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Do' Heng is an earnest speaker & generally holds the attention of his hearers. but he has the Chinese makers of wishing to appear as a Confucian scholar. I give him the credit too, of honestly believing that he can win attention & acceptance of the truth by referring to national beliefs. Sometimes he carries this to a dangerous extreme as yesterday when he said - if I find that Confucius commands me to worship as you do on the 9th day of the 9th month, I will do it. but he does not command it so I do not worship" -

Dr. Edkins Religion in China that says - "Confucius said that the dead are to be sacrificed to as if living."

I said: "Supposing a man quotes
such a passage to you. after you
say you would worship if Confucius
bid it, what would you do? Would
not you find you had taken dangerous
ground?"

He hesitated, and
then claimed "Confucius did not
command worship - when one of his
disciples ^{asked} if he ought to make offer-
ings to the dead he said (i-li)
'Take (as) form' or "custom." He
did not dare say no - I did not
dare say yes, for fear of evil com-
ing to posterity if he was wrong,
so he said - do this this as a
matter of form - not real worship."

"Yes - I replied, "you interpret
him thus - but others do not.
Are you not opening the way for a
great deal of argument & wrangling

if you make Confucianism esprom.³
ment? My observation the past
few years convinces me of this, the
man who goes ahead tells the
gospel. The new truth we have keeps
clear of heathen ideas. Saw an-
swering questions & objections, gets
the best hearing & has the least un-
profitable arguing.

"True", he said "but sometimes they
~~sometimes~~ make false claims & I
can tell them that Confucius did
bid men worship 'Shang-Ti' (God-
as many believe) -"

This gave me a chance to talk
on the point I most desired to press
upon him.

"That may be, but generally 'is
it not better to start from the
Common ground we all have in
The Earth, learn what evidences we
have of God's work & goodness, as Paul

did at Lystra, then go on to ⁴
what we know that they do not
know as Paul did at Athens in
declaring the unknown God?"

He assented to this so I proceeded
to another point.

"You say often. 'God sent Con-
fucius to teach men to worship him.
The people did not listen: later
God sent Mencius. but you have
gone off further & further & worship
all sorts of men & beasts. Now God
has sent his son Jesus to call
you back.' Do you think it
safe to put Confucius & Christ
on the same footing by using the
same word 'send' (sai)?"

"Well, perhaps not," he thought
'yet Confucius came from God,
& really God sent him'."

"Do you might say God

sends everybody everything. &
was "his offspring": but is
there not a difference? We do not
believe Confucius. He was a man of
discriminating conscience, fine mind, a
diligent student, sought the well
being of others. These powers he had
from God, to be sure, but they were
human faculties. He was not
like Christ in his teaching - You just
said in the matter of offspring to
the dead, he "did not dare to posit
not knowing" - As of matters after
death he could not speak - ad-
mitted he did not know. But Christ
did know. He spoke as one having
authority, not as the scribes.

It is true as you say that
men did not listen to Confucius's
teachings & have gone off further
& further from the truth, but

is it safe to say that Christ ⁶
was sent in his right after him
as if in the same way?

Isn't this a fair illustration - here
is rice growing all about us - good
for food. God gives it, the earth,
sun & rain, all are of his original
Creation, the course of natural existence
the seed, he also created, can grow for
the good of man. it is all a part
of God's original gift in Creation.

but when Israel was in the wil-
derness as the result of sin & rebellion
God sent the manna from
Heaven?

It seems to me that the
good in Confucius & what he
was able to do in moral help
for his people; his conscience
intellect & what they effected, were
a part of the original outfit God
gave ^(sin) the race - But Christ

was sent, when no man or
man's teaching could avail. Sin-
sick & oppressed by the devil man
must have some other help & God
sent his Son. I am sure, if we

Keep as clear as possible of com-
parison with heathen ideas & tell the
people that we have something for
them more than all their books
can give - "good news" of salvation

& eternal life. We shall avoid argu-
ments - ^{get a stronger idea on my} ~~ment~~ - ⁱⁿ comparing the two

is not this a just distinction -

between siu & sai (give or grant
& send,?) (of course either could be applied
to Christ & the use of the former regarding
Confucius is not in the special sense in
which it would apply to Christ.)

Yes - he thought this was a
fair distinction & and important.

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The conference was a very friendly one & he seemed perfectly willing to be reasoned with on the subject. It seems to me a most important question ^{in its side of it} & identical with the ideas that prevail at home quite largely. Much more might be said, as to the question of power. Confucius had no power to help men live out his precepts - We do not strengthen our position or whit by seeking too close alliance or claiming too close resemblance to Natural Religions. We can claim immeasurable superiority over them, & the time has come when we must do it & recognize two portals, not Heathen & Christian but Natural & Evangelical, the one line of cleavage throughout the world.

The Anti-Evangelical forces of
Christendom have been finding ma-
terial allies to help their side
in so-called heathen lands. The
heathen, too, pressed by the steady ad-
vance of Christian Missions are not
slow in borrowing helps from so-
called Christendom - It will soon
be Nature vs. Nurture the world
over: the Natural against the Evangel-
ical - But however fierce the battle
twice the battle front. They will al-
ways be seeking souls. This same
To-Hang our day was preaching in a
village & the school-teacher came
out saying - "I want to find a
need-not-dis-place - Is there such a
place? Tell me" - "Yes" - he said
"I can tell you of eternal life" - The
preached into him Jesus & the resur-
rection. That was a striking case.
The man, ^{of mature years} who had all his life studied
or taught the writings of the greatest

sage China can boast. Extract. 10
ed all the comfort & help they can
give him, yet his soul is in the dark
& the unknown future looms up be-
fore him dim & dread. He seeks
for immortality - gets his first
ray of hope from a man who like
himself grew up to manhood a Con-
fucian, but whose heart is at rest
because he has learned of Him who
became mortal "that through death he
might destroy him that had the
power of death, that is the devil: and
deliver them who through fear of death
were all their lifetime subject to
bondage."

These two declare
plainly China's great need & whence
the supply. Now then that they
show what is the world's need, there-
fore it is to expect its supply
from any source the Our True Source
Jesus Christ whom Crucified.

Sunday Oct. 30th -

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I went to Kho-Khoi this morning
They had a good day there - They have
increased the seating capacity of their
Chapel by taking in the street - making
some changes so that over a score more
can be comfortably seated & yet a
passageway remain. Two candi-
dates were examined & baptized in
the large pool in front of the
village - a splendid baptistry -
A large no. of heathen stood about
& quietly listened to Long King's remarks,
the prayers & singing & watched the
ceremony. I spoke from I Cor.
X 1-5, gave the hand of fellow-
ship & administered the Communion -
which was a very pleasant service.
I hope to send a man out tonight
to take letters & get mail, also to en-
quire if Dr. Scott wants this boat to go to
Kuh Song this week.

Monday Oct. 31st -

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This morning I felt very tired & got up late - even then could not study or do anything very much.

Yesterday was a trying though Satis-

factory day & I wrote considerable after getting back to the boat so as to send a messenger to Kak-chieh -

This P.M. I wrote & studied till 30⁰ -
(Hua-li-Pang)
clock. then we visited a smaller village where we had knots of listeners in two places - I talked 3 times at length in each case addressing our person chief-ly - once a man of 40 or thereabouts, then a boy of 16 & again a man of 67 - others of course, listened. The smaller the village the better the hearing as a general rule. We rid Balun &

to-night - All are back from Sun & days work excepting a Doan who said he must stay at home a day & Po-Heng who is to stay at Chieh Lian a few days.

