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Another volume begun on board the houseboat. I hurried through matters at home got my home mail finished & sundry letters to other places. Besides calling up on some of the people & entertaining the Johnson family at tiffin.

Nothing of any moment has transpired since I left. Clara & the babies are looking very well. Jay is walking about bravely & looks rosy though C. says he has been coughing badly. Anna is full of life as ever. She came down with her mother to bid me good-bye at the landing. I left at 30' clock but did not take the 3.45 boat because the cook did not get there in time. While waiting I talked with the men who crowded about & sold

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out the last page for him - Am sorry
but have not time to write more than
either just to add my best wishes
for a ~~Happy~~ New Year to you dear
Aunt + much love from your family

Very truly
yours
Clarissa

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out the last page for him - Am sorry
but have not time to write more than
either just to add my best wishes
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a few calendars I had with ²
me. My fellow voyager of yester-
day Mr. A-Khim was on board
& we talked most of the way in
the launch & on a small boat we
took for a mile or two. He says he
does not believe much in Hungshway,
believes he has succeeded by learning
how to do things, being diligent
& prudent, having but one wife,
avoiding places of ill-repute & abstaining
opium alone. He is a shrewd
observing man & has some very good
ideas. He began as a poor boy
at 13 yrs of age to make his way,
learned ship-carpentering, became
later a contractor for house building,
& showed so much general knowl-
edge of business while building

The Sugar Refinery (shown in 3
pictures of our Compound) that the
agent of Jardine Matheson & Co.
took a notion to him to act as
their "Comptroller", i.e. Cashier
& Broker - all business with the
Chinese passes through his hands.
He was able to give \$20,000 - security
but declined to get another \$20,000, be-
cause he would have to give half
his profits to a bondsman.

After 2 or 3 years this money was
returned to him. He is a bold
farseeing investor & has large tracts
of land he has reclaimed by means
of dikes - He put \$18,000 into this
steam-launch venture - then built
32 small boats to carry passengers
from the wharf into the city of
Chao Yang, also opened a shop
for selling bean-cake fertilizer near
their pier in Kieh Yang: soon he

say others will open shops ~~at~~
there too. & the business be "warm".
he transfers Chinese idioms into
his English. His elder bro. is the larg-
est contractor in Swatow - one house
& the D. Island house were built by
him also 2 of our house boats. He
has a sailing vessel ^{chartered} now unloading
a cargo of logs he bought in Foo-
chow. a younger bro. has a mill
or two for pressing kam-cake & ex-
tracting the oil - All three are vir-
tually in partnership I presume. They
own scores of shops in Swatow.
They were interested in a system of
waterworks & in the proposed
railway but the time is not ripe
yet for them. A-Khim was looking
for a steam-dredge in Hong Kong.
He must begin soon to prepare

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for running a line of steamers
up to Chao Chow Fui or his char-
ter will expire. If they open the line
probably they will run boats as far
as San-Ho. he says, which will
mean much for mission work
there.

Saturday. Dec. 18th

We passed under Hwa Phing bridge
at about 7 A.M., waited for
the tide & then the men rowed all
the way to Kiu-Sin - reaching the city
at sundown.

I was not good
for much all day & did little but
sleep & read a bit in the papers.

I had a pleasant interview with
the teachers & discussed their work the
past few weeks & the prospect for
a class here next month.

I prepared for Sunday & went to
bed fearing a cold.

Sunday Dec 18th

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This morning I walked to Hie "Sua"
Thau 3½ miles preached at the fore-
noon service fr. Luke II: 42. also
led the P.M. service observed com-
munion - am very glad that they
agreed to join in the study of Mark
next year. All the chapels in my
field are pledged the congregations
have voted to follow the Kok-chik
S. School in reading the lessons
marked out. They also voted to

pay the expense of re-binding a lot
of books at the chapel.

I walked back after P.M. service
have been at evening worship & feel
quite fresh yet - but am chilly.
The air is cold & piercing.

Monday. Dec 19th 7

8.30 P.M. Hearing Hieu Theng bridge again. We left Kiu-Sui at 8 A.M & were obliged to wait just above here because the tide turned & the wind would be contrary for quite a distance. The boat "Hope" is accompanying us. one of our men went to help row the craft. The boats need to be "docked", the bottoms scraped sanded & painted with coal tar at least once in 3 mos.

I have rested & had papers to-day.

Tuesday Dec 20th

By 7 A.M. at Chao Yang - went ashore in a small boat over the mud - walked 5 miles or so. Took the 10.35 steamer & reached home before one o'clock - all well - nearly my body home.

I have been busy arranging for the
the Sunday School exercise Christmas
day & for work next week next month.
Hua-din has been in & we have
discussed a diagram for illustrating
the Contract in Gen I-III & Rom. I-

Wednesday Dec 21-

a quiet day here, various employ-
ments & conferences regarding future
work. Prayer meeting at Dr. A's
led by Mr. A. Jr.

Thursday Dec 22-

John is toddling about every
where now. He understands a deal
that is said to him. He came in
to my study & began to throw
some pamphlets on to the floor.
I told him to pick them up & he
did at once begin to put them

back. He is full of smiles & enjoys himself hugely until something comes up to cross his will seriously when he is likely to lift up his voice in protest - but for falls & bumps he cries very little.

My time gets very much broken up in some way but I am doing a little towards closing up my year's work - I called in the afternoon at the Hill mansion on account of young Mrs. Richardson who is just out from London.

Friday - Dec. 23rd -

I went to Swatow in the forenoon - Clara, Miss Danviddick & A. Khue ("Speed") went to call upon some sisters in Swatow, who do not attend worship regularly - I made arrangements with Bridley & Co's Com-

prodor to send money over ¹⁰
her to me when I want it. Str a-
grees to do so. I send a check to
the firm requesting that the funds be
sent & he will despatch a man with
it only charging me 20¢ therefor.

In the P.M. I was at Dr. Ashmun's
asking him about some matters &
Chhiang Sui, the young man who
made so much trouble 3 yrs. ago
came to show his desire to re-
turn. Dr. A. wished me to stay
we had a long conference.

I found out some time since
that he had put a lot of gar-
bled accounts of events of 3 yrs.
ago into a Church record book
Miss brought there up to him.
He admitted they should not be
there, but his desire to "confess" I
feel is a desire to say as little as
possible. There deflection that

started out bravely over 2 yrs 11
ago has about broken up - Thus
a sad history -

Saturday - Dec 14 -

Mr. Seymour our Consul called in
the forenoon & we enjoyed meeting him,
he is from Burlington Vt., is a genial
man much of the politician in
his manner. Clara has done a

great deal at odd moments in
getting all Anna's dolls, her doll's
bed - house, cradle &c furnished up
& with what we had in the house
my little man got up a nice little
Christmas tree for the dining room.

The children were both invited
to a Christmas party at the Hill's -
but Anna could not go as she
had a cold & fever so we did
not dare let her go out.

Jay runt & the nurse n - 12
ported that he was a good boy
& crowed jubilantly when Santa
Claus came in - each had a
present: Anna a nice doll &
Jay a white-fur monkey that
will have any amount of throwing
about.

Miss Scott & Miss Denevidie
came in after supper & helped
decorate the little tree.

I had an invitation to read
the Christmas Service but wrote
Mr. Hill that I was not used
to the English Service & thought a
layman accustomed to it
would give better satisfaction.
I read it once on ship board
& would never read it again.

Sunday Dec. 25th 13

"Wishing you a Happy Christmas"
is the legend this year, as the
day comes on Sunday - We had a

good 9 o'clock service, sermon
by Ling Heng Jr. John I:14. he was
in to talk it over with me the
day before. During the service I rec'd
a pleasant note from Mr. Hill
saying that Dr. Lyall had volunteered
to read at English Chapel, which I
was glad to hear.

Clara did not go out but stayed
at home with Anna, who was much
better but not well. She enjoyed having
her dolls & other toys including
part of a set of tin dishes I got
in Hong Kong. I rec'd a nice little

pocket Testament & a beautiful
cloisonné plate that came from Japan.

