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June 26th 1893 -

Came up from the Island at noon very hot - found they expect me to take charge of the week's exercises which I professed not to do - but yielded & got ready for the first part -

Miss Campbell & Miss Ostrom are here - Miss C. will go to the Island to visit Clara so I went down with them & the two ladies here, arranged for staying at home a week & came back - had a fine sail to & fro. Anna is not well at all. All the rest are in good spirits -

Ling Hing is back with deed all stamped house secured.

Tuesday June 27th - 2

Hot weather - I led a prayer-meeting at 7:30 a.m. took a part of the 5th of Matthew -

Long Henry preached at 4 P.M. It has been a busy day planning for the services thereof the week of Mr. Sprague here to give a Missionary address to-morrow morning. Besides various sundry matters financial & otherwise. Clara wrote this a.m. that Anna was not feeling very well she is enjoying Miss C's visit & hopes to be up on Saturday -

I slipped & hurt my hand in trying to catch myself & it proved to be quite painful - Swelled not a little

Wednesday June 28th - 3-

Mail to-day few Oceanic -
always glad to get mail but do
not like such news from home
as this of Father's illness shall
look eagerly for letters by next
steamers - I had a line from
John Downing & a welcome letter
from Boston with news of various
specifics for our work, also a
card from L. A. Gould.

We had a Symposium
on the subject of Baptism -
shall continue to-morrow -

I was very busy till 2-30 P.M.

My hand swelled up so much
now it was so painful I kept
still the rest of the P.M., Dr. Thomas
called at sundown.

This noon I had a letter from Clara

with welcome news that 41
Anna is better.

This evening a chuan has
been here talking over his sermon
on Rom. 8:30. I suggested that
he take another passage of
Scripture for each division -
predestinated - Rom. IX:15.

Called - II Tim. I:9

justified - Rom. III:23-6.

glorified { Rom. VIII:17-18

John III:21 & John XII:22,

My hand is better tho I can
not use the thumb. It
has been rheumatic this P. M.

Thursday June 29th.

Hand very much better.
We had a good preaching
service this morning & the
10 A.M. Symposium on Bathing

extended over an hour & 15
three quarters.

The boys passed an excellent
Examination at 2 P.M. Mrs. At-
man has done good work in
giving them music lessons.

Lang Kiam, our former "boy," played
the organ for singing the first piece.

The space between services has
been filled with conferences of vari-
ous kinds.

Friday June 30th

Find this evening. My native
helpers came in at 8 - with
and we had a pleasant con-
ference on the next 2 quarters
work: they will go to the chap-
els that use the Sant-
Patrol work is needed.
Then were several interruptions
during the time & at 10 o'clock

Came the reports from all 6
the helpers - we heard from one
a score but it took an hour & a
half - At the close we had a
letter from the Kit Si faction
which did not prove to be a
very powerful production -
And no one of the Chinese
could muster up courage to
speak on the subject so I
closed the meeting. So we were
going one man found his
tongue and asked us today;
we waited a few moments and
left them to talk it over
themselves - I hear the Chinese
are themselves are talking of a
renewing answer -

The girls passed a good exam-
ination this P.M. & the prayer-
meeting was well sustained.

Saturday July 1st -

7-

At the Island again - Clara
Came up to Kak Chih this fore-
noon: was 2 hours + over on the
way so missed the greater part
of the Women's prayer-meeting
she had been asked to lead.

I had several callers after early
service - was very glad to hear
that the Khon Khai brethren are
proposing to help establishing a
place for prayer at a village on
the Sankhu border - They report the
conversion of a fortune-teller, a
well-known man at Liang-Hu
a large market where hundreds
congregate every third day - He
is well known all about in
that region - They hope he will prove
a good witness to the truth. They

purpose helping him a little ^{each} &
^{month} so that he can quit his fortune-
telling & take out a living by selling
sweetmeats &c.

I tried to give the forenoon to
making up my books, but so many
came in to see me that I did
but a little -

This afternoon we had a
meeting over 2 hours long -

It has been customary for
one man regularly to preside, but
another was put in to-day.
He could not do anything at
all at it & finally Dr. A proposed
that I be elected to help -

I had a difficult & delicate
task to engineer the matter of
a reply to the letter from the
Kit-Sia faction & also a bad
family trouble between husband &
wife which came up - Finally,
a letter was approved that is

a sharp rebuke to the mal-l
contents. The woman in the
other case was dismissed.

I went to the Island with Clara
at 5 o'clock.

Sunday July 2 11 P.M.

To-day I stayed with the babies
& enjoyed the day tho' Anna is by
no means well & Jay had a little
fractiousness at times - Taking all in
all for a hot day in this latitude
they were very good. The baby is
a very quiet little thing, is growing
nicely & is a wonderfully good
baby; Clara & Miss Campbell
came up to the A.M. service
baptism & Communion - They en-
joyed it & returned quickly so that
I could get back before 7.
I have been busy ever since,

I was Colporters came to get 10
books I was ^{not} to get some money,
another to borrow a mosquito net;
another to counsel about a brother's
Case against an adopted-son-in-
law; besides which I attended a
meeting at the preacher's house;
was asked to speak and told
them Anna had asked me to
tell her "about David" This A.M.
I told her about his killing Go-
liath. The story impressed itself on
me anew. David killed the
giant with the smooth stone out
of the brook, going in the strength
of the living God - he then took
the fallen champion's own sword
to cut off his head -
So we are to go forth with the
our offering nation God has given
(over)

us, relying on his word -
When men are convinced
by it, they will use the
wealth & knowledge that is
now the aid of Satan to de-
feather & hasten the triumph of
Jesus his conqueror.

July 3rd 6-40 A.M. -

Have had calls & found
am. dressed - am expecting a
busy day.

us, relying on His might - 11

But when this weapon has taken effect the resources of Deism will be themselves "means of Grace"

The matth knowledge & ability of men who now oppose the Gospel when those men are touched & renewed in heart by the simple Gospel will be added resources to draw upon in the routing of Satan & the Establishment of God's Kingdom =

9.30 P.M. Monday July 3rd.

Dr. Ashmore has just been in to talk over Mission matters, which, so far as we can see, have taken a favourable turn.