Tuesday - Nov. 1st 1892. 13

This morning a man over 50 yrs. old was at the preacher's boat early. Said he heard the doctrine yesterday & it was good - that he had sinned against the Heavenly Father. His own son had sinned against him. He didn't know whether his sin could be forgiven or not. Had come to see about it. He must have stayed an hour listening to the preacher & joined us in our worship: after prayer he said - "But I cannot remember all those words" - when at Tsing-Sing explained that he would not be heard on account of his "much speaking": a few words in faith would be sufficient. I recalled the man's face - he was at the last place where I spoke & was so much inclined to stick to his own ideas & depreciate "Eating the doctrine", that I

did not much expect to see him 14
again: but it seems he had heard
before when the preachers came here
themselves, so had learned somewhat
of the truth. Then yesterday the illus-
tration I used (our no constantly employ)
of a disobedient child who eats his
fill & is well dressed by his parents, but
ignores his father & thanks a stick for
whom he certainly ^{is} punished by his father
a stone struck home: his own son had
been unfilial.

The Fatherhood of
God is a good doctrine if you are
sure to impress the fact that he is
our whole love has been outraged & who
will put away such ingrates from
his eternal home unless they repent
& come in the name of the Elder Brother
who has borne the penalty due to their
evil conduct.

We have been in the same village
this forenoon & had several throats of
listeners. Found one woman from Go-
Chuan the village just below Kat. Chieh.

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This afternoon I studied and
wrote after tiffin & at 4 P. M.
we went out to preach at this large
village of E. Bue-ae, when we
had a crowd averaging from 40 to
50. Pang-sing, Kinn-kek & I spoke
to them for nearly an hour: others
were in another part of the village
& had good attention: we sold some
books also. There were some who
listened with real interest I could
see them nod assent & hear them
say - "That's true".

Wednesday Nov. 2nd -

At the same village - Yesterday I
sent a letter to Dr A. giving a record
of the boat's trip thus far - 23 villages
visited, whose population is fully
100,000: a safe estimate of actual
hears not including small children,
1856.

We spoke to half a score of 16
small groups this forenoon - had
some intent listeners: a few inclined
to wrangle; one boy of 16 or 17 argued
vehemently for the local idols & house-
hold gods. I find elderly men the
best hearers.

I have tried to put
more time on impressing the im-
portance & significance of Christ's sacri-
fice upon them. Unless I am greatly
misled, it does affect them.

There is so much in "the doctrines"
new ^{to the people} that we are often led
to explain the monotheistic side of
it & dwell so long on that as to
leave less time to the truths of
Redemption. The former is necessary
& must be apprehended before the
sin of idolatry can be urged, but I
am persuaded that the exceeding
sinfulness of sin should be impressed
by dwelling upon the cost of Redemption.

New & True. 1

Dear Father: Yesterday morning I was surprised to find John's boat man up, than John's plans when I last saw him, the earliest I counted on seeing him was last night or this A.M. And the first sensation of pleasant surprise was soon changed to disappointment as the letter he brought told of his planning to stay till the end of this week.

But as only one of us can be out, I certainly ought not to selfishly begrudge his not getting back home, when he is having such good opportunities for teaching Christ.

Anna daily asks "when papa come back" & this morning at breakfast "I want my papa come home" & "Anna long, long time no kiss papa" As she grows older I am beginning to realize more fully the difficulty of training her

little ones aright.^{2.} She does get
such obstinate freaks, & is at times
so difficult to manage. She is of a
much more nervous disposition than
Jay seems to be. He also gets very
"spunky" but he seems to yield
more readily than Anna, and
he is & always has been a much
better natured baby than Anna ever
was. Not that she is naughty most
of the time, far from it, but she
demands more attention than he,
a little thing will interest him & he
plays by himself for a long time, but
she wants somebody to be with her &
wants new amusements constantly.
The Amah & she do not get along
well together, so she is ^{with} me most of the
time. When Jay is a little older & can
run about with her, she will doubtless
do better. She is an affectionate little

Maise, + loves "little braver" dearly,
 although, of course they do quarrel +
 get^{to} claiming the same toy + both
 screaming for it, at times. I regret
 that there are not more little children
 in the neighborhood for her to play with.
 She has received a great deal of at-
 tention from grandfolks here +
 that has rather spoiled her -

Was interrupted - meant to
 write more - Time is up -

Kisses from Babes - much
 love from y^r daughter
 Clara

I was out 3 hours this morning 17
after having had a disturbed night's
rest, & at the last place of speaking
I had an exhausted feeling come
over me so I only talked quietly a
little after that. After tiffin I slept
heavily nearly 2 hours, still did not feel
just right so remained quietly in
the boat: now, 7.15 P.M., am feeling
quite well & right again.

Thursday - Nov. 3rd -

7.50 P.M. Just back from worship at
the preacher's boat - read Ps. VIII - a crowd
of men & boys got on the boat & A-G-Oan
talked nearly half an hour to them.

I spoke several minutes to 25 or 30 on
the shore after I got on to my boat. It
is a glorious moonlight night - They
listened very attentively for a time & asked
a few questions. but their hearts
are exceedingly hard. nothing but
God's Grace & the Holy Spirit's presence

can soften them.

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We had some very good heavens this forenoon especially some old people. In the afternoon it seemed as if everybody's ears & heart were locked but before we came away some listened -

Friday. Nov. 3rd 1140 A.M.

The messengers came at about 5 o'clock bringing letter from Clara & mail for "Belgie" - though but little of it. glad to get news from home that the curios arrived safely.

We went to a small village called Chhi-Bue this forenoon but did not have a very inspiring audience; still there were a few women who listened well & our bought a book.

We are now going up a branch to Tang-Tiam - whence I go to Ke-Khau for a few days.

Keⁿ - Khai Chapel - Sat'y - Nov. 5th - 19

I roched here yesterday afternoon -
We had a lot of people in the chapel
the last evening & to-night now.

We went to the villages of Bue
ba, two small hamlets & had some
excellent attention: sat an hour or
more in our house & talked with
an old man & some of his neigh-
bors. He took genuine interest
in the truth but it was evi-
dently a hard prospect to break
away from his old customs &
"face a frowning world" - In the
evening his brother came to the
chapel & said he wanted to wor-
ship & learn of the truth - but
a younger man came & called
him out & he returned only to
make us a polite farewell
bow & say "a man had come

to call him". I was sorry for 20
him & sorry he could not have
heard more. but if Satan is so
active in stirring up his emissaries,
we have hope that he sees reason
for apprehension. The man who
came is influential & we should
be glad to have him a good Christian.
for the church's sake: he used to
be, himself, a bitter opponent &
would stop & spit at a brother
who lives near by, when he had
passed him on the road.

Another man who stayed all the even-
ing came in later: he has known
of the truth a long time but is
afraid he will not have enough
to eat if he turns Christian.

He surprised us by saying - "There
is one thing I have noticed. When
these worship-God-people die, their

faces are bright pleasant to see; 21
others are dark, horrid to look at".
He has after been hired to put
bodies into their coffin.