I had given Clara a chair, ¹⁴
rattan. & for the house celebrated by
getting cloth for a pretty but in-
sufficient curtains to hang up as a
portier in our hall so as to make
a sitting room of a part of it.

 fr. door fire place The hall is T shape

& Cutting off a part of the longer por-
tion makes quite a homelike little
room: the only fireplace in the
house faces the front door &
the only way to sit by your fire-
side in privacy is to be curtain-
ed off.

The Sunday School concert
in the P.M. passed off well
the children spoke excellently &
Dr. A. made a good address.
Jay stood up on a settler & apparently

tried to emulate the Doctor by ¹⁵
lifting up his voice & gesticulating as
Dr. A. became emphatic. The nurse
tried to quiet him but was obliged
to take him out. Anna was al-
so present but sat in Clara's
lap so kept quiet.

In the evening our usual Sunday
evening service was held in our new
"little" drawing room. It is a cosy homey
place; the eleven present could be seated
comfortably with the little organ brought in
& yet there was room for 2 or 3 more.
Dr. A. spoke on "Faith as a source of knowl-
edge", based on Heb. 11. It was good, as
all he says, usually is.

Monday Dec 26.

An extremely busy day. Our home mail came
& also ^{the} Campbells from via Eng. the first we
heard of the party of 4 who left here Dec 1st
having arrived. They were 14 days on the way.
A trip that can sometimes be made in a week if
the water is low now. It is a tedious journey. The
thermometer stood at 37° which is very cold for here.

Tuesday Dec. 27th. 16

More mail from The Campbells
to-day & consequently more writing
& tracing work. They are all
well. Clara & I went to Swa-
tow this P.M. I had several en-
rants on called at the E.P.
Mission, met Dr. Carlund reading
a letter from his lady love a Miss
Harrington who is in Singapore can
not get away to be married for a
year. Mrs. Lyell was at home
& invited us to supper there to-
morrow or some other day this week,
we may go Friday-

The services to-day have passed
off quietly - The Students class
made a fine showing - 9 of them
spoke this forenoon & 9 this
afternoon. I sent off my home
letters to-day.

Wednesday Dec 28th

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Dr. Layng's children "giva party"
to-day & Anna was invited. Came
back lobby with a doll, a horse, a
goose & a pewter bucket - 2 for her-
self & 2 for Jay I presume.

Our Exercises go on with usual
regularity & there seems to be a good
spirit among the Chinese.

Thursday Dec 29th -

This attending service at 7 a.m.
10 a.m. 2 & 4 P.m. with the
time between filled up with Chi-
nese consultations, writing or mis-
sion business makes full days.
I stay at home from ^{one} or a part
of one occasionally - Clara is
having an easier time as Miss
Dunneidin & Miss Scott are
talking over the Bible Women &

leaving her the Class her &
in the Compound. Miss Scott
will work in the part of the
field north of the ^{great} both branch
of the Kerk Yang river. Miss
Dunwiddie in those South of that
Stream. there are just about
as many Bible women from one
side as from the other & the num.
of stations is about the same.

Friday - Dec 30th

Reports from the native helpers
at 10 a.m. & 4 P.M.; many
Cheering testimonies. taking all
together. Clara & I went to go to
Dr Lyalls take supper & spend the
Evening but poor Anna had a
bad attack of fever - Malonia
Dr S. calls it as C. could not

go. I was very sorry. as 19
she has not had such an outing
in some time - Jay keeps
very well. is the picture of
health - plump & rosy. Has
many admirers among the
Chinese & people in the port.

He seems to be a very affection-
ate little fellow & is sensitive
too. He & Anna are genuinely fond
of each other. but while she is sick
she does not like him to de-
monstrate & calls out "No Baby,
No. Go way Baby. I don't want
you." which rather puzzles him
but he takes it philosophically.

I went over alone & took
supper at Dr L's - met Mr & Mrs
Gibson who are just back look-
ing much improved by the trip
they at home.

Sat, Dec. 31²⁰

The last day of the year. It was celebrated here in the Community by a grand St. Andrews Ball last night at the Club. Everybody except the Missionaries were much interested in it. It was one of the rare social occasions when all classes meet together, the Outdoor staff of the Customs + the Mechanics families were invited as well as the Indoor staff + the Merchants. Most of the people in the port are Scotch, + this is an occasion much made of by them.

With us it was another full day. Many little affairs took up my morning, seeing different native helpers + arranging with them about their work etc, + Dr Partridge was in + spent quite a while getting some Chinese books preparatory to his planned trip up to Jio Kheing in a week or two. Mrs P. has taken quite a severe cold which is confining her to the house. Clara had her women's prayer meeting at 10 o'clock, "Auntie Scott" coming to stay + amuse Anna while she was away. The fever still continued thro. the day, but was not as high, + Anna was feeling brighter + better than the day before.

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At the prayer meeting there were the usual requests for prayer from the Many - never any long pauses or lagging at our Chinese prayer meetings. About 50 were present. They are always interesting meetings. One good sister - a bright young woman from Kiu sui where I go next week, got up + said she was raising two nice fat pigs but one of them "Siangti tho i tung khui" (God had called back) + the other one was sick would we pray that he be spared her. They certainly make their religion very practicable in that they bring in all their domestic affairs in a way that strikes us as rather amusing sometimes.

In the afternoon was the usual long church meeting from 2-4 P.M. - 15 Candidates applied for baptism - 6 of them boys from the Boarding School + 2 women from the class. 4 of the most interesting experiences were given by Men from Sang Len.

Spent some time preparing for the sermon I am to preach tomorrow morning. And had some of the brethren in helping them with work they had to do. Saw the old year out in a sound slumber.

Sunday, Jan. 1st. 1892.

A bright Happy New Year to you, May it be full of rich blessings for you both.

At the 7 o'clock meeting this morning 8 of the Candidates for baptism were accepted, prayer was offered + some passages on the resurrection read.

At the 10 o'clock service Dr. A. led the Praise meeting, in which a large no. got up + testified within a few moments. Then he spoke of the Chinese in America, of some who had been converted + were doing noble work for the Master, I then preached from Luke 10:42. dividing it in 3 parts -
I. Good which can be taken away, II Good which cannot " " " III. Having this Good part we should do that which is good. The Antithesis is better expressed in Chinese than in Eng. Several spoke to me about the fluency with which I spoke, but I did not have the inunction + freedom which I like to have in speaking, good attention was given me by the audience, after this we went to the Baptismal pool where Mr. Ashmore baptised. It was after 12 o'clock when we got back home.

Dr P. had charge of the Communion Service ²⁵
in the afternoon.

Anna seems to be improving slowly,
but is still far from being well. She
has some fever today, but less than yes-
terday.

Monday Jan 2nd.

Mail per China - good
letters from home also from
Mr. Bobbitt - I kept busy
about my books & preparations
for going away.

Tuesday - Jan 3rd.

Nearly my whole forenoon
was taken up with treasury
work. Dr. Carlin & Dr. Scott
& Mrs. Durwiddie were all
in to get money doctors.
I have put me's the rate of

Exchange for last year 24
I had much figuring to get
all the personal accounts
made out. I remained at
home in the P.M. & Clara
went to Swanton attending the
prayer-meeting. & during
the week of prayer.

Wednesday June 4-

Finished testing my quarterly
accounts. letters to Treasurer
Bank &c, quarterly statement
& attached too lot of little
matters. In the evening went to

Dr. A.'s to consult about plans
of work for rest of year -
Clara helped write the letter of
my journal -

Anna had a much better ²⁵
day, was out & running around
as merry as a cricket.

Edith Johnson was in during
the afternoon & Anna was very
happy with her for a long time.
Before supper, too, after the lamps
were lighted she & Jay were having
a jolly romp. Dr. & Miss Scott called
a few moments then: they both came
for Ann-Pow Thun, A. M. &
Mr. A. Jr. does for the region
about Khek-Khoi. Mrs. Dunwood
did had already gone in the "Grace"
to the Kich Yang district.

Thursday Jan 5th -

I left home a little after 9 a. m.,
to catch the 10.35 boat for Chao Yang;
after doing several errands in Swatow
I had time to wait at the landing. P. M.

was there with calendars and books 26
I joined him & we had a goodly audi-
ence - so large we were obliged to
"move on" as the road was blocked.
Again at our side standing nearer
the water a crowd gathered and
listened well till the steamer whistled
the second time & I must needs go.
I usual bought books & now, Calendars.
He says the evening audiences at the
Chapel are large & quiet, the people
staying late. I wrote a note to Dr. A.
asking if more help cannot be sent there.