I had a long sitting with Ling & settled up all the acc'ts for the numerous trips to Kowloon & the home purchase. He has labored well & prudently in the case. Dr. Corbin & family are back from the Island! he is coming in

to-morrow to finish up this home ¹²
ap - I have done some writing to-
day, but have not felt well - am
tired I think - Had I rejoice to
say is very much better -

Tuesday July 4th -

After I went to bed Monday eve. I
had severe pains & cramps which
grew worse so I feared a repeti-
tion of the attack of 5 yrs. ago.

I could not get to sleep - finally
tried to raise the cook but he
was not raise-able: Happily for
me his family are staying at the
house and his wife heard me: she
took a note of Dr. Scott who sent me
some medicine & directions to use hot
applications which gave relief -

I felt very weak when I woke
Kept in bed all day - Had several
al callers & made out a no. of drafts etc.

Everybody was very kind - Mrs. P. 13
sent me a pudding which, with milk,
was all I eat during the day.

Wednesday July 5th -

Able to be up - Home mail per "City of
New York" - very glad to get letters
from home & to learn that Father was
taking things so quietly - hope for
better reports next time -

I was almost mortified by receiving
a line from the Examiner to the effect
that they had printed my article and
would send me the paper till July
94 - The Examiner! They never
have been accustomed to send
even a single copy to a Contributor
before - The article, too, I had sup-
posed in the E. N. basket long ago -
It was written to be printed in the first
part of the year long before the expectation

opened: it was a very extreme ¹⁴
view, too, that the paper advocated
& I did not suppose any of our
newspapers would print it. They
should have changed the last paragraphs,
but it cannot be altered now.

In the P.M. I settled up all the
accounts of the Ng King house with Dr. Corbin,
took supper with the Ashmun family
family & attended prayer-meeting in the
evening. Thursday July 6th

Very busy till late at night,
finished up my quarterly report & re-
port & got matters in shape for
leaving; was successful in getting
my trial balance of ledger to cor-
respond with day book at first
trial, which was a great relief,
the amount passing through my hands each
quarter is a goodly sum.

Friday - July 7th -

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Mr. Campbell appeared early & took breakfast with me. I finished up my affairs at the house, called on Dr. A. at his request to hear the reading of an important letter or two he is sending home - We reached the Island before noon - I was glad to find all rather better than when I left.

Mr. & Miss C. returned to Kuk-Chih.

Saturday - July 8th -

I wrote to Dr. Duncanson - Mr. Gibson called before noon and asked me to preach Sunday - I did not feel much like it but bravely consented to take

the service.

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Sunday. July 7th -

I used most of the day preparing for the P.M. I am feeling rather out of condition & am obliged to be careful how I work steadily.

The weather is hot in the early part of the day - but cooler at night. We had a small congregation - only the youngest of the Focken girls beside the missionaries. Most of the Swatow Community were down & had lunch on the beach at service time; they returned at sundown.

The Community now are quite separate from the missionaries & are not a religiously inclined set at all, so far as my observation goes.

Monday July 10th. 17

North Brown came to the Island this A.M. & will remain a few days - he visits Dr. Scott at the Sanitarium.

We rec'd some cloth from Japan to-day which John Deering bought for me.

Mr. Campbell & his sister leave for Macao to-day. They will live with Dr. & Mrs. Graves for a time. Mr. C. seems permanently better.

We are about the same - Anna improves slowly - Jay has a trifling cold to-day but not much. I am feeling better & Clara is quite well - We hope for home mail to-morrow -

Dear Father;

Kak Chick

Sat. July 15-93

We were much re-

lieved to hear with last mail that you were improving & able to write again. We do pray & trust you will be well & able to be about again.

I came up to K.C. with Miss Dummidie & Miss Cathers to see to several things about the house & wanting to see Chis for she is just about at the point of death. I shall miss her so much, but she is so glad & ready to go Home, a beautiful witness of what Christ will be to a soul when death is near.

We also want to call on the Whitmans they came down from Kafir two days ago.

We are having hot weather it is much closer here than at the Isb.

We have been much worried about Anna for the last 4 wks, but she is improving slowly how-

you & Mother must forgive me for writing so little & so seldom, will try to get a letter off before we leave the Is. - just my love to all & will with the 3 babies - Lovingly Clara.

Tuesday July 11th - 18

I am doing some letter-writing day by day, am yet feeling some indisposition from last week's illness, but am improving - Anna does not get well yet, is better at times but does not get over the bowel trouble -

Wednesday July 11th -

A day of expectancy, hoping our mail would be down by evening, but it did not come.

I am beginning to use Dowd's "Exercise" every day & find it helpful: there is a marvellous variety to the exercises possible in its use - and they seem to include all the principal muscles of the whole body -

Thursday - July 13th - 19

Mail this a.m. glad indeed to
get a letter with Father's hand-
writing on the envelope and a
sheet from him enclosed with
Mother's good full account
of the week's happenings -

Very sad about George Philbrook's
death. I trust Jesus may find
in the sad event a reason for
taking life in earnest & making
the most of his opportunities.

I had no other letters. The pa-
pers are full of interesting
news about the Anniversary
& the Sabbath breaking Exposition -
of human depravity.

My teacher came down to-
day & is escaped in the basement
I did a little work with him

this P.M. & hope to put 20
in several hours daily.

Miss Aström spent the day
with us: she is a pleasant
unaffected girl & seemingly an
earnest Christian -

We had a call from one of
the Cadets, Gompertz by name
a young Englishman, he goes to
Singapore for Examinations in
the Autumn. He seems a
bright intelligent man -

Friday July 14th -

Anna remarked at table - "Next
Friday Papa going to have a birth-
day" - a fact that had almost slip-
ped my mind - It is but close -
We have an invitation to visit the light-
house with the Scott's household - Clara will
go - I will stay to look after the household.