A-Ńgô from Puching is here
with a letter stating that there is
trouble there; a low fellow belong-
ing to Gail Pang's clan accuses
A-Ńgô of wrongfully accusing of
theft: a relative did ^{take} some things
& A-Ńgô may have been rash in
his remarks when he went to inquire
about him. So I fear there may
be some difficulty in getting the
case settled quietly.

Sunday Nov. 6th

We have had three services to-day-
at 10 a.m. - brief morning prayer -
At 10.30 regular service - at 2 P.M.
Communion - I spoke fr II Peter
I:1-4. on the Promises - in the A.M.

And on I Cor. X 1-34 in the P.M. 22

Ling Hung read Ps. II in the A.M. &
spoke on the lactess. of Luke X. in the
P.M.

It has been a rather good
day. but this is a field requiring
much faith -

An old Hung
Sheway doctor came in after the
P.M. service & has apparently an
inclination to stay; the man for
whom he came to "look (at the) bills"
does not come forward to receive
him. He has gone after much

waiting trying to force himself
upon us. We insisted that an opi-
um smoker should not light his
pipe here - they did & should say,

as I carefully let the Chinese
Brethren manage the case. I wish
I had a picture of the old man
he was a very Mephistopheles
in feature form & expression -

Monday Nov. 7th -

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This morning Lung-seng & I went to make pastoral calls at the village of Sic-khe about 3 miles away. a family of Father, Mother, son & two grandsons are believers there who have not been coming regularly to this chapel, nor often to the E.P. Chapel not far off.

They were glad to see us & I hope they will do their duty here. Perhaps the son, not yet a church-member, will go to Kuo-tu if we have a class there in January. We had some excellent opportunities to preach by the way: our poor old man of 75 said he used to come to chapel here. At a wayside eating house

method quite an audience. The 24
Keeper an old man over 70 was
tipping rice-whiskey ^{near} all the time we
were there. He did not worship
any god, the old man said, and
laughed heartily over the worth-
lessness of idols. At Chhim-
Khoi, a large market town &
home of the richest man in this
part of the country, we had a large
crowd & some listened well.

There were two of the best most
intelligent looking women I have
seen in China who listened: one was
disfigured by what looked like a
dirt-poultice that covered her right
cheek, but her features & shape of
her head were really fine, she
was about 40 yrs old I should
judge. The other was a triple

younger, stouter, with ruddy ²⁵
cheeks, well dressed with much
jewelry, bracelets & gold hair orna-
ments & earrings: she was the
largest & best dressed & apparently
the most influential person in
the crowd & asked a great many
questions. There are a number
of rich families at this town:
Several bought books & the keep-
er of a pawn shop asked us
to come and sit down to
drink tea -

I decided to remain over another
Sunday & go to examine the Khon-
Khai school on Monday. A Ngô
went there & brought back word
that the school will be ready then.
A Ngô then set out for Kak-
chick to take letters & good food
& clean clothes I need for the week.

Tuesday. Nov. 8th

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The little children about here are frightfully depraved little creatures & bother us continually by running in, clamoring & disturbing us generally. Their language is even worse than that of street urchins at home but it is only repeating what their mothers shout at them, much of it. They are precociously bright. Our especially dirty & disagreeable little girl was in with an unspeakably dirty jacket (it is a relief that she did have that - many of the boys go about without a stitch - unless it be an amulet about the neck). I told her not to come in again till she washed her jacket. Lung-Hung repeated it to her later & she said "Good - good" & looking at his white coat said, "Lend me yours, it is white & clean".

7-05 P.M. This forenoon 27

went to a village called Chu-chhiu
Che. & talked with over a score of people
some of whom listened with interest.
A ^{half} mile or so further we had a large
crowd over 100 who gave good
attention & bought several books.
A little beyond a score of people heard
again. This afternoon we visited

the "New Village" of Ke² Khai, a cluster
of houses not far off; in all about
50 persons must have listened.

One woman soon brought up the objection
that we do not worship ancestors & Hung Heng spent most of the
time exposing the folly of worshipping
ancestors & idols, which he did
very well: we also had some time
for preaching the Gospel. Fully 250
persons must have listened during the day.

Wednesday Nov. 9th 5 P.M. 28

Just back from a preaching visit to Chhin-Khoi. Had a large crowd & preached a long time without any serious difficulty; one or two asked intelligent questions, but just as we were moving away a son of Belial began to wrangle & made things lively for a time. He was well primed with rice-whiskey & was a tremendous talker. Knew enough of the truth to hate it & make mean flings & savage attacks.

Of course the crowd laughed with him, but most of them followed us as we moved away & we reiterated our former words. We moved off with a howling crowd of youngsters

after us. At another place 29
we preached also a little time.

There have been many in at
the chapel to-day so we have
had many opportunities to
preach. & Ngī come over
from the boat brought books
we wanted & took messages
about the boat. At Chhim Khoi

A boy about 15 yrs old bought
a book & followed us over here &
looked at everything that was to
be seen, including this book. I
gave him a bit of carbon paper
to satisfy his curiosity. He bought
another book & went home.

A brother named Sun. Mue-
familiarily called A-Kau (Monkey)
came in & said this boy is the

son of a very wealthy "Squire" 30
& is the younger brother of a
"Bi-Ku-jin" - a military Mandarin
who has taken a second degree,
a distinguished youth truly. He
did not buy a second book, I find
now. but changed one he had for
a gospel of Luke.

Thursday Nov. 10th

Last evening the bro. who was wel-
comed back on Sunday came to
dinner. said he was in the
shop before which we stood
preaching & talked with the pro-
prietor to good purpose. so
we had an unknown ally.

As we sat in the chapel we
heard a gong sounding out,
it was a signal that no one

should cut pines on the 31
mountain when the villagers
get grass & wood for fuel.

Our man is appointed to over-
see the place & settle the share
Each family may have. Yester-
day he had an altercation with
a man who had been gathering
pine branches & they had a great
wrangle over it at Sundown:
words were the only missiles at
first, but our had a stone &
the other a club when our bro-

Dzün-Güeh (Intercalary Month
so named because of his birth in such
a month) came along & reasoned
with them till they confined
themselves to language & came to
an agreement that this should be
passed over & the gong beaten as

a signal that pines are not to ^{be} cut. Cutting grass for fuel

is one of the chief means of support here. They "bind" it in bundles & bring it down from the hills.

A strong man will carry 50 lbs, 2 large bundles one at either end of a pole. Here it is

built up in stacks 20 ft. high over, with a gable roof of thatch.

Later when they have time they carry it to market.

Last evening A-Kau was much frightened about his wife who had fever. I gave him some mustard so she could soak her feet, as she had caught cold. This morning early Ling Heng went over to his house & found her better. During the day many come to visit so we did not

get away till afternoon.

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My young friend of yesterday appeared just as I was finishing my tiffin & emptied a basketful of cooked tarrow out on the table & also put down a large raw root big as a Coconut. I am not fond of the vegetable but enjoyed the evidence of his good will: he had cooked the tarrow himself. He went about with us all the afternoon. He preached in 7 different places: fully 250 must have listened, some of them with genuine interest: we sold 10 or more calendars & several books: We sat quite a time in a silversmith's shop. one of the artificers came over here this forenoon & bought some books I gave him some simple remedies. He was very insistent that we visit him.