The launch was crowded. Having a
"cabin passage", I sent for a chair
from that lower region & barely found
room to place it among baskets bundles
& Chinese. I did not try to get into
Conversation as my nearest neighbors
were apparently returning from the Examina-
tions at Chao Chow Fu & they are not
profitable learners. I read Dr. A.'s
"From Everlasting to Everlasting" & a little
in my pocket Testament: as we were

nearing the end of the journey 29
they began remarking on the thickness
of my clothing &c; one asked as is Com-
monly done "A-month, you eat, how
many disks silver?" (i.e. what is
your income? or what your expenses of
living?). He added "You are in business
here are you not?" - which gave an op-
portunity to tell him that foreigners
are of three sorts - business men, officials,
& preachers of the doctrine & the latter
are not here to make money. An older
man asked "Why do you not read
Confucius's books?" to which I re-
plied we did & that a Christian
teacher had done what no China-
man had ever done, translated them
into another language: further we
recognize the good in his teaching
but, to pity, his disciples do not
follow them out. He admitted
the charge & went to remark

that I had my books about 28
how to find silver & iron & other things
in the hills. I told him we have such
books but this was our Holy Book.
I had some leaflets in my satchel &
on producing them had a great
clamor for them, might have given
away a hundred. They are small
ones Dr. A. has recently prepared.
passages of Scripture in colloquial-
We have had a good run thus far
over 6 miles above Hwa Phing.

Wish I knew how they are at home
Anna was not so well this morning
but when I kissed them good bye the
two were most contentedly playing together
in the nursery.

A great Exodus these few days. Last
week our whole fleet was moved
together. 2 procher's boats, 4 house boats
& the "Sampan". The 2 native boats left
Tuesday. 2 house boats yesterday & 2 to-
day, & I used the Sampan to go over to
Swatow this morning.

I read a little in Genesis first 29
this P.M. am impressed with
the fact that the work of the
First Day & the Last Day are the
same - "God divided the light from
the darkness" & at the last He will
make the permanent division between
the children of light & the children of
darkness.

Friday - Jan'y 6th -

At noon we are within 5 miles of
Kiu-Siu by water - half a mile back
we were but a mile from that city
in a straight line, but the windings
of the stream are tantalizing.

The day is swarmer. I have been read-
ing Chinese. Genesis Colloquial &
am looking over some articles in the
Edition of the Encyclopaedia Britan-
nica in paper covers I got from Chicago
for \$10.25 (U.S.) post paid - it is not my
bill but is of some use for reference.

8-30 P.M. at Kui-Sū - 30

The two teachers are here and two pupils, one more has called & will be on hand Monday. We are getting ready, buying cooking utensils & other needed implements. I have sent my two boatmen back. Keep only one man besides the steersman.

The preacher's boat "Hope" is here and the teachers Ling Heng & Pang Seng sleep & eat there; if two thirds of the men who declared their intention of coming actually appear, several must live on the boat with them.

Saturday - Jan'y 6th.

We had worship at the Chapel between 9 & 10 o'clock - a man is there "beating cotton" for filling a corral which delayed us a little in starting, but he laid aside his "bow" & sat quietly. As we rose after prayer I was pleasantly surprised to see the young school teacher we met at Phu-Ling 11 mos. ago & at Kan-ham & at his

own village 2 mos. ago. I invited ³¹ him to come here but had little faith that he would appear. Whether he will stay to study remains to be seen but he is here & intimated to T'ang-sing that he desired to read our "Holy Books". May the Lord lead him fully into the light & make him a blessing to his people -

Sat. evening - I studied on a sermon for to-morrow fr. Heb. IX:13 & suggested an outline for one from IX:25 to T'ang-sing who goes with me to H'ue" Sua" Shan - also one from Rom. XIII:14 to Ling Heng who remains here. There has been a deal of noise to-day over a new robe for the goddess "A-má", I have just been looking at it in the temple as we passed by on the way from evening worship: it is a

beautiful piece of work, rich 32
yellow stuff almost covered with
gold embroidery & surmounted by a
large flashy head piece & crown.
They say it cost less than \$15 - but
those who did the work charged
very little for it so as to get
merit thereby. It can be used as

an illustration by way of contrast -
These idolaters must make & pro-
vide for their idol-goddess a
new garment & women go at mid-
night to put it on her - she can
neither make it nor don it - soon
its beauty will be all dull & tarnish-
ed. The God we worship pro-
vides for all his children a robe
of spotless righteousness & ineffable
splendor whose glory never can
be dimmed. They must provide
for their goddess - Our God provides
for us.

Sunday July 8th

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Father's birthday - I wish he might have had as mild & beautiful a day as we have enjoyed here. I left the boat before 9 o'clock with a boatman to carry my dinner basket & Tsing Sing as a helper for the day & the sun was warm & I was quite wet with perspiration; by contriving to make the most of my resources I managed to get my clothing dry & did not catch cold.

There was a better audience than usual - I preached fr. Heb 7:13 & Tsing Sing from vs. 25th of same chapter.

The afternoon service on Sunday School plan was encouraging: nearly every body remained. the majority eating at the chapel.

They all learned the Golden Text

& all who could read did 34
their best; they divided into
several classes & seemed to take
a genuine interest in the service.
They are going to buy 20 of the
new hymn books & 20 of the
lesson charts. which is enterprising
for them. I had opportunity to
speak to Clara by a sister who
came to take boat for Swatow.

Monday - June 9th -

I was at the chapel this fore-
noon & gave them a collection
of passages on the value of the
Scriptures: this P.M. again went to
hear them read Mark first chap-
ter - 3 or 4 of them on in, and
they did passably -

In the forenoon I read some
Chinese with Ling Heng & this P.M.

looked over the Church Record ³⁵
with him. He says the visiting teacher
is bristling with questions about
Cain's wife, why light is put before
the sun in order of creation & all
the numerous queries that come
up at home about the origin of all
things: Ling Heng thinks he really
desires to know & is not simply car-
icling. He will live with them in
the boat for a time at his own charge
Es. Tuesday Jan'y 9th

This forenoon I was at the chapel
heard them read, also took up the
passages referring to Mark & they
were able to give quite a full
version of his life so far as it
is recorded. After writing a
little, eating tiffin & taking a nap, also

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practising a little on a very
small organ. Lingheng came &
I had several chapters of colloquial
with him; talked about church
matters with him, got some valu-
able information; & what I rarely
do, asked about my sermon on
Communion Sunday - was relieved
to find that the language was not
reprehensible & the Chinese approved
of my division of the subject only
in preaching they did not get the
transition quite clearly - & our illus-
tration I used puzzled them because
it was not fully explained -

One reason of these defects was the
lateness of the hour Dr A. spoke longer
than he expected & I felt afraid of keeping
them too long; but I think I erred in
making a transition that would have
been right for an American audience
whereas here our should state more fully

when our head is completed & 37
the discussion of the next begins.

I took a walk & meted a small
audience on the way.

I am sorry to find that the man
who had charge of getting the books
& printing the new hymn book, was
very careless & eta a lot of mistakes
has - so I wrote a letter to have
him stop printing till the errors can
be removed.

Two brethren from Bua Chih Khe
& three others from Hou-Lin Ti came
in this afternoon: only one of the
latter stays now - but another Páng Sui
brother expects to come again in a few
days. We had a very pleasant
meeting this evening - sang "Come thou
font of every blessing" - read Luke II
1 & 14 to 22. I spoke briefly upon
the passage dwelling on the captivity of
the sinner to Satan, & the blind-
ness of the heathen, which Christ

Comes to take away-

T'ing Suiyo or. Jong-Bim. expressed his thankfulness that he had been blessed in working a field no our David Touch because it was believed to be haunted; he got a good crop from it; another was thankful that his fifth younger brother was becoming more friendly to Christianity & another that ^{whereas} a year or two ago he knew nothing of the truth he had the privilege of coming here with his boy & reading the Bible.