Saturday July-15th

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Clara went to Kak-Chieh with Miss Dunwidde, Miss Ostroin & North Brown. They saw the Whitmans who have just come down from Kia-Eng looking well.

Poor Chin-Po is dying. Clara saw her but she could not speak.

I remained here and looked after the household - The tubers were very good.

In the evening as well as the forenoon I spent some time with my teacher.

Sunday July 16th - 22

This morning Clara & I
went to Tang-lü. Had a pleas-
ant service morning & afternoon.
We took the organ & sang
a goodly no. of hymns.

Anna was invited to visit
the ladies & they say she
was a good girl - but
after she got back home
she & all of them were unusu-
ally obstreperous - Two young
men Roberts (U. S.) & a German,
named did not catch, called
& stayed until after supper.
The latter was with Dr.
Peters on his Expedition in form

the West Coast of Africa. 23
He was at the banquet when
Erwin fell out of the window
after the convivialities.

Monday July 17th

Heavy rollers on the beach to-night.
a typhoon outside Formosa they
say - no trust it will remain there.
I passed several hours with
my teacher to-day - began reading
one of the Chinese school-books.
The "Four Books" of Confucius.
There are some good ideas in
what I have read but the logic is
doubtful. - The E.P. Mission house
changes occupants to-day: the Patrons
Mr. Steele, Dr. Conslund & his new
American wife are here now -

Tuesday July 18th -

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We called at the E. P. Sanitari-
um - met all the folks from
our own Sanitarium too; had
a pleasant call - looked over a
lot of Dr. C.'s photographs, many
of them Excellent views of Chi-
nese life - Mrs. C. is viva-
cious & agreeable - Her father
is Editor of the Methodist paper
at Portland Oregon - name, Har-
rington -

We went to the shore &
watched the breakers which
came booming in - The typhoon
is still in the distance - tho'
not still in the distance for
these waves evince its activity.

The water was so dirty I ²⁵
did not go in: several did &
floundered about manfully.

Anna is really better the
past few days: we feel quite
encouraged. The baby is grow-
ing steadily & is a wonderfully good
child. Jay rushed into a
wave last evening in his
Cagueness for "a-ba". The
"boy" was on hand to snatch
him or he would have been
knocked about badly if not
carried out to the next wave.
He is very fond of his bath-
To night he was delighted
with watching the makers but
wanted to go in with the others this eve.

Wednesday July 19th.

26

Mail again - with letter from Father, which shows he had been gaining, also that he must needs be careful.

I had letters from Mr. Coleman & fr. E. A. Davis. Davis says if their last girl had been a boy they intended naming him "Foster".

As the boat was here I set out at once for Dang-lin with my teacher & had a good visit there - we held a little prayer meeting & made it a memorial of Chin-Po' (Masuru) who died Tuesday at 6 A.M. or a little later.

I visited a sick brother and

Called to labor with a ²⁷
man, formerly a Deacon, after
wards expelled, whose son had
been cutting down bamboos,
which belonged to the chapel.

The blind boy was in the
chapel & suffering from a sore
thumb - the right one. I remem-
ber that I hurt 3 weeks a-
go - I helped to treat it with
hot applications & he seemed
to get relief - I hope we may
do something for him yet.

He remembers the hymn
Miss Scott taught him
last year - "Heaven is my home"
or a part of it.

Thursday July 20th - 28

I worked with teacher morning & afternoon. I am much interested in the book of Confucius we are reading & find it profitable to discuss it in comparison with Christ's words.

My teacher shows a little disposition to "apologize for" Confucius. but is not strenuous about it. He seems to have quite broken with heathenism.

Mr. Steele asked me to preach on Sunday - Mr & Mrs. Paton called toward evening - Dr. & Mrs. Consland were in & we enjoyed

their call: her father is 29-
editor of the Methodist paper
in Portland Oregon - She knew
Robert Whitaker (the one who
visited us with Packard in
1886) at Salem Oregon: she then
sister miss there at school &
boarded with Mr. & his wife.
of whom their work she speaks
highly. We had a good prayer-
meeting at our Sanitarium led
by Mr. Steele. Subj. God our shield
Gen. XV: 1 - & other passages as
references. Friday - July 21st 1893

1857-

The forenoon I gave to prepara-
tory work on my sermon, sitting

my teacher at work
learning Romanized.

30-

In the afternoon I began study,
but was urged to join a party
to visit the light house on
Sugar-loaf - we had a rather
pleasant trip - The ladies
from the Sanitarium & North
Brown were in to help eat the
birthday cake - They sent
me a poem an acrostic in
my honor - to the "Birthday Cake"
June "Happy - Land" - Dr. Scott
composed the whole chorus, but
the 2 verses were written in
turn each one a line. I
felt highly honored. In the

Evening we were asked up 31
to the Sanatorium to meet the E.P.
folks - had a most enjoyable
evening closed with music.
An especially pleasant birth-
day - Anna highly enjoyed
the birthday festivities -

Saturday July 22nd

Anna is growing effusive
in her admiration of the baby.

"Oh! you little sweetness!" is
her favorite expression - She
came into bed with her mother
the baby said - "O, isn't she sweet
mama?" & after a moment's
waiting "She's just like me."

She has been told the baby looks ³²
like her. Jay is not adding
English words to his vocabulary
very fast, but talks more Chi-
nese & understands a deal of both.

He likes my "exercises" & pulls
away at it with the weights
taken out, gets considerable ex-
ercise for his little arms.

I did not mention my "birthday"
presents. Clara had thought
fully sent to Hong Kong by Miss
Campbell & bought me some
nice, thin black stockings, &
a thermometer - which remem-
brances were very pleasant to
have.

One pleasant item of the day
before was the arrival of Shailer's
excellent class report, which we have
all enjoyed -

I planned for my teacher to
go to Pang-Oi Sunday & spent
considerable time in going over his
tests - I devoted further time to
my own sermon on Matthew 5:15.

We were kept in by rain all day.
The rain is a precious boon
just now. greatly needed.

We are thankful to have escaped two
typhoons that were skirting up
the coast.

I was sorry to see
notice of the death of Capt Samuel
Ashton who was Capt of the "Haitan"
when I came up to Swanton in 1868.