A. Ngô is back with news ³⁴
that all is well at Kake Chieh.

Friday Nov. 11th.

A. Ngô has gone to the boat &
proceeds to face the music at
Phon-Ling to-morrow. I hope the
trouble may be easily settled.

We have been at the chapel all
day. many things occurred to
break up the forenoon & after
dinner Lêng Heng was not at
all well. The weather has sudden-
ly turned cool with East Wind.

My cook also is having a cold,
he is a new man, who used to cook
for the English Constable Sago, who
died last year. His name is
a. E. which means "Dumb" - he
should have been called Deaf, as
his tongue is exceedingly active

but his ears are dull. He is ³⁵
a very fair cook & though not ex-
perienced in other house-work he
is doing fairly well in looking
after my bed & board. The
cook problem looked a puzzling one
during the summer; we needed an
extra one, & the ladies need at least
three men about who can cook
because 2 of the 4 are very likely
to be away; they had two men avail-
able but one left for Singapore.
They were able to supply his place
with a boy the Campbells had &
we got this man, then Miss Dun-
niddie tried one cook A-Uri's
Elder brother whom Mrs. Lyall
once dismissed for dishonesty.
As he only is employed when
she or others go to the coun-
try he cannot pilfer much
or make much in margins.

I have been writing quite a ³⁶
bit to-day - had several talks
with men who came in to sit
down. Ling Hung made a pastoral
call at A-Kai's house & found them
all well - also visited two tile-
kilns: the proprietor of one was in
ken the other day: at another one he
found a leper who said he had
heard of the doctrine, but did
not dare come to the chapel.

L. H. says that one of our hearers
yesterday whom I recognized as a man
who had opposed us the day before,
after he had talked against us, was
taken in hand by several bystand-
ers, who said, "What do you mean by
such talk? He is a teacher that un-
derstands true doctrine. Who are you?
You are like a mountain-buffalo.
Keep quiet!"

8.50 P.M. We have had
quite a talk on eschatology. Ling
Hung says that before he became a

Christian, an old man at his 37
village died, to all appearances was
gone, then revived & gave instruction
to his children: he again became
unconscious & seemed to have ceased
breathing, yet he "came back again"
& said, "I saw two places, one bright,
one dark: the bright one I did not
dare go to; to the dark one, there did not
seem to ^{be} any road." He ^{then} urged his
children to worship God. He had
heard somewhere a little of the
Gospel. But they would not
believe though one rose from the
dead - none of his family have
become Christians, though it was
only a short time after that the
Gospel was preached there.

L. H. says "The heathen all expect
to go to a dark place & prepare
for it; when a man thinks he
is about to die he calls, "Quick

bring the Kha-bir teng (Foot 38
end-lamp) - They are very particular
to light this before the man passes
away lest it be too late for him.
(This may have been what the man meant to whom Dr.
in this district they prepare also two
Dr. referred, as saying "sin-se" which teng-laj". If he thought
torches for the dead man to use -
he was about to die, he would be anxious to have
the lamp above mentioned must be
delight at once.)
kept burning several days.

Saturday Nov. 12th

Cool. This morning I went out
for an early airing & talked with some
of the Chinese. One man tells me that
a Chinese acre, about 55 paces sq.
will produce 3000 to 4000 catties
of sweet potatoes, which can be
planted 3 times in a year; of rice
two crops, about 1000 catties
can be harvested - a catty is $\frac{1}{3}$ lb.

2.50 P.M. There must have been
40 people in here while I was eating

my young friend from Chhim - 39
Khoi is here: when we got back from
our morning tour there was a crowd
in the Chapel: our elderly man was
looking at a roll of S.S. pictures &
I had a very good chance to preach
to him before & after eating & a
goodly no. listened. 7 women
have just left, one of whom was
here before & now comes in out of
curiosity to see the barbarian who
can talk Chinese. I talked with
him on general topics & then be-
gan on the origin of things & suc-
ceeded in telling him of the Crea-
tion & Fall - & by use of a picture
to give him a little of the gospel.
but that was not what he
came for so he bade me
farewell.

We went to the top of Pang Thue - 40-
Sua & got a fine view of the sur-
rounding country - some 70 villages
are visible. Two men on the hilltop
were good listeners. We went to
a village called Song-Tring & had
over 100 auditors: some listened
well: 17 bought calendars & one
a catechism: by the way, also, we
had further opportunities - There
was one man 83 yrs old, who evi-
dently believed that men are sinners -
He listened quite well & said several
times "Sins small or great every one
has" - He seemed to get a pretty clear
idea of the Gospel; he acted like a
man who had something on his con-
science. Many of these old men were
engaged in the old village wars of
30 or 40 yrs. ago. No doubt did bloody
work in those days.

Sunday Nov. 13th -

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We have had a rather larger no.
present to-day. In the forenoon
Dzun-Gueh spoke on the first
few vs. of John's Gospel. I spoke
on Eph. IV: 8. Ling Heng on Matt. X: 28.
In the P.M. we read a little in the Cate-
chism & learned John III: 16 to recite
in concert. We took a contribution
& elected a treasurer & discussed
the question of some small improvements,
which resulted in no little lively
discussion.

This evening we had an
audience of one elderly man, two
young men & two boys, who listen-
ed well to us for a long time.
Ling Heng used the parable of the
rich man & Lazarus with great ef-
fect: they listened in perfect silence.
The room was as still as a church
at home during one of Moody's
sermons. I told them a little

of the Early Christians, what obstacles ⁴²
the Gospel overcame & what
Diocletian did & suffered, which they
thought was remarkable. One of
the young men stayed a long time:
he is afraid to come out & de-
cide to be a Christian because there
are so few Christians here. There
are several here who I really believe
are impressed with the truth but
are waiting for numbers. It is
necessary, however, to be very care-
ful in deciding about what a
Chinaman has in mind. A-Kau
told us to-day that the man
who came here from Bue-ta, &
was called out by a relative, is in
anticipation of a lawsuit. He told his
neighbors that, if they did not stand
by him he should go to worship God,
expecting to get support from us
by representing that he was persecuted

for righteousness sake. He came ⁴³
over here & the people fearing
that he really was thinking of join-
ing the hated & everywhere spoken-
against sect, sent an ambassador
to bring him back. The forces of

Hell are ranged against the advance
of Christianity here in China & no one
need expect anything but a
bitter fight.

Monday Nov. 14th -

At the chapel to-day, a great
many people coming & going: some
very good chances to talk with
young men. I have been writ-
ing all the time available -
more people have been to-day
than at any time before: a little
rain kept people from going
to the hills to cut grass.
The weather is warmer.

Tuesday Nov. 15th, 7.45 P.M. 44

Afloat again, on a native boat, the space between two bulkheads all to myself, more than one would get on an Atlantic Liner. I have some straw under a mat my bedding on that: the cook & a "nyi" are in the next Compartment, when the boatmen will sleep. Hope they will not sleep long for I want to get home. This morning we had quite a farewell reception: 40 or 50 people were in & were in excellent humor, bade me farewell with the Christian salutation & seemed really well disposed. On the way to Khon Khai I made some pastoral call. Found the a brother kept

his two boys up till midnight⁴⁵⁻
last night would not let them go
to bed till they could repeat the
verse taught on Sunday-

The scholars at Khou Khai
passed a very good examination
not equal to the Kak Chieh schools
but better than school boys at home
average, though there is not the variety
of matter here of course, that is con-
tained in a course of study at home.