L'ing-Heng prayed & sang a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

In the conversation that followed Jong-Bim gave a most vivid recital of his trials when his wife was a medium: he wanted to see her rid of the "demon" & started to see some teacher reputed able to dispose of such beings - but when he went to get his hat she went into

a trance seized a knife & drove 39
him off: again he got his mother-
in-law to help but the woman again
went into a trance & drove her mother
out of the house. He went to Kak Chik
& asked some of the brethren there what
"way" we had of treating such cases &
they all told him to pray the Lord Jesus
to cast out the demon. He went home

(I remember he went up with me in
this boat) & found a lot of women wait-
ing to inquire of the god. but he told
them this was no good it was the
work of devils - greatly to their disgust.
He proceeded to destroy all his
idols - & after that his wife had
no return of these attacks.

Later he took her to Kak Chik, with
fear & trembling lest she throw herself
over the boat. Long Henry recalled
meeting them. he explained "the
doctrine" to them & the woman told

him she had a dream but a 40
little while before that she was to
meet a man who would explain
to her the truth - an visiting school

teacher listened with interest & evidently
was impressed. ^{Jan} Wednesday ~~Dec~~ 11th.

The gentleman last mentioned
read a chapter in Mark before
the class this P. M. & proceed-
ed to give the Scriptural incidents
regarding Mark, which he did
very well: the others seem to be
brightening up a little. They
begin reading Genesis to-day.

Before supper I took a walk
& fell in with a young man to
whom I had given a leaflet earlier
in the day: he & some others had

visited the Chapel later on. 41
another young man with him
was very friendly & voluble. he led
me about & offered to show me
about any time. He says that a
lot of thieves come here in a boat
like our "Hole" & committed dep-
redations until they were warned
away. He came to the boat &
I gave him some books.

This evening I have been up to the
Chapel & helped them a little with
"Boylston" "Hamburg" The young ladies
wrote out the notes on large sheets
of paper, giving the air only. &
these we hung up. I played the
air on a diminution organ that
a relative of Mrs. Van Kirk sent
out. They seemed to improve a little

in gradual approaches to the ⁴²
times.

Thursday - Jan 25th

This I was at the chapel again
& they seem to sing a little better -

They are improving somewhat in reading
mark but are not yet elocutionists -

The recitation from Genesis was

creditable but was a hard tug

for them: "we rookied a whole night

over it" they said: "they conquered the
first four days of creation -

We began to look up passages in Scripture
regarding the nature & attributes of God &

Commenced a diagram by use of Chi-
nese characters that may help to
set forth the works of God & the
wickedness of man.

The teacher, Lung Heng tells me,
after a day or two looking over our
books decided the style was so
simple that in a fortnight or so to

Could master the Old Testament. 43
but after hearing a little explanation of doctrine, the relation of the two Testaments & some simpler truths with hints at what lies beyond. Having tried reading yesterday & being criticized by them for not bringing out the sense, he says 'Ah! It's deep'; and he has gone into it more seriously. He has spoken of finding some other occupation because if a teacher does not have a shrine for the worship of Confucius he will have no scholars. So let us hope the Spirit is leading him to serious thoughts.

Friday - Jan'y 13th -

Raining to-night - a much needed blessing. I fear the people are attributing it to A. Ma's new jacket & the theater.

To-day's exercises have been encouraging. They are taking an interest in the work & brightening

up perceptibly. The two elderly ⁴⁴
men from Bia-Chieh-Khe
talked of going home and send-
ing down their sons in their
stead to which I objected, for
there are three younglings here now
quite enough & I do not want
those who are not genuinely inter-
ested in the truth. I told them
it was more important for them
whose hearts are opened to receive
God's truth to learn all they
could & then they could teach
their children - as God chose
Abraham - a reference to Genesis
XVIII: 18-19 seemed to settle the
case & they said they would
go home over Sunday. I make
plans to come back.
They recited the 5th & 6th days of

Creation was discussed the prog-⁴⁵
ress of events noted in the chapter
This afternoon's reading of Mark
& the evening's singing evinced
a little advance over yesterday.

The teacher comes into line, recited
the first chapter of Genesis quite
creditably & read half a chapter in
Mark: his answers to questions
& his remarks indicate a growing
appreciation of the truth unless
I am deceived.

I have been writing to Mr. Goodwin
of the Greenwood Ch. Brooklyn: he
wrote inquiring about Chinese
who returned after making a profes-
sion of Christianity in America.

Saturday - Jan 14th

Have finished the above letter.
Fear he will not get so enthu-
siastic an indorsement of re-
turned "professors" as he would

like, but it is best to "tell 46
the truth" & indicate dangers.

There is a tendency to pet the
Chinese converts, which simply ruins
their usefulness in America or in
China: pride is a sad failing of the
Chinaman. It is necessary, too, that
his motives be thoroughly canvassed
when he applies for church member-
ship. We do this here & get deceived
occasionally even then, tho' not often
now they know we never take cases
to the Consul. I was able to write

Dr. Graves's statement that many
who come back bring new life
& methods of work. - True among
their most trusted & efficient work-
ers: I have heard also from Chinese
sources that our name the Canton
Baptist Church stands so high is
from the work & gifts of men who
have been in America.

The class did well this 47
morning had mastered the second
chapter of Genesis. pretty good for
3 men from 48 to 54 yrs of age.
Our old man, not a church member,
knows scarcely any character but
remembers what is taught him.
The North wind came up just be-
fore noon the came down here to
Si-Bé-Phou. The afternoon
has been very cold. I have a heater
which with my large lamp makes
the boat quite comfortable. the his-
toric water that has seen the snow
or winds of 14 winters still holds
together & serves as protection from
the draughts coming in about the
windows. This winter I am making
very thin gauze flannel underests
& putting on more "layers" as the
Chinese do when needed. it is far

safes. I do not perspire so 48
freely in walking. Can regulate
the amount of clothing about my
body. Thus far I have, for the
first time in my life, worn cotton
socks & low shoes up to this the
middle of January. have not yet
had a bad cold - & hope I may be
spared over.

Sunday Jan'y 15th. - 5 P.M.

One of the coldest days I have ex-
perienced in the country - now
raining hard. I walked 2 miles
to Chapel this forenoon. wore my
ulster & walked fast so was comfort-
able. saw that my right hand
was almost numb from expo-
sure, carrying my umbrella the
last half of the way. I had my
bracer taken along & found it
a great comfort sitting with a
door open in front of me & tiled floor

under me. One good old sister #19
of 86 yrs. was there. She said
"They asked me along the road: 'So
cold what ^{are} you going to worship
to-day for?' I told them it was
all the more my duty to go worship
the Heavenly Father" - not a bad
example for Christians everywhere.

A Doan was there from Kou-
Khai & brings a good report from
there: he told of an interesting experi-
ence at Chhin-Phoa, a large
place near Char-Yang city. He
went there on a business errand
as he returned home & had
excellent opportunities for preaching
the doctrine: one young man
followed him about everywhere
he went & sought him out in
the evening: he seemed to be a
genuine seeker, his father had
recently died which may have turned

his mind to serious things. He ⁵⁰
was still like the man who must
go bury his father, for it seems
that 10 days after a father's death
the family worship once & 100
days after worship 10 times.
He & his mother survive & until
the 100 days were past he did
not see his way to give

full attention to "the doctrine."
I trust he may yet come out
& be the first fruits of a harvest
in that region when we have
down much trapped none as yet.

This morning a woman met
some 15 women walking back
from Peh Hui mt. a way
down in Stui-Lai Dist. where
they had been to worship
the Goddess of Mercy. They
had made her a robe & taken it to her.

Poor souls, they take a deal 51
of pains for nought.

This morning Aroan spoke
from John II. 28-29. & from Heb.
II: 23-25. In the afternoon he
led them in reading the lesson from
Mark I: 16-28.

Happily I reached the boat be-
fore rain set in again.

Monday Jan'y 16th.

