & what is distinction - what is fame &

Recently in Swatow I passed a book-show upon the Guild-Hall & saw a picture of two notable

personages. A Chinese Mandarin, 46
in full dress - on our side & George
Washington on the other (the picture
so commonly seen thro' quarter face)

Between was a Chinese lamp-
The Chinaman apparently had a
pipe - & George had an addition
to the original picture. His
forearm was visible, raised -
& between the first & second fingers -
a partly burned cigar!!!

Considering what the Chinese see
of Western civilization I must
confess it would seem to them
most appropriate, but I felt
sorry for the Father of his Country -

Tuesday April 21/91 -

Rowing down stream not far
from Hia Pheng bridge which we
expect to pass to-morrow morning
This has been a bright beautiful
but day - we set out for Khas.

Khoi at about 9 o'clock hav-147
ing rec'd our home mail from
Kak-chick while at breakfast.

I had a letter from Clara telling
me about matters there, stating that
Mr. Norvell has come back from
the Country very wretched & needs
a change. I was glad to get mother's
letter but very sorry indeed to hear the
news from Berlin. Clara had a
letter from Miss Fiddle in which
she mentioned their not coming to
an evening tea, at which she was
to appear in costume. We have in-
deed great reason to be thankful
for our blessings here.

Clara writes that Anna is suf-
fering quite a little from her vac-
cination. But it should be quite
well before the weather gets much
hotter.