After 9 P.M. the boat-
man was amusing himself by
singing a lot of stuff senseless or
nonsense & finally went out & asked
him if he ever saw man boil
paddy chaff & try to make a dinner
out of it. He confessed to never having
seen such a sight & that such diet would
be physical ruin: he took with

equal honesty my application of 46
the parable to mental food: from
that I had a good chance to talk
with them seriously for nearly an
hour. I helped them ~~now~~ a little, evident-
ly they were favorably impressed for the
steersman just put in his head to
ask if I was cold & offered the sail as
an extra covering. One of them said:
"What the teacher said was all
truth" -

Wednesday - Nov. 16th

They evidently remembered what I said
for I heard them talking about
it after I had turned in.

This morning by 5 o'clock we
were at the landing place near
the city. I took breakfast left
the cook & A Negi to bring on the
luggage & walked across some
4 miles catching the first ferry

at 7. All are well here excepting ⁴⁷
Dr. Ross is not quite free from head-
aches & Miss Dumwiddie has a bad
eye. from an insect flying into it, they
think. Clara & the babies are well.
John is growing & has improved in
looks I think - He was delighted to see
me back as was Anna. I have
been busy all day - led the prayer-
meeting this evening - a good meet-
ing. Mr. A. J. is back they had
good opportunities visited some 80
villages. He baptized two women
aged 87 & over 70 -

Mr. Frater H.B. M. Consul has
a bad ulcer near the roots of his tongue
& the Dr.s - Laying & Lyall fear it
may be a cancer. He must go home

Thursday - Nov. 17 - I am
getting off my letters - & doing other work
so as to go away to a friend's place in the
morning.

I had numerous business callers, as 47
the treasury-work always accumulates
while I am away, then the road-mending
book-making &c always call for
some attention. I had a lot of letters
from Mr. Campbell with numerous
Commissions. The ladies all four
were in & took 4 o'clock tea & we
discussed the best route for Miss
D. & Miss S. to take on the trip they
plan next week. We called on the
Fraters & they were out. then went to
Dr. Layng's. Clara owed a call there
& Dr. L. wanted to see me about
levelling the bund which is so low
in some parts that a high tide
floods it & the premises adjacent.

We took supper at Dr. Ashmore's
& had a very pleasant evening.
I asked Dr. A. about some writing I
have done of late. We talked of mis-
sion matters in general. He read
a letter Dr. Boggs has sent to the

Executive Comm. on the burning 18
Question that is agitating the Pilgrimage
Mission: it is a more trenchant
letter than any of the preceding

ones - I sat up late & got my ac-
counts into shape. also arrang-
ed for some other matters.

Friday. Nov. 18th -

On board the Posing Clara &
Anna came to the steamer this
morning - we had a pleasant sail -

There are 6 or 7 men in the cabin -
& most of them are inclined to be
friendly - this journal interests
them as usual. They have
asked many questions but are
thus far respectful and polite.
One is a man of the Phou-Ling
Prig family.

5 P. M. On board the "Proce" Peking Canal-49

I quite enjoyed the Company of my fellow passengers. One nice looking man about 40 was smoking opium took several smokes & remarked in a friendly way "The more eaten the more wanted" - to which he assented. I afterwards had opportunity to talk with him about Christianity & found he was very well informed, his home is near a chapel of the E. P. Mission. I gave copies of a Shanghai magazine to him & a Peking man, which they rec'd with thanks. The former had urged a banana upon me previously. Quite a no. wanted to buy Calendars & I sold a few but did not try to sell. I rode across the city - bought things very easily - took a nap read the Oct. magazine, which is an unusually good number.

Saturday - Nov. 19th -

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At Kow-ham Chapel which looks white & clean after the white-washing it received last winter, the repairs on the roof are also a success & there is a very good set of furniture in the room I have. All was in confusion when I arrived & it has taken a good part of the day to get things in order. But now all is in good condition. Fung. Seng & A-mi are here, both report fairly good work.

Last evening I walked in from the boat to the City at Pa-king & had a conference with the Bro. there, drank tea at the drug-shop of the Ep. Bro. who is there opposite our shop. There has been no further trouble about A. Ngô's case.

Strange how many accounts ⁵¹
we hear of supernatural appearances,
I just heard of an upright man,
who had professed also to believe
the gospel but was not a church-
member. His grandson was
with him at his death & said
"Ah! such things the night
Grandfather died! Two men
tall & great with white clothing,
& the whole room bright with
the light" — but this grandson
has never paid any attention
to Christianity himself — Dagon
is easily put in his place
again. Sunday Nov. 20th 5 P.M.

I have just been talking with
an old man 90 yrs. old. he is
a herb-doctor. one of the mem-
bers here was cured by him

and adopted him as a sort of
of 'foster-father': the old man
claims to be a believer, but he
rambles so in his talk I
cannot follow him very well.

We had two young school-
teachers at service, one from
Tangkingo village & another whom
we met at Phon-Ling in the
Spring: both are pleased to
talk about the truth & admit
its claims, but like so many
others do not feel ready to "come
out". The latter is the man
who rec'd some books
from old Pui-Sin-Si, the
founder of this station, over 15

ys ago & his interest in 53
Christianity was aroused then.
Tang-sing told to-day of a
young school teacher only 16 yrs.
old - who had taught 2 yrs - who
came to the boat & liked the
Christian books so well he
bought 10 of them; he also
brought a young farmer to the
boat who said that 15 or 16
yrs. ago a colporteur came
to the school when he was
reading - but the teacher told
them not to buy the books.
He did buy over a hymn book
or some other book in verse.
I read our leaf. His teacher
would not teacher would not

instruct him further, 54
said it was a "barbarian
book" - "But", said the man, "ev-
ery thing else had in 4 or 5 yrs.
schooling I have forgotten alto-
gether: that one leaf I can re-
member: it was about God's
creating heaven & earth, the sea
& all things that are in them."

We had worship at 9-30-
then Tang Sung. A-mi" & I
told them of the opportunities
we had met for preaching
since the last Communion.

At regular morning service
A-mi" read Rev. XXI XXII. I
spoke on II Peter I: 15-17 - &
Tang Sung followed. In the P.M.
we read a chapter in turn &

I proposed the plan of 55
reading Mak next year in
common with the Kok Chih
school & other places. I hope
we can have a uniform course
for all the chapels.

A woman was here with a
little boy who has a very
bad spinal curvature, poor lit.
the fellow he was a pitiful
sight. We started out to see if
there was any herpes in the
village. Found very few. Everybody
is harvesting rice. We called
on Hak-jin's mother.

Monday Nov. 21 - 9 P. M.

A full day. We set out at
8 A. M. & first called on
some acquaintances of Pang Seng's

at the village of Lê Bue-Kiá, 52
a "Venerable", quite a wealthy man &
Judge, who treated us well but ev-
idently did not take much interest
in our message; then a Siu-chai
lit. graduate, his former teacher,
a proud fellow who was barely
civil, then upon some younger
men, one who attended service
yesterday & one who has a poor
opinion of things foreign a very
high opinion of things Chinese.
We had opportunity to tell him
some important truths & consid-
erable about Christian history.
He is a bright fellow & should
be so persuaded of the truth
of Christianity would have courage
to declare himself.