He was a popular skipper + ³⁴
long senior Capt. of the Douglas S.S. Co,
ought to have survived many yrs.
but the bottle proved more danger-
ous than the whole ocean. He
had been quite a wreck for a year
and more. Very sad the wrecked
lives out here.

Sunday July 23rd

Still rainy. In the forenoon we
had a little service in Chinese
& I gave what time I could to fin-
ishing my sermon. The rain con-
tinued till late in the P.M. & we
had no one but the missionaries
in: they were a most appreciative
Audience. The sermon was for
them - The Law of Blessing -

The Beatitudes were taken up in their connection as the beginning of the Constitution of the Kingdom. The first "Poor in Spirit" was especially dwelt upon - men must come for spiritual blessing as the multitudes came for physical healing - $\pi\tau\tau\omega\chi\omicron\iota$ needy, knowing & acknowledging their need. The conditions of blessing

are especially important but that we may attain to the position or condition Paul enjoyed enabling him to say, ^{Rom 8:1} "I am sure that I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." Could we have this assurance we should be certain of effecting good wherever we go. They gave me most helpful attention & seemed to interest, one or two spoke kindly of being interested -

Monday, July 24th.

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I went to Kaku Chieh with the Com-
frader at 10-30 & did not reach
there till a little after 1-P. M.

This shortened my stay, but I man-
aged to get nearly all my business
attended to, see Dr. Luying & the Whit-
mand & get back by 6-15 P. M.

Mr. Ashmun Jr. & wife have not been
well; their cook is in bed & their
"boy" has chills - Dr. U. S. Cooley
died at his home a few days since.
There is much sickness among
the Chinese. I was happily
surprised in getting Mother's letter
of June 16th with enclosure to
Anna, which had been missent
to Shanghai - I read on the way
up in Sarah Smiley's "Garden Earth's"
beautiful chain of fables.

Tuesday July 25th 37

A cool pleasant day -
We have been enjoying cool-
ness in the form of watermelons
of late: The Tang-ai people raise
a very good melon with inside
a cream color: to-day we had one
from home seed Dr. Partridge
brought out - it was not large
but was crisp & sweet - They cost
9 cents each.

This forenoon we went
with the children up to a little
building on the hill above our house:
on the way we found a woman
worshipping: she had a bowl full
another of cooked vegetables - several
small cups of tea - a paper mug
of a man & some bundles of paper.

money or a bundle of incense 38
sticks. She was kneeling on the
ground & seemed really devout. She
was praying for the recovery of
her son. I talked with her
some time & Clara afterward

had a conversation with her. She
felt quite hopeful that the woman
got hold of some truths & would
remember at least a sentence
or two. Clara got her to repeat sever-
al times "Jesus (the) Savior (of the)

World - Lord" - (Ya-Sou Kiu-Si-Chiu)

Wednesday July 26th

Mr. Steele has been taking tea
& spending the evening with us.
He is very social & makes him-
self agreeable - Mr. Sang, talked
& played a game of Habma. The
first time I have witnessed is that

pastime for many months. 39

To-day I worked with my teacher reading the hymnbook and making out a Church record book.

Dr. Scott's household went to Kak-Chieh to-day & Mr. W. Ashmun Jr. came down - our cook came with them as theirs is ill & the man they wanted could not come because his son-in-law is dying of Consumption - a great deal of sickness everywhere. Thursday July 29th -

Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Hanley made us a pleasant call in the forenoon.

In the evening we had prayer meeting at the Sanitarium. Rev. H. L. Mackenzie & Dr. McPherson of the E. P. Mission are down.

Friday July 28th -

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a great surprise, in the shape of our mail per S. S. "China", came in the forenoon. I was glad to get Father's letter, sorry it could not have been a day or two later to get the decision of the trustees - that the next mail should surely bring - We are very glad he was so well & mother also - at Commencement time - surprised to know that Kingman was at Waterville.

We sent up an instalment of our goods & arranged for the boat to come down Sunday.

Saturday July 29th -

Messengers came up from Tang Chai with word that the sick brother A Bai whom I visited 10 days since had passed away - a happy release -

There seemed no hope of his recovery ⁴¹¹
His sufferings would inevitably
increase - They brought us word on
Friday that at 9 A.M. my teacher went
down but first tho't of going but
decided not to do so. There is al-
ways so much talk among the
heathen about cutting out hearts &
digging out eyes if a foreigner is a-
bout when a Christian dies that
the advantage of our attending funerals
is doubtful =

I spent much of the day framing
& writing a letter to Mr. Motu -

Mr. called on the Ashmores in the
evening - They are working on a
new plan for teaching music,
Portuguese tunes, to the Chinese who
make frightful work with sharps & flats -

Sunday July 30th

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This morning Mr. A. Jr. & I set out for Pang-ai with a favoring wind, had a good sail down & a hot walk across to the Chapel - The service was a very good one - The resident Bro. read from Col. III - Mr. A. Jr. gave an excellent Exposition of I Peter II 1-~~13~~ I spoke on Gen. XV: 1 - Protection & Reward - (Chinese Pó-Lü & Pó-Siò, two easily remembered terms)

They were glad to see us & were sorry to learn before the P. M. service, but the tide was turning again & we must needs wait on that as it never waits for us.

The wind shifted so that it was "obedient" for us again for our return.

I found all quite well here: Cleo & the babies were watching from the verandah - Anna Jay came running up to me as I came in & the baby had just waked up to be quiet: she is getting on finely this hot season.

We attended service at 5 P.M. Mr. Steele preached on Samuel & the anointing of Saul & David - said some good things but the sermon was too scattered to be effective. We had a pleasant walk after service - This is our last evening in this house we presume. The boat is here - we hope to start early.

Monday July 31st -

44

Back in our comfortable home again & thankful indeed to have had so favorable a day for moving - quite hot to be sure, but a quiet sea & light cooling breeze. We had sent so many things before that we were able to get all the rest down to the boat by 9.30 A.M. & were at home by 11.30 -

We have everything in order save the unpacking of our box which contains nothing needed at once.