Rain during the night. I told the
steersman he must start at daylight
rain or no rain. I got up early my-
self to see that he did. But as I
pushed up the hatch over the stairway
I was surprised to hear the crackling
of ice. all the mats & all the rigging
are frozen stiff! The exclaima-
tions of a Chibit, the steersman
were amusing. "Hard! like a
stick! distressing! No go! how can

off my practicing on it for a little later period I have
many things on hand at present to see to.
The two little folks have not been as well as we would
like to see them for some time past, we trust it will soon
be getting better with them. We have been dosing Anna
steadily with quinine since her last attack of fever & hope
thus to ward off any further ones. The last few days she
has been quite herself again.

Jay was vaccinated last week & he is just now suffering
from that, had a bad night last night, & his teeth
are not yet through. Today he is a deal brighter again.
Sunshine has come out again & during the day it is
very pleasant out of doors, but at night it is still
dead cold. Mine is up.

With much love to yourself & Mother
Sincerely your daughter
Eliza H. Foster.

work? ropes, oars everything this way. hands ache to death. soon
'no hands no feet'. Can't travel.

Mr people on going to suffer.
I showed him a piece of sheet iron
that was on top the deck-house &
coated with ice. "Ah-h, that's
yet more horrid to see!" - He got
hold of a bit of ice & exclaim-
ed further "Round piece like that
we would take to be a jewel-
hand like glass: eat that and freeze
to death sure". He swallowed a bit
& said - "melts to water". He added
"When I was a boy there was ice
could get it from the streams like
glass - & then, was a famine,
this will kill the ones to wheat.
Mr shall suffer." I am wearing
2 under & 2 overcoats with lamb
& baiden keep warm.

Swatow, Jan 20 - Friday Noon.

Dear Father: John got home Tuesday about 4 P.M., having had a long & cold trip down, but he was feeling very well. Only that night he had a fit of indigestion & headache that made him quite miserable for a time. Still he forgot about it to a great extent in the pleasure of opening up the Typewriter & putting it in running order. He meant to write you a letter and it to go by this mail but found he could not possibly make the time to do it in. His two days here were very full. He left yesterday afternoon at 4 P.M.

He is very very much pleased with his Typewriter. He has written several notes on it, & likes its print & action altogether very much. His practice on the Remington comes in & is a great aid in using this. The letter line on keyboard is quite similar. I have not yet tried it, & will have to put

8-30 P.M. 2 1/2 miles above 53
Hsia Pheng

afternoon I got the men out much
to their disgust & we muddled up the
icy mats - set ^{out} against a bitter North
wind. I stayed on deck & helped
work the boat, partly because we
are one man short & partly to let them
see I was ready to stand the "bitterness"
as they call it. The wind has favored
us the greater part of the way & we
have made good progress: the men
were in a good frame of mind
at night; my helping mollified
them evidently - I did not expect
when I did my first boating on
China Lake that the experience
would ever prove helpful in
China's rivers at the Antipodes.
We see very few people out to-
day. The cold is too severe for
them - The frost, I fear, has done
great damage.

Tuesday July 17th 54

Boat Po-Song - 2 15 P.M. - very thankful to be here. The rain froze on the boat deck roof against night & the wind blew fiercely against us, so the men said they could not start, but after breakfast they made an attempt: it was hard fighting for every inch, the house on the boat makes it very hard to manage in a head wind - I pushed & poled & insisted, also told the two men I would divide between them the wages of the man we should have had.

We must have been an hour or more going the first mile: then we swung around to a fair wind making the remaining 12 miles in about 2 hours including lowering the mast to go under the bridge. I have enjoyed the exercise & the 1/2 mile walk across to the steamer.

Arrived at home by 4⁵⁵ o'clock.
Found all quite well. Anna & Jay
came running up to the door to meet
me, their cheeks & throats red with
the cold as much as from health
I judge. It is well nigh impossi-
ble to get this home warm in such
weather. Wednesday Jan'y. 18th

I have the typewriter set up - it is
a beauty. As soon as it is oiled
a bit & the types all well in printing
form I am sure it will be a
splendid machine for work.

The double font of large & small
letters is a great improvement
over the Remington I think.

I was busy with sundry matters
this forenoon in the afternoon
went to Swatow & attended to a lot

of matters recalled on Mr. Brodt Sr
who is at Dr. Lyells for a time, needing
a surgical operation, cause similar
to the trouble Mack Gallert had.

This evening it was my turn to lead
the prayer-meeting. I took some passages
I had been studying in which it is
is used - Luke 24:49 - 15:22.

Rom. 13:14. Eph 4:24 # Cor. 5:1-2.
It was a good meeting.

The cold continues but is
not so intense - This morning
ice half an inch in thickness was
common - it is said 2 men
died of exposure in Swatow - I heard
yesterday 2 boatmen in Hai Min
had died - a buffalo here
on the Compound was so chilled
it died to-day -

all of us are keeping quite well. I
am thankful Anna is better,
hope she may get the better of this
malaria. Jay's vaccination is
taking but he is very good with
it all seeing that his stomach
teeth are coming as well. I
wish so much they ^{F. & J.} could be trans-
ported to Waterville a day - or
Waterville come here.

all the people who were out came
in. Miss Scott from the Post,
Dr. S. from Kich Yang. Mr. Ah-
non from Khek-Khai. Saw
Miss Dancwidaw who is still
up at Kich Yang or Phai Leng -
Dr. Corbin was going out last
week but the weather has interfered.
As soon as the weather moderates
we shall all go on to take,
I cannot go against a North Wind.

Thursday July 19th - 58

Afloat again sailing with an East wind
back over the course the South wind brought
us dry before yesterday morning -

This has been a busy day -

A young Chinaman came after breakfast
who wanted a letter to the German
Consul. he is hoping to get the place of
"Si-da" secretary - I told him my name
would not help him but I would give
him a line to that dignitary - so wrote
one on the typewriter. at a consider-
able expenditure of time - I packed
up two large cases for Mr. Camp-
bell. wrote letters to him & Mr. Whitman,
made out some drafts wrote to Shanghai
two postals, sent Deposit Receipts to Hong
Kong for renewal, finished letter to Dr. Dun-
can, had my hair cut, besides looking
to the things I needed to bring with me
arranging with a-mi' to help about
the mailing of Campbell's letters &
despatching of their freight.

I could not get over until time 59
for the last time 5 P.M. Crossing
the bay waiting for the boat I looked
over the first draft of Clara's report
& sent it back.

Then were several cabin passen-
gers, all well disposed: they made
numerous flattering remarks
about the "whiteness" of my language
&c. &c. which I do not allow to turn my
head. They spoke of calendars & I showed
them a well I had with me. They bought
at once, saw our the but dressed in the com-
pany. He opened conversation & we had a
long talk. He was eloquent over an
central worship & filial conduct. I
followed as best I could & passed the
question of worshipping the living & not the
dead, also the danger of saying because a
man was earnest it was right to fol-
low wrong course. I did not
want a heated discussion so did

not go into any controversy nor at-
tempt to mock to him much. I found
he is a graduate, has taken the first degree.
He is in the rice business; invited me to
his Shop for the night - He was in
morning, white shoes & white top-knot
on this case.

I had a long walk across to-night

Friday - January 25th -

At this Day. I did not change
my clothing after reaching the boat
last night & got a chill in conse-
quence; did not feel well this
morning so kept in bed, fearing
tonight add to the cold -

To-night I feel pretty well, and
am much relieved to find that
all has gone smoothly here.
They shut the doors & boarded windows
windows with straw wrapped their

feet in coverslids & kept on ⁴¹
studying. They have done quite a bit
of work. Four have gone home to
dig their sweet potatoes but say
they will be back Monday or Tuesday.
Our new man has come & there have been
a no. of visitors - To-day they
went to visit the filicians at a
neighboring village & had good
opportunities to preach.

I have been recalling some of last
evenings conversation on the Launch.
I showed the "B.A." the Great Com-
mission in answer to questions as to
the source of our funds. He began
talking on the "Father-Son" in the
baptismal formula - "Father-Son"
is what we have especially venerate,
nothing new to be claimed by your
doctrine" - I told him it was
the Godhead - God the Father & his
Eternal Son - & the Holy Spirit I mean
God - an acknowledged mystery,

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but a truth to be believed -
recalling the literal translation of the vs.
"from whom the ^{whole} family in heaven & earth is
named" - I feel back on that said that
"Every fatherhood" on earth was a
relation named from & proceeded by that
Eternal self-existent Father & Son.