By the way we talked to two

groups of people - 100 in 57
all sold a few books. One
old man over 70 was inclined to
be friendly, insisted upon examining
my hand & congratulated me upon
prospect of long life & prosperity.
I congratulated him upon his hav-
ing attained so gratifying retaining
so much vigor. Now hearing the gospel.
He bought 2 books.

At a wayside eating house we
took some rice & fish & had an
audience for several hours sell-
ing a good no. of books & leaflets.
I talked till I was tired out
& still people asked questions so
I kept on. More than one asked
questions with genuine interest
Several asked about being cured
of the opium habit: others said
"How should I worship?" - one

One old woman asked "To mor-⁵⁸
ship Heaven (and) Earth, need use what
paper-money?" - which required an
elaborate explanation that she
should not worship Heaven &
Earth but the Lord of Heaven
Earth, then that he is not wor-
shipped with men's hands, but
I was interrupted so much that it
was difficult to finish: one
young man of about 34 asked seri-
ously about how often to pray;
one was inclined to argue about
Christ's appearing & after I told
him of the Incarnation, Resurrection
& Ascension, asked "did he appear
again?" At a large drug-shop
when I called in the winter we mercer-
dially rec'd, sold the rest of our books
tho' good audience. Yang sung
taught school there once, one of the proprietors

a young man, had been a 59
listener frequently at our Swatow
Chapel: indeed, we met many to-
day who had been there.

In all the no. of hours during
the day was over 200, better than
I expected in the busiest of rice har-
vesting. Tuesday Nov. 22nd -

This forenoon we visited Thou Kan
a village of 5000 or more where
Yang sings Aunt this little boy
lives. At her house a neighbor sat
& listened well till his sister-in-law
called him away to attend to some
rice-cutting. Further on we met
some men mending a net for
catching birds, a sort of quail
that they fight to bet upon. "As
you do on fighting cocks" they

said to me. I replied that in 60
my land the people who indulged in
that sport were not very reputable.
No body wanted to hear it looked as
if we should not have any chance
to talk in that part of the village
which is the Matthew part. but
a few rods beyond some men came
out & talked with them a little:
an acquaintance of Pang. Seng came
along & we went into a narrow room
with 3 beds. on one of them an
opium "lay-out". They began talking
about that & I repeated what Dr. A.
told me about the pin-hole swallow-
ing so much. which amused them
greatly. We had excellent attention
from them & our man with finger
nails 4 inches long showed consid-
erable familiarity with Christianity
& said he had Matthew & other books.

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A younger man next him
slapped him familiarly & said - "O, he
is half-doctrinaire (pua-Kai) he is
near the doctrinaires" - I told him
that "near the doctrinaire is near
blessing" - The man has been
to Shanghai & other places & is
intelligent. He objected that is
"distressing to break away from the
Customs" as they all do. I talked
to him a little on the Beatitudes
& illustrated by the diligence & patient
industry of his people in planting
& harvest times - a little hard labor
then plentiful crops - a few years
of endurance then eternal reward.
He admitted the point & the
force of the argument - They
small polite & attentive.

Wednesday. Nov. 23rd 62

On board the "Peace" again. it has been very warm to-day. I am wearing a white linen suit - must take off my coat, the heat of the lamp is too great: a contrast from Nov. 23rd in Maine, sitting here by an open window with a single thickness of cotton on my back.

I walked the first 4 miles to Toa-Pā. called upon a family of a widow & 3 boys who sometimes attend the chapel: poor woman, she has only a house no fields. Unless some one made offerings at the ancestral tablets they would not give her any share in the family field crops. So she let her youngest boy bow in the house of Rimmon. This is a hard test for would-be Christians: it is like the iron-gate of the prison - may it open itself.

At Tōa Pā market we had a ⁶³
good chance to talk before the shop
of a tailor who was acquainted with
Jāng Sēng, but that person spoiled
it by beginning a refutation of the
charges that we disregard Father &
Mother, which taking its Devil's test
always rouses opposition, set an
Evil-eyed Fung Shway doctor
to wrangling & nearly upset the
whole audience - I have told him
repeatedly to tell his message &
not argue on these things unless the
heaven bring them up. I was glad
of an opportunity to emphasize
the point. Tell him to use his
weapons not theirs.

I took a chair for 380 cash
to the city & eat my tiffin at
our shop - noted a bit & discussed
the situation with Long-Sūn.
He gave my card & the books to our

landlord who rec'd them & said 64
we need not fear any trouble
from this little affair that he
would see the graduate who
is related to the disturbing parties. &
it would be all right for us
to see him also.

90.74 Hak-Sin arrived with the
mail & news that the new mis-
sionaries are here and Dr. Ross
must go home - an event I felt
quite certain the last time I went
home: she looked so changed in
3 weeks. It has been a hard
brain struggle but it would be
a most serious risk for her to
stay: she is a brilliant gifted
woman & would have been a great
help it seems to us. I believe
she yet will be very useful. she
certainly will be remembered if her
life is spared.

The steps of a man (good is in ⁶⁵ italics) are ordered by the Lord. I presume that includes God-fearing women. There is something mystical about this believing what is the next step to take; these past two journeys I have felt an inward conviction that certain moves should be made at certain times ⁱⁿ all these cases opportu- nities or duties seemed waiting. Saturday I planned being here to-night & tho' there were good openings at Kan. I am here it seemed best to come & I am here to meet this news so I can be home to bid the traveller good bye & also to attend to the financial items incident to her departure.

I forgot to note that we met on the road a poor wretch in iron carried in a box - several dispirited men in chains & some soldiers ^{there} with

Thursday - Nov. 24th -

On the Po-Sing again. Hak-Sen is with me; there is a disputation set on board & I fear the conversation will ^{be} more polemic than profitable. They are having a lively time - one lusty young fellow with a tremendous voice who pretends to want to know, but protests loudly that he cannot see any god with his eyes therefore will not worship. I think he cares for talking us down.

9-10 P.M. - We have been

to call upon the Whitmans & Miss Ostrom this evening. Found them very pleasant - I saw the Partridges this P.M. & consulted with Dr. & Mrs. A about sundry mission matters.

Friday. Nov. 25TH 67

Much of the time to-day taken up
discussing Mission questions.

The Whitmans & Mrs Ostrom
took tiffin here to-day: we like
them much. He is a relative of
Prot. W. Mrs. W. is well ac-
quainted with many whom I know.
She was a fellow teacher with
a sister of Everett Flood in
the South: At Newton he roomed
with H.B. Woods.

Saturday. Nov. 26/92

A very busy & broken day: nearly
every one in the Mission called
during the day: I have a lot of
writing to-do yet to get all the
treasury & other work for the past
week finished. It is a great
blessing to find Alana & the babes
so well. Little John is growing finely & is
a very sweet cunning little Chak.