The house has been well cleaned & the matting turned so all is fresh & comfortable - Anna is delighted to get back. has been trying to come for some time.

Tuesday Aug. 1st 45-

All our settling finished I
have put in quite a full day
at posting my accounts and
working with my teacher.

We set out at 5 P.M. to call
on the others but found only Dr &
Mrs. A. at home - Dr. A. is having
trouble with his eyes again.

all others are well.

Wednesday Aug 2nd

Back from prayer-meeting
at Dr Partridge's - I have felt
very sad to-day over the par-
ticulars of Geo. Philbrook's last
days in Mother's letter of June
19th - which with papers &c came

Via Tacoma -

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all quite well - weather
rainy & cooler -

via Pocomo runs later ⁴⁶
than the China's mail.

I have not been able to keep
the poor fellow's post out of
my mind all day. What a
terrible waste!

I have worked with my teacher
as usual - We called on the Whit-
mans this P.M. They are look-
ing in fine health - We met the
new English Consul Mr. Scott
there - he is a pleasant man.

Thursday Aug. 3rd -

My teacher & I are working on a little
tract "Way to worship God" - a title
the Chinese like. A small tract of
this name is published in Canton

and we have sold a great many. ⁴⁷
but the blocks are so old that the
print is bad & the matter we do
not like, it is not an orderly presen-
tation of truth at all. One of the Colpa-
ters also proposed a small collection
of hymns in 7s (a Chinese common me-
tre) that could be sold for a few cash.

I think this could be prepared as a
Companion to the other "Songs to Wor-
ship God", a change of but our char-
acter in the title.

I took Anna & went to the Island
this P. M. with Worth Brown who on
returning, had a pleasant trip & a chance
to talk over the above with Mr. A. J.
The Dr. says I must stop about
out of doors now & get more red
blood - We are having heavy
showers that cool the air & are
of mixed benefit.

Friday - Aug. 4th

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We were invited to supper with the Whitmans & enjoyed the visit with them much. They have a most interesting collection of views & groups taken at Newton Center -

I have my Church record almost finished. The rain continues -

Saturday - Aug 5th -

Heavy rainfall at different times today. Our new cistern is quite full.

I have read to-day ex-Gov. Robinson's plea & agree with Mr. Storr that it is well worth consideration by members. The Journal's comment on his being in touch with the jury is easily understood. He showed great skill in his apparent effort to impress the

minds of the jury with the de- 49
termination of the officers to convict
his client - if not on our theory, on
a new one, there always brings a new
one available. The Partridge's heard
that men were bent on doing this because
of her work against the Saloons.

It is significant (at this distance)
that all the chief witnesses against her
were Dolans, Mullalies, Reagans or
other Irish - of course Catholics. It
would be interesting to know the
truth -

I sent off some mail to-day -

Sunday Aug 6th -

Our first Sunday here for weeks -
We had a good sermon on the true
bread from heaven by Stua hin &
an interesting Sunday School-lesson
the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

We took a walk afterward ⁵⁰—

Miss Scott came in afterward
her mother & Miss D. came on—
then the Whitmans joined us.
Anna & Jay both gave us quite
an amount of care & carrying. I
got no little exercise. Jay is very
solid tho' light armful. He needs
constant watching— "Papa! more
lower!" he will shout & be off after
some sort of blossom— "Papa-tick!"
He gets a stick to strike or dig with
or to throw as far as he can run
after— "Up-a-dere" & "ai" loh (want
(to get) down) follow in such quick suc-
cession that one needs to be at his
heels to see that he gets no falls—
He did very well— fell & cried a little once
& while Miss Scott was amusing him
tumped his head against hers "so
hard he raised a blister"— or at any rate

a cry - but she soon diverted 51
his attention - She baby is "a little
Sweetness" acc. to Miss Anna, &
we quite agree with her: she is
strong & lively. rolls herself about & wants
to sit up all the time - protests against
being left on her back -

Anna says "I want Grampa & Gram-
ma to come to-morrow"

Monday Aug. 4th -

Clearer to-day - My teacher is using
his spare time in writing drafts of
the little tract we are working upon.
He takes my criticisms & sugges-
tions well & immediately sets out
to re-write the portion criticized -
I fear he is making it too
classical in style but that can be
changed later.

9-30 P.M. - We held a Union
 prayer-meeting with the E.P.
 Mission remembering the re-
 quest for prayer issued by
 the Shanghai Missy Ass'n
 asking that to-day be set a-
 side as a day of fasting &
 prayer on account of the
 Sung-pu massacre & the bad
 faith shown by the Chinese
 officials. The Chinese held a
 small prayer-meeting remembering
 the same. I went down & told
 them the particulars of the
 affair. One good thing is that
 the neighbors of the missionaries
 were friendly & did nothing to dis-
 pose their living there.

Tuesday Aug. 8th

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Mail per "Belgie", with post-
Commencement letters very wel-
come - We greet the Professor
Emeritus - hope the merited Emeritus
may prove as happy & useful as
the previous active professorship
has been - We feel like urging
still more our claim for a visit -
Aron is writing a letter home in
which she is pressing the invita-
tion - We planned how we can
fit up a comfortable room - in the
least windy corner of the house -

I had letters from Mr. Coleman
& one from Dr. Dean! - he had
seen a notice of my visiting
the Hong Kong Church & wrote in
regard to its history.

I was very glad of the mail &

rejoice at the sermon by 54
the present President. Parkley's
too, sounds like the original gospel.
The Commencement must have been
a memorable one.

Wednesday Aug 9th -

Mr. A. Jr. was in a little
while & went over the tract in an
writing & I went with my teacher
to let Dr. Ashmun & Dr. Partridge
hear it: they approve & think
it may be a good thing -
Dr. A. is kept indoors by his eyes.

We called on the Whitmans this
evening at 6 o'clock took Anna
& Jay: the little man got very
tired & I carried him nearly all
the way home. I think he will
be a base ball player. Every
thing he can throw is "a-ba" (baw)
He delights in throwing it.