He seemed to grasp the idea & did not
dispute it - in fact enlarged to some
extent on the limitations of parenthood
"a father cannot be the sole author
of existence, for he does not know whether
his child will be male or female -
therefore it is evident that Heaven
decides" -

Our pedagogical pupil continues
diligent but is getting uneasy over
the prospect of a public profession
& the prospect of no school if he does
not set up a Confucian shrine.
We trust the Lord will lead
him to a sense of need such that he
will be compelled to renounce the world.

Saturday July 2nd. 63

a fine day. I had a good hour
with the class this morning. We
took up the Third of Genesis & explained
the nature of the transgression by referring to
other passages of Scripture. They are gen-
erally interested & it is a pleasure to
teach them. They did well in
giving the narrative of which they have
learned some of chapters. The project is
for quite a full class next week. I
spent quite a part of the afternoon talking
over a case that may need discipline
& planning to give the party warning
that if any further transgressions develop,
the church will take up the case.
The boat has come up to Hâm Lê
& I hope to cross to Chhut Liên to-
morrow -

Sunday July 22nd

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This morning there was such a heavy mist we could not see 30 feet ahead of us, but knowing the road we got on very well. & in less than a half hour the sun was shining brightly; we had some opportunities to talk with people by the way & before service I had some listeners before the chapel door.

The chapel here is greatly improved in cleanliness. There were about a score present in all; we had a service in which several took part in the bannock & after studying a little in Mark we observed the Lord's Supper in the afternoon. I feel very sorry

for a young woman who was there; she has a frightfully sore arm. Over a month ago she fell & put the

Swatow, Jan 25th - Dear Father, This Journal came
down from Kin San yesterday. From John's letter it appears
he expects to remain there ten days or two weeks longer.
The little folks here are improving. Anna has had no
fever for 9 days now. I trust the attack has been broken.
Jay has been rather miserable with his vaccination &
other difficulties. I have not been out of the house for
a week, having had rather a bad spell, but am better
so that I hope to be about as usual very soon.

Have been enjoying the Little Minister these days when
I could not get about to my work as usual. There are
some excellent things in it.

Have had my class of women coming up to me, instead
of staying down to theirs. We are having pleasant weather again. That bitter cold
spell was felt very much by everyone! With love to Mother,
Your loving daughter Clara.

Elbow out of joint & bruised it badly. ⁶⁵
It has swollen & matterated till it is
a half larger than the other foot now &
very painful. Her husband is very
much opposed to Christianity, they say.
Thas beaten her for going to chapel, so
he would not be willing for her to go
to Kak-Chieh. but they hope "a way
will open" for her to go; one brother offered
to pay her fare so I wrote a letter to Dr.
Scott about the case offering to be re-
sponsible for the living expenses for
the time she is at the hospital; a woman
of her village offered to go with her.

An old man hailed me this
morning saying he wanted to hear the
doctrine" & come to the boat after
my return. said he worshipped the "Heaven-
Earth Ancestor" - offered tea & incense. I told
him as fully as I could, trying not to
confuse him, about the work of Christ
by reason of which we do not need to
burn incense nor offer sacrifice.

He said he understood & could 66
remember a few sentences of a prayer I
told him to offer. He seemed unduly
anxious to remain & I fear I was not as
cordial toward the last as he would like
but, if he is really in earnest to know,
he has heard enough to start him in the
right way & he knows when to go at this
time to learn more. I hear there are now
pupils at the Chapel & that they had a good
day there. I no. of our members are dyers here
at Kain. I ~~no.~~ called on them. Their
journeyman is a regular worshiper now.

Monday Jan'y 23rd

A beautiful bright day, clear mild
Sunny & acc. to Chinese wizards,
a "good day." (Ho git 好日) so a
vast no. of weddings are being ob-
served: a procession passed
on the other side of the stream
just now: 12 men & boys carrying
boxes, baskets & trunks of clothing

rather valuables. 2 boys beating 67
gongs & 10 men blowing horns pre-
ceded the chair which was
draped with a gay red covering.
leaving the bride wholly invisible.

Two men, bearing each two trunks
balanced from either end of a carry-
ing pole, followed. This was evi-
dently a wedding of the "upper class"
more than ordinarily well-to-do.

I had a good time with the
class this morning. Heard them
recite several chapters & explain a
diagram of characters on the board.

I also gave them some N.T. passages
explaining the fulfilment of the
prophecy regarding the seed of the woman
& the seed of the serpent in the death
of Christ who was "guise of a woman"
at the hands of the Scribes & Pharisees
whom he called a generation of vipers
& in the final triumph when He shall

fully "destroy the works of the 68
devil". Cast him into the lake, &
see all his enemies become the
footstool of his feet.

A. Siã from Hũe-Sua-Thũn
came in quite overwhelmed by the
death of his daughter-in-law.
a little girl 6 yrs old they were
bringing up to be a wife for their
son, the only child left to them.
HE this wife both want to go to
Kak-Chich read in the schools
there. I helped him a little toward
his expenses & agreed to guarantee them
3 months of "schooling". Poor fel-
low he is always in trouble & al-
ways seeking help - gets to be very
tinuous, but he has been unfortunate
& we must try to be patient & decent
with him.

This afternoon a man & little ^{by} girl said to be from Anhui Province
was on the opposite side of the stream
& gave an out-door performance.

The man swung some ropes with
weights at the end showing some skill
& the little girl was not without some
skill in acrobatic exercises, she
climbed up a slight ladder with
rungs very far apart, turned over
balanced herself did many feats. I
could not see & walked the tight
rope: poor thing she was clad in
thin worn clothing & looked as if
the business was not very prosper-
ous or else the profits were wasted.

I have never seen any such ex-
hibition & never heard before of but
our woman performing in a theatre
I fear this is a mark of the spread
of "Civilization" from the West
along with Western liquors & cigars.

Tuesday - June 24th 70

Another beautiful day - I have enjoyed my work with the class to-day explaining the 4th chapter of Genesis answering their questions about the sacrifices of Cain & Abel. One man asked about the nature of the divine Sonship. I could only give him such as the Scripture states & told him of my talk with the "graduate" on the boat. He accepted the statement that it was eternal Sonship of which natural Sonship is but a faint likeness - Old Dzui Cheng Peh is 71 yrs old but he has wonderfully good eyesight & memory. To-day he gave the narrative of Genesis 8th Chapter in full - I am sending this by Li Long's brother who seems quite a promising believer. I am glad to say.

Wednesday Jan'y 25th 71

We had a visitor this morning who sat through the recitation of Gen. 9th - by each of the class asked some questions which led to giving him quite a full outline of Christian truth & all united in exhorting him to "follow": he admitted in a moment, as so many do, that rain, sun & all good things are from above that the gods are the work of men.

May the Lord lead him to accept the truth -

The steersman left for Hak Chick at 1 P.M., taking letters for the mail & letter to Clara - I am sorry I could not have been at home on the anniversary of our wedding last Sunday - four years ago in m m n on our wedding tour up the Stankin.

We have been greatly blessed these 72
past years & have very great cause
for thankfulness. The future is, of course,
uncertain & we sometimes feel anx-
ious about what it has in store
for us, but, if God cares for us
as he has these past years, we
have no need to fear.

There have been some heavy
burdens & severe trials in our work
during this time, but now the
way is far easier & the Mission
force stronger than ever before.

It will always be a fight against
obstacles, however strong the force
or fair the prospect: we expect
nothing else. The encouraging & the
disheartening are ever mingled.

I heard to-day that a new
believee at Thon Kan near
Kan-tam has gone off to

Siam: his family threatened 73
to take his fields away if he did
not quit worshipping with us.
At Hie-Sua-Tham they are very
slow yet about keeping the Sab-
bath. I shall try to go there a week
from Sunday.

This afternoon we have been
cutting bamboo. a great many grow
about the chapel & are too thick.
They sell by weight at about ^(7.00265) 2.65
cash per lb: a man was here
this morning to see about buying
them to make sugar crates or
baskets.