Sunday Nov. 27 -

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Anna insisted upon going to
"lo'i-pai" (worship) this a. m.
tho' it was cold. She is quite
a picture with cloak & bonnet &
lambs-wool collar Dr. Ross
gave her & an "umbrella"
Miss Scott gave her - a parasol
with long handle. & Brown & White
Cover. which she managed
quite well. She was a good
girl, sat for a time with me &
then with Clara. There were
7 men & 8 ladies of our foreign
missionaries. The first time
I think that five men con-
nected with the Tri Chien
Mission ever met at any
service. The exercises were good.
Sunday school was quite full.
We had a pleasant evening gathering.

Monday - Nov. 28th

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A busy forenoon lots of little items & some letter-writing - Mr (Dr.) & Mrs. Partridge took tiffin with us & we enjoyed talking over home friends & experiences.

We accompanied Dr. Rose to the steamer & went to Swatow afterwards. I saw Dr. Cowland, the first time since his return; he looks well, I congratulated him upon his engagement, to a Methodist girl from the U.S. He came out with friends home.

It is hard to realize that Dr. Rose has really gone. It is hard to give up her life-plans thus.

Tuesday Nov. 29th

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The Whitmans & Miss Ostrom
walked over "the plateau" with
us to-night. I went to look
after the repairs on the roads
they enjoyed it much, the views
are fine. Anna went with
us & walked nearly all the way.
It is fully 3 miles & very hilly & she
is lively as can be, does not
seem at all tired: she amuses
us by her speeches - "When I
get to be a big girl, I will" is
a favorite remark she uses it
regarding carrots which she does
not like now but expects to
about a hideous doll she is
afraid of but expects to cease
fearing & going into dangerous
places: she seems very strong
now. Little John begins to talk
a little - "Mài" - "I don't want" he
said with great clearness emphasis
to-day.

Wednesday Nov. 30th 71

We have enjoyed an excellent prayer meeting - Mr. Whitman led, reading the last chapter of Galatians - Drs Partridge & Johnson spoke to edification on the hopeful outlook at home & the prospect of having a vest here. Chin Po ("Kasur")

matron of the Bible-Woman's house) was especially mentioned & remembered; she is very ill & expects she is going to die. Dr. Scott called in Dr. Laying to day. She asked if her disease could be cured & Dr. Laying said "your trouble is very hard to heal." She replied "I worship the true God & am a disciple of Jesus Christ: whether I live or die

I am ready.

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Thursday - Dec 1st -

Much of my day was consumed in taking and adjusting accounts. Mr. Fuller son of the Hon R. O. Fuller, came in the morning & I went off in the P. M. with him to get his luggage. He also took supper with us as did the 4 Hak-Ka Missionaries & we all crossed over to Swatow & escorted them as far as our chapel where we waited sometimes till their cook could be sent for to lead them to their boats. A crowd averaging about 50 was in the chapel. A. Thong spoke to them for a time & I followed him - had very good attention. Spoke from Jas. I:17 to start with but our fellow asked if the living God can be seen which led me off to answer him & soon another asked, "How worship this true God?" which always gives a good starting point & usually indicates a good degree of interest. I seldom hear it from men.

old women often make this in - 73
quiry before we have talked 15 minutes -
I had a good degree of freedom & enjoyed
talking to the people -

Friday - Dec. 2nd -

The day has been much broken up but I
have accomplished quite a little work.

I have been over our proposed lessons
in mark & chosen Golden Texts, con-
sulted Dr. P. about them. Dr. A. has been
in to-day -

Saturday - Dec 3rd -

After breakfast two Chinese teach-
ers came in to talk about Sunday
School matters. Then Dr. Rayns came
to consult about repairs on the
band. & Dr. A. to see about my going
to Chao-Yang with Mr. Fuller -

We went at 10-30 - sailed
over in our boat eat lunch
on board & had an unusually
pleasant trip through the city.
Spent a lot of calendar & some
books & leaflets on our way.

We had a large following 74
but a good-natured one. We
climbed the pagoda looked
down upon the acres of roofs-
dwellings of a quarter of a mil-
lion souls I presume - with
hardly a quarter of a hundred
professed believers in the world's
savior - I came back to find
a large mail - good letters
from home - also from Scoville,
Van Kirk & Dr. Marchouse - My en-
cyclopaedia Brit: came - paper
covers for \$10.25 U.S. a neat & good
edition I think. Sunday Dec. 4th
a full day. Service at 9 A.M.
then to Levator at 10-30 with
Mr. Fuller - S. School at 2.30
P.M. meeting at Mr. Ashmun's

Mr. Fuller expressed him- 75
self as much interested in
the Chinese from what he had
seen in Japan + China, tho' he
disliked them at home.

We have enjoyed his visit
much.

Dr. Scott took tiffin with
us on her return from Kich-yang.
She reports a good trip + hospitable
reception by good families there.

She found a letter announcing
the death of her eldest brother, which
came as quite a heavy blow to
her tho' she had known he
could not live long.

Monday Dec. 5th

I was busy till 10 o'clock
on sundry matters + then went
to Swanton with Dr. Scott to look

at Consul Strick's house 76
boat which he offered to sell
for \$60 - a boat that could not
be duplicated for 7 times that
amount. with all fittings com-
plete. It is about 7 or 8
yrs old to be sure, but was
thoroughly overhauled last year
& does not need much but a new
mast to be in good condition.

This P.M. - after seeing Mr. F.
off I returned & saw that the
steersman got the boat & bring-
ing safely over here. Dr. S. needs
a good boat to be at her command.

Clara had letters from
Miss Scott & Miss Durwidler
that they are having a good
trip.

Tuesday Dec. 6th 77

A busy but broken day, writing letters, planning next year's lessons in math & arranging for our general exercise on Christmas day - I decided to make the trip to Hong Kong & get my teeth put in order.

Wednesday Dec. 7th

On board the Douglas Co's ship "Formosa" in sight of Broken Point. We are rolling a little & I have my doubts on the subject of dinner. I have been on deck since leaving the port so have not minded the rolling - now the air is a bit bad.

9-50 P.M. I was overcome

by the ship's rolling a little 78
just at dinner-time & the odor
of the soup was a trifle heavy for
me. I took a little soup but
got no further on the bill of
fare - prudently sought the
deck & rail - The boy
brought me a chair & later
the steward brought me coffee
& sandwiches which were
relished. I have been talking
with the Captain since 7-40.
We are running finely with
scarcely any motion sidewise.

Capt. Hall is quite a reader -
on the table are - Lamps
"Human Origins" - a sym-
posium on "Religious Sys-
tems of the World". & The
Confucian A treatise besides
several hand books on Chinese

dialect. & in the course of 79
conversations he brought out
a copy of "Thoughts on Daniel
& the Revelation" by Uriah Smith
of Battle Creek Michigan. He
knows considerable about mis-
sions in Formosa & Amoy. talks
very well about mission work.

Thursday Dec 8th -

We were in the harbor & anchored
by 8 o'clock. I went ashore &
hunted about a little & at the
Captains invitation went back & took
breakfast on board. Then I did a lot
of shopping & met Mr. Fuller who
is not going until next week to
India. Took lunch with him.
& had a chat on mission matters.

The dentist was not able to do any work for me so I let him examine my teeth and then I must to do shopping - came back here to the Basle Mission house for 4 P.M. dinner. This is the most economical place to stay in Hong Kong & has a very comfortable room. I took a walk later & joined them at 8 P.M. tea after their chapel service is over. After tea I sat & talked with Mr. Liebler who is here, one of the oldest missionaries in China. He said some very good & suggestive things, but I am surprised to find he and all the others hold to the Andover interpretation of preaching to the spirits in prison. They uphold it strenuously.