He likes to run, too, though I
not very sure footed yet.

Anna's dolls consume considerable
of her time: both are fond of pic-
ture books - often too fond of the same
one at the same time -

Baby is getting very lively & moves about
quite a little - she is a good baby.

Clara is quite well now but has
suffered more or less from tooth-ache
the past weeks - she has so much
care of the children & sewing to do
she does not get the time, for
writing & for reading she would like.

A party went to the Island to-day.
They report a heavy undertow - Dr.

Carlin's strength gone out & Mr. Mac-
Lean who went to help him gone
out - Dr. C. was under water
half a minute & was black in the
face - both men reported all right -
Miss Stone came up his to know what till she
returns.

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Aug. 10th - Thursday -

We visited the steel ship "William
and Law" from Yarmouth N.S.
this P.M. found the Captain
hospitable. It is a fine vessel -
carries 174,000 cases of Kero-
sene, of which 22,000 are landed
here. 17,000 go to Pan-Sui in
Formosa & the bal. to Amoy!
There is no boycott on American
oil yet -

We are much saddened by the
news of the terrible fire at the
Exposition - an awful scene it
must have been -

My teacher has been reading me
a poem addressed to him by a
former friend, which poetically
brates him for adopting the four-fifths

Friday - Aug. 11th - 57 -

We had company at supper. Dr. & Mrs. Consland. Mr. & Mrs. Whitman - a very pleasant company -

My teacher consulted me this morning about a possible ^{affi-}ance - ial (such as also financial) plan to-day - they are negotiating for marrying a young widow to him: her mother is a relative of a man whose wife is a church member & is pleased with "the doctrine": tho' not an avowed believer - I advised him to be very careful & remember the outlandish women that caused Solomon to sin, & to say about

the woman's attitude before 58
he took final steps -

Saturday - Aug 12 -

Very oppressive heat - My teacher
came in the a.m. & so far further out
cursed the tract & I helped him
with a sermon - I have finished
a letter to E. A. Davis -

Clara & the babies sat for a
picture this morning - no small
task to get the children all quiet.

News to-day of the death of
Mrs. Gates & that of Miss Ambrose.
Sad they both seem, but for
Mrs. Gates it seems appropriate
that she should rest on Mission
soil for so much of her life had
been given to to Mission work.
It will be a glad reunion for her, too.

Sunday Aug. 13th -

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Still hot - services as usual to-day,
but very small audiences.

There is a British man of war in
port the "Daphne" - usually they go
north in the hot season, but the
trouble in Siam caused the whole
fleet hereabouts to be ordered to
Hong Kong.

Anna said at table - "I do not
think Grampa & Gramma will
come; if you write them a note
I do not believe they will come" -
"When I am 5 yrs old I want
to go to Chai-ke (home of aunts -
town) & I shall say to Gramma & Gram-pa
'Why did (not) you come out to see
us?'" - Jay is very fond of Anna's
miner hen "A-mam book" & he goes about
calling for "A-mam, A-mam" -

Monday Aug - 14 - 60

The pictures came this A.M.

One of Jay shows him smiling - almost "over-acted substantial smile" - One of the group is quite good tho it was after they had been sitting some time & the expressions except

Jays are not the best. Clara hopes to send some home to-morrow so as to catch the "Belgic"

It is very hot to-day. We are studying or writing - I have been working further on the little tract -

Wednesday we plan going to the Island -

all are quite well -

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Recd July 18
6 A.M. -

Tuesday Aug. 15th -

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The Ahnoms are back from the Island to-day. We sent Irona-part of our baggage this a. m.

Two of my helpers Lung Hung & Hak-Lung came in to-day & report some progress in the Stations of Khen-Khai & Ke^u-Khai. Lung Hung finds his father just recovering from a hard illness & his wife unwell so he is a little depressed, but fears it well - must stay here a few weeks.

They have been doing a great deal of village preaching & report a good hearing -

(overlooked)

Wednesday Aug. 16th - 62

This morning we set out for the Island at 8-30 - after a very busy beginning of the day - we had a delightfully cool breeze & quick passage but a heavy shower fell as we reached the landing so we sat in the boat about 25 minutes - but did not get wet nor did our goods - all was unpacked & arranged by noon & I left at 1-0'clock -

Found the "Perris" mail here - good letters from father & mother, also from Drs. Duncan, Polman and Witter - the latter telling of people who wish to support native preachers. there is evidently a growing interest among young people.

We had a good prayer - 63
meeting this evening led by Dr.
Partridge. Thursday - Aug. 17th -

I kept very busy at home all
day running - only went out a
little while to call on the
Young Gerson, Mr. Milchling,
who was at the Island last month -
He has been ill of dysentery &
is at the Hospital. He seems
quite a decent fellow & to have
some religious convictions - I am
sent him some books - a
man Bible & our Missionary
Report he said he would like
& asked if he would like the
Biography of Judson, which he
said he would like to read so he
will have some solid reading.

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Friday Aug. 18/93 - ⁶⁴

This a.m. I started at 8-40
after a busy morning, with Mr.
Whitman, called at the Island,
found all well, looking better
than when they left on Wednesday:
at 10-m set sail for this
space reached here at about
11-30 - a very hot walk across
from the shore.

I enjoyed Mr. W.'s company
greatly till 2 P.M. when he went
back - a small boy son of a
Church member who is ill, went
with him to get remedies for
his father. I have visited
several sick folks -
we had worship this evening
read Col. IV -
They asked me after service

about the Siamese trouble & 65
spoke about the report that
the Siamese had some miraculous
power of making the Frachgins
of none effect, also of a story they
have of the Buddhists having
power to take an ox-hide, &
by praying make it shrink to
the size of a bill which they
throw on the top of a man's
house where it dances a-
bout till his attention is
called the asks what it
is — as soon as his mouth
is open it pops in, goes down
his throat & in the Congenial
width within swells to its origi-
nal size to the extreme incon-
venience of the individual & in due
time this demise —

Orgs & other articles can also
also be condensed for a similar
Borgian purpose -

What a fund of humor Satan
has - Saturday, Aug. 19th 1902

My teacher says it is common
for mediums to give an answer
that a grandfather or grandmother
is working ill to the younger mem-
bers of the family & should be shut
up - Doubtless many are really starved
to death by reason of such wicked
diabolical advice - When his wife
died his Aunt (one is now a Re-
born) went to inquire of the medium
who said his father was injuring
the descendants - 3 lives were want-
ed - of course abundant offerings at

the shrine might avert calamity
 & they went to him about it, but
 he had already heard something of the
 truth & would not pay any attention
 to it. God has done a little
 something for the sick people
 & my teacher was in for a time -
 I felt quite good for nothing
 most of the afternoon.