I hear too that it is possible
to rent a larger shop in Phon-
Ling city (Phu Bing). so that
Dr. Scott can do dispensing of
medicines there if she wishes.

Thursday June 26th

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Lesson in Genesis Chapter XI first half - followed by numerous questions regarding Noah's sons, the eating of blood, eating of meat that has been offered in ancestral worship &c.

They studied Rom. I: 18 sq. so as to get the Biblical statement of human degeneracy after Noah. I have done a little reading writing - was at wor-

ship this evening. spoke on Acts III: 1-10 & told them about Raymond Lull.

Friday June 27th

Rec'd a good long letter from my dear wife - which I was very glad to get but was made rather anxious by it as she had not been

quite well for some days: glad to 75
learn that Amas' fever had not returned.
Jay, though, has had a bad time
with his vaccination. "Tore, tore" he
says. I hope he will be soon over
it. he is such a lolly little fellow
when all is right with him: he
takes great interest in everything &
is of a kindly benevolent turn evident-
ly: when I am home, he always comes
up at meal times after he has been
given his food & gives me a bite of his bread
or bit of meat. then goes to his mother
with it & back again. I understand
he ^{is} much admired by some of the people
in the port. which of course shows their
good sense. My home mail was un-
usually small. no home letter - a good
letter from Dr. Dunn was all I
rec'd. The Boston News & Keely's
Cov paper on rec'd read with
interest. I should not like to

learn them about for Chinese 76
who could read them to peruse -
they would indeed think America
an evil place: such works made
by whiskey sellers; a day's "news" made
up of election wrangles, elopement,
jaise-fighting, various sports, nonsense
about turkeys & cartoons of manda-
rins in high station. Such things
make one feel as if the "perilous
times" were upon us, & the end of the
age near at hand.

In the evening we took up the question
of eating meat offered to idols, which
is a living question here. Paul's injunction
Rom XIV & I Cor. VIII were read & endeavored
to impress upon them the altruistic
side of the question. Can't but wish
brothers be led to violate their Con-
science: it was interesting to note that
the older Christians thought the offering
of meat to Ancestors was for no-

ment. but some recent believers 7/7
thought it was too much like
partaking of their sin to eat the meat
they sacrifice to their false divinites.

Saturday - July 28th

Gen. ~~XIII~~ for the morning lesson -
finished the diagram -

The man who buys the bamboos
was here before the class was over.
The whole lot weighed a ton & a half
worth about \$6 - silva -

This afternoon I stayed in the boat
& did a little work - Some of the
brethren went out to sell books &
calendars & did well - sold some
50 of the latter & 15 or more of the others.
This evening we took up several
passages - Ps 147 & Job 33:12 sq.
in answer to a question why God
had caused this extreme cold &
great loss of crops.

The men who went to Hui-Lai 78
an back & I hear there is pros-
pect of a house there to be rented.
The teacher from Khon Khoi made
me a long call this evening after
worship. Sunday Jan'y 29th

We had services morning afternoon
& evening. Hymns & prayer at early worship
at 11. Chin-Sia^o fr. Khon Khoi led the
first part giving Abraham's prayer for God's
& offering of Isaac. after prayer & the relating
the Hui-Lai Experiences. Old Dzui Cheng
Och read Luke 15:11-24. & I preached
fr. vs. 22. had fair amount of "liberty"
& fairly good attention. We read the
S. S. lesson in Mark II:1-4 - verse about,
& they asked a no. of pertinent questions
& did well reciting the Golden Texts
of 4 Sundays. We observed Communion
after taking contribution & voting on
some necessary expenditures -
I felt rather depressed all day

but the meeting this evening has 79
Cheered me a little. Longevity photo -
that the Hue Sunⁿ than 17 of them stayed to
eat at the Chapel this noon so as to re-
main to afternoon service. Tung-Sing
says there were a no. of hearns at Chhiah
Lian & 2 men from there are coming to
head for a few days. The woman with
the bad arm is going to Kak-Chieh to-
morrow. At Hui-Lai, E. on village, an

two openings - one a new shop for which
the owner wants \$500 per mo. rent & half of
an inn that can be mortgaged for
\$5000 - provided the inn-keepers relatives
neighbors do not object in the meantime.
The Khau-Khoi Bin are ready to pay
\$1000 towards it or even to note upon
that sum to-day, which is a good sign
of their missionary spirit as they are
very anxious to see enough for a new
Chapel -

A wedding procession passed in the
A.M. with fully 30 men carrying
boxes & trunks of dowry -

Monday Jan'y 30th

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at Chapel most of the day - read
Gen 14th so that the question of Melchizedek
came up. I sent letters to
Kak Chieh via Khou-Khoi.

The subject of infant salvation came
up & I spent over an hour trying to get
them to comprehend the sweep of the
Atonement & they did get some idea
of it but not a very full one.

Tuesday - Jan'y 31st

To-day we took up the subject of baptism
& the Lord's Supper & tried to gather up
the threads of yesterday's talk. Had some
work put on the board that I think will
help to explain the case. They some of
them get so much from Presbyterian ac-
quaintances that it is difficult to
put them right: the fallacy that bap-
tism is in the room of circumcision is
a troublesome error.

I went out at 5 P. M. I had some 80
excellent chances to talk by the way.
A score or more listened in one place and
in a field by the way I met a nice looking
young fellow whose mother is a sister of
our two *hain de* dyers. He knows of the
truth & says it is the right way: he &
two others listened a quarter of an hour or
more. Coming back I met a young man
whom I saw last week: he walked back
with us was most friendly & invited me
to call at a temple when they, several more
collectors are stopping - one is a Hunan
man. The four were exceedingly polite
asked some questions that gave opportunity
to talk freely for some time & to give them
some books. One asked how much the
King of my country paid us per month,
another about opium smoking if we al-
lowed it or if it could be left off.
Again about our class if we charged
tuition - & about opium if it did not
come from our country. I gave them copies
of John & Luke & of a tract by Griffith John.

may they be seed in good ground. 81
The class is large to-day. one left
yesterday but two more have come in
so we are quite filled up. shall only be
together reading a few days more

Wednesday Feb. 1st.

Most of the time to-day has been given
to reviewing the work outlined on the
board. They get some hold of it but
are slow yet. It is a help to me in
getting new phrases more light on Chinese
phrases & Chinese ideas, as well.

The teachers are making copies of this
to give the members of the class so they
may have something to help them remem-
ber what has been taught them.

My Korean-collecting friends did
call at the Chapel to-day but before
2 P.M. the time for me to be there. they
asked quite a deal about the doctrine
of what they saw.

I had an audience on the bank at noon
& sat before, for over an hour. I stood

on the boat & talked till I was 82
tired. was glad of Hing Heng's assistance
as he came down: find I am getting
better able to hold & manage a
lot of hearers. Can answer their ques-
tions & side remarks so as to carry
the majority with me better than I
could.

Thursday Feb 2nd 11 P.M.

Hearing Hua Pheng Bridge again-

A Doan came this a.m. with
letters from Hak-chieh - Clara is not
well so I am hurrying home -

A Doan & Kim-kek go to Hui-lai
again to mortgage the house if they
can, taking the money with them.

The members of the class go home
to-morrow. Tang Sing goes to

Pu-hing to see about the new shop
that I hear can be rented. Dr. Scott
writes that she will probably be
able at a later date to make regu-
lar visits there. The woman

with the bad army is there. Dr. S. looks 83
to save the arm but says the tendons
are lacerated.

Ling Heng stays at Kwei Su to close up
matters -

I have finished an article for the
Michigan Herald - & written the
first draft of one for the Christian In-
quirer. I also read a few chapters in
The Little Minister, and quite fascinated
by it. We are making fair progress
but I am anxious to get back sorry
I did not go before.

Friday - Feb 3rd 9 P.M.

Favoring tides & steady rowing brought us
to Chao Yang by 7.00 - or as near it
as we could get. The steersman carried
me on his back over the mud flat
a long way - I just missed the 8.05
boat - stuck at the 9.20, had a pleasant
chat with the ticket seller & read in

The Little Minister - also enjoyed ⁸⁴
that on the launch. had the little cabin
all to myself - reached home by 11 o'clock.