Friday. Dec 19th

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In the dentist's chair between
3 & 4 hours to-day. I went
up on the Peak with Mr. J. Dyce
Ball & much enjoyed the grand
views. His home is very pleasant;
his mother came out in 1845, is
one of the oldest missionaries in China.

There are two large hotels and
about 130 residences on the Peak at
an elevation of 1800 feet or thereabouts,
many are spacious mansions, others are
like Summer Cottages. The tram-
way is worked by cable that
winds over a drum & is most in-
geniously constructed. There are two
cars one goes up as the other goes
down. It went a part of the
way is 1 foot in two -

Saturday - Dec. 10th 82

A long forenoon & a part of
the afternoon in the dentist's chair.
I took tiffin with the Dr. at the Hong-
Kong hotel. They have a fine
dining room overlooking the harbor.
The Galleis mail came at a
little afternoon I had a good
letter from Mother & also from
Ramsdell & from a Mr. Good-
man of New-York. I hunted
about to make some purchases
& did not get back till after
3 P.M. The Parsee & Chinese
shops are the most economi-
cal places to buy at & they
keep a great variety of goods.
I had a very interesting chat
with a Chinaman who deals in
metals & ship-furnishings: he spoke
English finely & seemed a very good
fellow. Offered me a reduction of

two cents a pound on chains 83
Because I was a missionary!
He said he had respect for
all doctrines & believed in
selecting the best parts of each.
He asked me what I thought
about "the love of money" being
"the root of all evil" & which
was better to return good
for evil or Confucius's rule to
return evil with straight forward-
ness. I gave him a book & am
to see him again.

Sunday Dec. 11th -

Yesterday I was asked to speak
at the Chinese service. so I pre-
pared this morning a talk on Hab-
VI: 19 - about two thirds of the
audience are Cantonese as they
asked Mr. Judge Ball, who
was present. to interpret. so I

had the advantage of Mr 84
British Majesty's Supreme
Court Interpreter to assist
in the service. He is wonder-
fully fluent in Cantonese &
understands a deal of the Hak-
Ka, Amoy & Swatow dialects. He
understood all I said & gave it
to them in the most idiomatic
of Cantonese. I spoke quite long
at a time too. One part of
the service was about an hour
long.

a Mrs. Davis formerly
of Dr. Cullis's mission was
present: she is working among
the Chinese girls. I am pleased
with the congregation here &
they thanked me with seeming
appreciation for the help of the
sermon.

They meet in an uppermost 85
room on a side street: it is
a pity Mr Baptists have no
headquarters no permanent
footing in Hong Kong: There are
10,000 Swatowese here.

I went home with Mr. Ball
& enjoyed talking with him.
His father was a Massachusetts
man. I attended the 6 P.M.
service at the Union Church heard
a fairly good sermon from a
Mr. Williams just come out
to the London Mission. Mr.
Bondfield the pastor asked me
to supper with him but I
did not feel like going. then
he spoke of tiffin to-morrow but
I shall be in the Dr.'s hands
so he asked me for Monday evening,
when I hope to go.

Monday Dec. 12th. 86-

Back from Mr. Bonfields
where I had a pleasant even-
ing. He used to be in Arroy with
the London Mission & is a bright
well-informed man. He says
the work among the soldiers is
encouraging. Some 40 or more
have shown signs of religious
interest. They are raising money
to replace some organ pipes that
had been stolen.

To-day I was not long in
the chair. but suffered quite a
little from the work done.
Met Mr. Fuller's again took
lunch with him; he kindly met
with me & gave me the benefit
of his judgment in getting a
chair. which the Chinese mer-

Chart sold me for over $7\frac{1}{2}$ \$1
less than the price at a Europe-
an shop. I sent a lot of purchas-
es home by Mr. Urquhart. The
"Shales" goes early to-morrow morn-
ing. He showed me an excellent
Crayon of Ella, the little girl
who died.

Tuesday Dec. 13th -

The dentist labored faithfully
over one large tooth & hurt
me badly: he is very thorough.
& gets a rubber dam on the tooth
fastening it with a steel clamp
drill up under the gum & then
drives a wooden wedge in between
the teeth all of which is help-
ful but not pleasant.
Dr. Peterson tells me that
the wife of his former partner

Dr. Hall of Shanghai, has ⁸⁸
gone home & procured a
divorce from her husband:
she is a daughter of Charles
Barney of St. Louis. He did
not treat her well Dr. P. says,
& never forgave her because
their only child was drowned
when she had him at home:
his life was wrapped up in
the child's life -

After leaving the dentist
I went to make some purchases
Mr. Fuller went with me: I
bought 39 fathoms of chain
galvanized at 10¢ per lb - 4¢
per lb less than the English

ship chandlers charge. 59
He threw in two shovels
for fastening the chain to the
anchor. Wednesday Dec 24th

2 hours more of dental discom-
fort. I finished up about
all my errands. had a pleasant
interview with Mr. Ball, bade
Mr. Fuller good-bye, visited
the Public Gardens buying
a lot of "Crotons" for the
folks at Kak-chiel & tried
to attend Chinese prayer-meeting
but could not find the place.
Came to the steamer for the
night. I take the "Hai-Loong"
"Sea Spirit" - I presume the

name means.

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Thursday Dec 15th

On board the "Hailong"
of keeping myself together
by lying down on my back
much of the time. A. Khim
"Eng", the wealthy China-
man of Swatow. Jardine
Matheson & Co's Commodore,
a large real estate owner &
head of the Steam Launch
Co. is the only other passen-
ger. He is sociable, talks
English quite intelligibly.

4.25 P.M. Succumbed
at about noon after a visit
to the stern of the boat when
the motion was too much.

A little toast & some oranges followed by a nip refreshed me much & I am again in the Saloon. I am interested by a rhyme in the Hongkong Daily Press copied from an article by a Dr. Cyrus Edson in the North American; it was composed by a patient an miserable drunkard who used to recite it with tears streaming from his eyes.

- A stands for Alcohol deathlike its grip
 B For Beginner who (just) Takes a sip
 C for Companion who urges him on
 D for the Demon of drink that is born
 E for Endeavor he makes to resist
 F stands for Friend whose ^{insist} loyalty
 G for the Guilt that heptiman falls
 H for the Horrors that hang at his heels

I his Intention to drink not at all 92
J stands for jarring that follows his fall
K for his Knowledge that he is a slave
L stands for ^{the} liquor his appetites crave
M for convivial meetings so gay
N stands for No that he tries hard to say,
O for the Orgies that then come to pass
P stands for Pride that he drooves in the glass
Q for the Quacks that nightly abound
R stands for Ruin that hovers around
S " " Sights that his vision bedims
T " " Trampling that seizes his limbs
U for his Usefulness sunk in the slum
V stands for Va grant he quickly becomes
W for Waning of life that's soon done
X " his Exit regretted by none
Youth of this nation such weakness is crime
Zealously turn from the tempter in time -
Friday - Dec 1892 -
at home all well & it is delightful
to get home - I go to the country this P.M.,