This evening we had a prayer-
 meeting & afterward I talked with
 a man who is not a believer
 for some time also had some
 other conversation.

Sunday - Aug 20th

Prayer-meeting, a very good one
 immediately after breakfast - then I
 spent some time with my teacher

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going over again what I wished
to say at the 10 o'clock service.

Nguyen Thanh, the local preach-
er, read from Genesis XVIII & XXII.

My teacher spoke on filial con-
duct from Eph. VI: 1-3 -
he brought in a deal of Chinese
wisdom but spoke well -
I spoke on the 4th vs. had
that Prov. XXII: 6 written on
the black board (cloth) & had
the congregation repent them
as I drew near the close of
my sermon. They were inter-
ested & I hope some impression
was made. I urged the duty
of bringing their children to the
chapel nearly leading them to

the Savior. I mentioned by
the fact that 17 or 18 had
died of the former members
of this church & asked where
their children are ^{from} ~~any~~ were
here & our bro. said "No"
& there was a general cha-
rus of responses - not quite
dignified enough for a preach-
ing service at home, but effective
her.

The Sunday School was
quite good the last part of both

XI & XII: 11-12. At noon
wrote a note to Dr. Scott, in

reply to one about some med-
icine & the sick folks here,
& several came in to see the
type-writer among them, a
young man introduced as the

richest man in town: he came
in to the service with two oth-
ers & they with a larger crowd
came to see me write a letter
had begun to Clara -

A bro. goes to Levaton a little
after midnight & he can send
my letter by the Compadron's
boat so Clara ought to get it
by 10 AM.

I noted & wrote a little more
besides consulting about sending
the blind boy to the hospital.
His mother & bro. will furnish
his food & the church here
will make a little present to-
wards his care.

We had a very good meeting
this evening. Some of the br'n
said they would like to come in

at 11 o'clock every forenoon ⁷¹
& be taught in the Scriptures
for an hour: they come in from
the fields then & do not go out
till afternoon. It is clear that
they are so much interested in learn-
ing the word.

Monday Aug 21st -

A medium next door has
been treating the table in front
of her & talking in a sort of
infernal rhythm what the
spirit is supposed to tell her -
she is lived by a family where
some one is sick - This is
called "ascending" high" (to get
the message from the spirit - really
it seems descending to the depths -
I had a most interesting hour with
a class of half a score beginning Catholics.

Double Is.
Monday 8.30 P.M.
Aug 24-1893.

Dear Father & Mother;

I sent a messenger our Coolie - into Lang On this morning with some meat & fruit for John. He returned this afternoon with a letter for me & this Journal. I am very sorry to send it on to you in this stained condition. It was put into a basket in too close proximity to a piece of raw beef which John sent back. He had had an opportunity to send to Swatara by one of the brethren & had him bring some meat. It came a couple of hours later that I sent him, so he sent part back.

He says he finds it very cool & pleasant in the house, it is near the sea beach, where the breeze does not have to pass over any hills & rocks as it does to reach us. So it is even cooler than here at the Island. He has doubtless written you of the fine built house with three good rooms & a veranda on two sides of the house, upstairs, which Mrs Johnson built some 15-18 yrs ago. The house is in a dilapidated condition, as it is not situated where we missionaries

Can well spend ² much time. There is nothing of a center to work from there, only one large village, where in years past much teaching & preaching of the Gospel was done. And there are so many other places where the time can be spent to better advantage, it would seem, during the cooler weather, that very little use has been made of the house since Mrs Johnson left. John says though it is cool & comfortable in the house in the chapel & outside of the house it is very warm. It is certainly not well to go about outside as the sun is very oppressive.

We are all feeling much better than at our previous stay down here. There is something very pleasant about the Island, it is so restful. The three little ones are well, though Baby Helen is beginning to be troubled by her teeth though we see nothing of them yet.

Tues - Aug 22. Had a ³ pleasant sur-
prise in getting a letter from John -
this page of Journal was enclosed. I
have just met the boy - his cook - back
with the things wanted, baseline & Dauter
ine for the many demands one is sure to
find when among the people. ^{also for himself} There
was some local mail had just
come for him by the Campradore so that
could go right down to him. I am
getting some mail ready to send
up by the Campradore who will be
going in about an hour. He is
about the only means we have of
sending back & forth from the Is-
we have to depend upon him too
for all the supplies in the line of
food & fuel used. No store on the
Is. Nothing but fish can be bought
here. We generally lay in a supply
of things needed. If such as Cans
be kept, meat & fruit we get daily

I had a most agreeable sur- 72
prise in a visit from our cook
whom Clara thoughtfully sent
down with some meat, fruit &
other things -

This P. M. the brethren were very
anxious that I go out and see
a piece of ground that an im-
portant man in the next town
is trying to take away from them.
I talked with them for a time.
I listened to their story & walked
out to see the spot: no one was
there to talk with about the
case. I wish some of them
would be as active about the
Lord's work as they are over such
things as these.

We met again this evening
& studied Colossians - The chandel
was hot.

Tuesday Aug 22nd 13

This a.m. the cook went to the Island to get butter, meat, fruit. Clara sent a line that Allan will also some medicine & notes for Kak. Chick - together with letters to herself from the young ladies who urge her to give up the Roman's class as she planned to do.