Clara is in bed by Dr.'s orders but
is more comfortable than I feared she might
be. Reading my mail sending letters. Money
to Kia-Eng accounts such sundries have
filled up the time: we had especially good
home letters. I also had a very pleasant one
from Dr. Duncan. It is a great delight to

find the babies as well & cozy as they
are. They both seemed delighted to see
me - Jay comes toddling about calling
to "Ba-pa - Ba-pa". Anna is my ^{with me}

Companion at table & went out to

Call on the Drs. Partridge & Ashmun.

Dr. P. has been confined to the house by
a severe cold - in bed a day or two - all
others well - 3 ladies away.

North Brown has been taking
some excellent photographs of
houses & persons. hope I may get
him to try the two chicks.

Saturday. Feb'y 4th 88

It seems as if I had done nothing to-day, but am sure the time has been occupied as am tired. The boat came in & no little time has been taken up in unpacking & replacing all my goods, settling accounts with boatmen & cook: sending steersman with letter back to Kin-Sū - sending another to Swatow with deposit & checks for money to Brodley Co., & proof of Clara's annual report which I have been correcting, taking monthly a/c of Students Class (no small item with 25 members), attending to callers both native & foreign, & keeping an eye on the babies - these have in some way filled up the time. The children have been very good - but Anna unhappily got her hand shut in the door & again had a hard crying spell when time came to be undressed - I had a tussle of an hour last night after 12 o'clock when she awoke & cried to go to her mother. she finally gave in. No one sharing in the anxiety felt for the 'City of Peking':

Clara felt very well this A.M., 8¹⁵
but I fear read too much & had too
many callers - now, 9 P.M., she is sleep-
ing well. Sunday Feb 5th -

Anna went to chapel with me & was
very well pleased for so young a girl -
both morning & afternoon.

Clara got up bathed dressed & sat in
the long chair for several hours but it
tired her body so she felt quite ex-
hausted after it.

There were two men at morning service
from Hui-Lai District City - one is
a patient at the E.P. Hospital I talked
some time with them after service.

My first Sunday at home since New-
Years Day. Monday Feb 6th

Clara has kept quiet all day & seems
quite comfortable but not wholly so -
We have been talking over the probability

of our taking a furlough over here - 87
It is an uncertain kind of life here -
I could not but feel a comforting
sense of assurance as I glanced up after
our talk & my eye rested on a motto
from the 23rd Psalm - "Surely goodness
& mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life & I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever."

Lighting came in to-day. reports a
good day yesterday: a majority of
the bin stayed & did some work to
pay their expenses: at service Sunday
a no. took part to the edification of
the Church members. They want to
come back next month & read. I cannot
go but Dr. Partridge may be able to
give them some time: if so I may be
probably shall decide to "open schools"
for a few weeks more.

W. B. Kelly

Tuesday Feb 7th - 8:8

Anna is evidently getting a British vocabulary: to-day she has been good & happy nearly all the time, had a nice walk with me after 4 P.M. but at dusk she came into the bedroom crying vociferously. I picked her up & laid her down next her mother who asked her - "Did you fall down & hurt yourself?" As soon as she got her voice she said ^(a) "No" - "Then what are you crying for?" ^(a) "I found a plaything up" - "And it came down & hit your head?" ^(a) "Yes" - "What kind of a plaything was it?" ^(a) "A nasty one". Later she avowed it was "a tin one".

I hear from the Chinese that the whole banana crop is spoiled, the leaves of mango & guava trees "dry" from frost.

Wednesday Feb 8th 88

I wrote several letters - to Senators
Frye & Dingley, Speaker Reed, E. F. Lyford,
John Ware & E. C. Goodwin with copies
of the petition asking Mr. C. Chandler
to retain Mr. Seymour as Consul.

This P.M. went to Swanton & attended
the Union Prayer-meeting, sole representa-
tive from our Mission - Mr. Gibson
led spoke about a Conference he
attended which discussed the office of
the Holy Spirit. I had a pleasant
chat with them, the Gibsons, after
meeting.

This evening I finished reading
"The Little Minister". It is a
charming story. I like it better
for having met with the Scotch
people out here.

Clara has been much ^{of}
better to-day took supper &
supper with us & remained up a
large part of the day. Anna
& Joy have been a trifle fretful
the fear A. was threatened with
fever. Both are sleeping now.

Thursday Feb. 9th.

Mail from the Hak-ka friends
to-day. Mr. Campbell is better.
Mr. Ashmun Jr. is back to-day
reports good progress. 125 villages
visited - the people listen well and
admit the truth of what they hear,
but the difficulty of breaking away
from their surroundings hinders them
even when they are really convinced
of the reality of Christian teaching.
We are all quite well. Clara has
been up most of the time to-day

Friday Feb 10th. 90

Our Coolie Hui Thui is married to-day
We gave him a picture, framed, & a cake.
The girl is from a heather home
but may not be a very rank heather
herself. He is inclined to be lazy. I
hope the girl is smart & will have a
good influence on him - The wedding
was at their house in Kak-Chieh not at
the Chapel as the brides mother family
are not wonted to our customs.

I have been at prayer meeting this
Evening. a very good one - thanksgiving
was the subject - it is the last meeting
of the Chinese New Year: all the gods are
supposed to go home to heaven to-day
so that gambling & other evils are in-
dulged in now freely for the next 10 days.
They come back the 4th of their 15th mo.
Hui-hin aptly read a part of Ps. 139 &
referred to this in contrast to the heather.

Preparations are being made for 91
Anna's birthday to-morrow.

Poor Anna, she has a serious time
being taught to say "please" - it is a
hard lesson for her to learn but we
shall conquer in time: she has done well
about staying quietly in the nursery night
& since I stayed up part of a night
to quiet her, she has slept right through
in her own bed. She is an observing
little thing & curious as a magpie, takes
great delight in "watching" people at work.
She is constantly picking up words & ex-
pressions, usually speaks correctly, but occa-
sionally makes a slip. This afternoon
I went out on the lawn with her & fearing
it was too windy for her asked North Brown
if Edith Ashmun was at home - then took
Anna along - After we had gone a few steps
A. asked "What did North Brown said;
did he said Edie have a little cook-
house under the tree?" she hears what is said.

Saturday - Feb. 11th, 92

Mamma had a little doll carriage for Anna that come out from S. F. some time ago - Mrs Partridge gave her a nice doll, & Mrs Urquhart sent a little gift. This P. M. Edith & Frank Ashmore

^{the} Urquhart children were up to tea at 4 o'clock. Clara had a nice birthday cake & some other things ready so as to make a nice table.

The little folks had a good time & afterwards went out to run & play -

Anna had on her pretty white dress Mother sent, which is a beauty & very becoming to the little Miss. She has very kind, loving, generous friends at home to send her so many nice things.

She has about 15 dolls of various kinds now - & she knows them all by name: if one has been put away a month she calls the right name as soon as the doll is produced.

This last one is called Mamie.

Sunday Feb. 12th - 93

Clara did too much yesterday & had a hard night - she is so energetic it is hard for her to keep quiet & she does not realize how much she does.

This morning I was very thankful to find her better & she has been lying on the long chair or sitting up most of the day. Anna went to the two services with me & did fairly well. Jay appeared at S. School with the nurse; after the opening exercises he saw us beamed on us with delight & hailed us - ran up to me & soon they began to romp so much it was prudent to send them out at which he protested loudly. He is a boy - is already in the climbing age - gets up into the little wicker chair, that appears in one of Anna's pictures, holds up both hands to show how tall he is & call out to us to see his accomplishment. I expect he is preparing

for a lot of bumps - but he is 94
very good about not crying when he
falls down -

We have been cheered by mail per
"Pio" to-day - good letters from Father,
Mother & Fanny, which we enjoyed much
also letter from Dr. Duncan. He is
a good correspondent in replying to
letters -

I called at Dr. A.'s a few
moments after S. Sch. to ask about the
prospect for an evening meeting there
if he had any special news - he loaned
me the Advocate - also read me a letter
from G. N. Thomssen of Kurovoul
who does not take a rose-colored view
of things in the Telegu field -

I am much interested in Curtis's
letter describing their arrival
on the field - hope they will have
"50 years" of happy useful life
among that people -

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