I studied with my teacher till 11 a.m. had a small class for an hour - it was very hot - after tiffin I did do nothing but sleep till after 3 o'clock. Felt quite prostrated: studied an hour or more read the Standard of July 20th. - Took a walk before supper: We had 10 or more small

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boys, bright little fellows at
the evening meeting - one or two
men also, one a Hak-Ka barbar
who is an opium smoker -
he has taken our new tract,
which Tang-Sing has neatly
written out, to read - may it
be the means of leading him
to new life & hope, he is quite
well up in the character so
can read it easily -

We had a rather good meeting
a review of what we have had
with some things translated
from the newspaper -

Wednesday Aug 23/93

Not much Easterly wind and
very hot - I was obliged to wear my
sun helmet at noon in the chapel
the heat was so uncomfortable on

my head even with the Chinese 75-
roof between me and the sun -
We had the noon & evening services
and a no. of boys again came in.

Thursday Aug. 24th -

I was up & had breakfast eaten
by about 6 o'clock - A-Hai, one
of the men here, who at present at
leisure, led me about 2/3 of the
way over a rough road among the
hills: a young man came up with
us & he acted as my guide the rest
of the way. I had an excellent chance
to talk with him, he listened & ask-
ed questions & accepted a catechism &
leaflet. We had perfectly smooth
water to cross to Double Island & I reached
there as they were finishing breakfast.

I was quite soaked with perspiration
& obliged to change all my clothing.

all seemed quite well. I did 76
little but look after Jay & Anna
while Clara & Miss Ostrom made
preparations for the birthday com-
pany - Miss O. decorated Jay's
high chair with crepe, lilies &
yuccas, that grow wild there, so it
was quite a throne & he looked
a young autocrat as he sat in it.

There were eight little girls & two
boys, Jay & Spencer Carlin, at
the table & they looked very cunning.
Several gossamers, combs & ma-
gas came & Mr. Mackenzie &
we sat down for tea later & the
proportion was the same, 5 2,

7 8 - I enjoyed meeting Mr. M.
again - We had a good bath.
In the evening we had prayer meet-
ing at our house - I felt bracing

The first part of Colossians - 77
Dr. Cashin & Mr. Mackenzie also
spoke. It was quite a change
for me after living away from
all English speaking people reading
along. Joy seemed to enjoy the day -
& all the little guests appeared to be
having a good time.

Friday Aug. 24th

I left at about 8 a.m. & took
a small boat rowed by one man
which brought me down to within
a mile of this place - on the way
I read the daily papers up to last
Saturday - Talking over I had an
excellent audience with a man
and some boys; the man is a cousin
of a Bai who died recently. At
the Island while my boatman was
finishing his breakfast I talked with
some young men & one of them referred
to a Bai & asked if we made offerings

to his spirit; which furnished a 78
text for a few moments -

We had a rather good class this
noon. I briefly reviewed our black-
board work used at this time in
explaining Col I:16-17. I answered a no.
of questions. After tiffin & a rest
I finished by asking about the names
& relations of ch. members past & present.
& at 3-15 set out with my teacher
& two bro. to make personal calls
& preach. We called at 14 houses,
& had opportunity to preach in a
no. of places, some seemingly profit-
able. Our bro. whom we looked
upon as coming this evening the first
time for a long while -

We sang quite a no. of hymns &
had a lesson in Acts II -
there were 10 boys - 24 on the
women's side & about 12 women
in this evening besides myself & ^{two} ^{bro.}

Saturday - Aug 26th -

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Chinese 7th month 15th day -
full moon & a feast day - special
worship of ancestors - They have been
very quiet here - A-Hoi says
he heard of one boy who had
been here at worship several nights
who refused to worship when his
mother told him to take some
offerings to-day - said the idols
were "no use" - A lot of chil-
dren came in to the noon meeting.

An old woman of 70 years
came in with her grandson
to see what is the trouble with
his feet. they are swollen now.
She was a kluen once but
a son became a medium
and she followed him. Since

then the son & his wife 80
have both died leaving her
with 3 grandsons, small together
are now - We talked with her a
long time & she knelt down while
we prayed for her: poor old
soul - she said she wanted to come
back but she did not seem
very deeply moved except by
her own misfortunes -

I spent the first part of the
forenoon consulting with the
brother about to-morrow's ser-
vice & much of the afternoon pre-
paring my part of it. I seem
to be obliged to take considerable rest
during the middle of the day.
I think the heat fr. 11 till 2 or
our o'clock ^{is} ^{at} ^{trying} ^{time} to work -

This evening we had prayer - 81 -
meeting.

Sunday Aug. 24th -

We had a large attendance to-day, especially at the forenoon services. They brought in all the benches available - several new hearers present - one old man whom we called upon a few days since was in. The local brother gave a brief review of the three cases where Jesus brought to life our person in a household, Jairus' daughter, the widow's son and Lazarus. My teacher spoke on the first part of Eph. II - "Dead in trespasses & sins" - I spoke on the last part of Rev. XV: The final separation of the spiritually dead from the

spiritually alive. They gave 82
very good attention.

The S. S. lesson was in Mark
XII: 13-27. This evening we had
a review of the things brought up
in the morning. I spoke at the
S. A. M. prayer meeting of 5 things
The Crucifixion of our Lord -
The Resurrection - The Ascension
The gift of the Holy Spirit
The final Coming again in glory.
This evening I spoke of the blessings
secured by each of these & then
passed them with the "five
blessings": The Chinese pray for at
New Year - (Long life - Riches, Honor,
Posterity, well-being). The party for the
hospital leave at midnight -
my cook's mother-in-law was
at worship to-day; she returned

quite inclined to become a #3-
Christian. is pleased that her
son-in-law is willing she should
do so. She has another married
daughter here whose child fell &
broke his arm. but she is not
ready to take the child to the hos-
pital to have it healed - so like
the unwillingness to come to the
Great Physician - "Ye will not"
that is the trouble with this
people as with all others.
We can only wait on the Lord
for the gift of the Spirit -
Monday - Aug 28th -

12.20 P.M. This morning I went
to visit an old sister who said
a neighbor had a son that was
very troublesome. A Hoi went
with me and we stopped at a

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