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Monday - Aug 28th 1843

Corner when 3 roads met + there
are 3 small shops. We had a very good
audience there: the rich young man
was there listened quite well and
asked some questions - he wanted
to know if the soul was raised or
both soul & body after death -

We next stopped at the room where
the old man, who came to worship
yesterday, lives - he was reading the
leaflets we gave him: several came in
& listened, among them an elderly woman
who said she wanted to worship but
was afraid her children would hin-
der her. We went to see the old
woman with the son that some
further opportunities: an old woman
here by was anxious to go to worship
yesterday but her grandson would
not let her go: we urged her

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to pray at home - It is pitiable to see
how many children in this place are
afflicted with sore boils - A young
man came also who evidently has
hernia, of 3 yrs. standing they say.

A-Hai proposed going to the "Upper
Village" this P.M. & asking A-guan than
to go also - Hak-Dang has come from
Swatow & we plan all four going - he
says A-Mi is in from Phou King
& reports that the old Squire is much
interested now & has been inquiring
diligently on the question of baptism.
A-Mi explained the Scripture to him
he said "immersion is right". This
came to the ears of the Presbyterian
Doctor. He was in high indignation but
A-Mi was able to defend himself.

I had a pleasant half hour with a
few of the br. reading over again the 1st
of Colossians & also passages relating to those

Who has familiar spirits, & deal
in Sorcery - ex Do VIII - and of ch
this is specially appropriate here.

Friday. at Island.

Clara & I are well, but children
are having a cold that is epidemic -
We shall be here probably till
the end of the month -

With ever so much love
John

have familiar spirits & deal in 3
Sorcery: the panage in Daniel VIII is espe-
cially valuable: for the living seeking
into the dead is exactly what the
Chinese do continually.
9-40 P.M.

Just up from the evening meeting -
I reviewed the lessons of yesterday fore-
noon & also turned to the prophecies of the
Judgment in Jude vs 14-15 - Daniel
7: 9-10 - Matt. 25: 31-46. as well as in
Rev. XX. I also got the names of
the people who are at all showing in-
terest in the truth. We had a good
no. of hearers at the upper village this
P.M. We talked in a little hut
for a time - Ngiam Thian & I, while
Hak-Sang had a hearing outside.
Later we went outside & had a no.
"Several tens" who listened with more or
less interest - I spoke some time

then Huk Läng went over much 4-
the same ground enlarging on the dif-
ferent points. I suggested the Pauline
method of witnessing as to what he had
himself experienced. He gave a most graph-
ic account of his former zeal as an
idolater, & persecutor of his brother who be-
came a Christian. He would fast (from
meat &c) 3 days & go 50 miles to a Bud-
dhist shrine to worship that his health
might be better - but it only grew
worse: finally he was told that the
idol only represented a dead man & would
do no good: gradually the light
dawned on him. I was interested to
note that as he said, "how I will tell
you of God's great mercy in sending
his Son Jesus to die for sinners" - he
simultaneously stepped up to the top of a
stone table which he was standing &
went on with increased fervor &
earnestness. He has the making of a preacher in

him, if he is not wrecked by 5-
conceit.

This P.M. letters came from Kaki-
Chick & the Island: nothing new said that
the baby had a cold.

Tuesday - Aug 2^d 9th 2 P.M.

In the boat at X. Island starting for Kaki-
Chick, tide & strong East-wind (the steersman
has lost his hat now and turning back - now
he has it again) - both in our favor -
This A.M. the wind & sea were such I knew
the boat could not come outside for me
so I set out with the cook to walk a-
cross the hill & take a boat for K. Chick -
Happily we met the boatmen who had
walked across to carry my luggage. As
we returned & packed up everything I
reached the Island before noon and had
an hour or two there - Clara is looking
much better so with Anna & Jay but
the baby girl has a bad cold.

8:40 P.M. - We sailed up in
40 minutes. All seems to be going
on much as usual here in the compound.

The Tangliu patients are here. I am ⁶-
glad to find that the boy has cast a-
way his amulets & charms he wore
about his neck.

Wednesday - Aug 30th -

The "Hokien" was very late in ar-
riving so I could not go to the
Island early, the boat being needed to
bring Dr. Boggs ashore - I attended
to various small matters - Saw the
English Consul about a house back
of the Consulate formerly occupied by
the Consul's lady, but 2 men &
the wife of one died there, so the
Chinese say it is in a bad location
3 roads meet there & there is a straight
road in front of it down which
the devils & all evil influences
can come unchecked - Mr. Scott
was very kind & said he would

write to the gentleman in Shanghai 7
who has charge of Her Majesty's
property to see if an exception can
be made to the rule & the house be
rented. I want to get it and
let some of those who are in a
house next the Roman's house
go in there for a year.

I kept busy at home, read the mail
per "Oceanic" - good home letters.
An excellent one from Mr. Moyle
of Irving Park Ill. who supports one
of my native helpers.

I went to Watrous on an errand and
was invited to supper with the Gibsons.
Mr. G. showed me the plan for teaching
the blind to read & write Romanized
Chinese by using the Braille system
of dots. I got back at the close
of our songs meeting & had the pleasure of

meeting Dr. Boggs.

Sat up till midnight making out statements
for next year's appropriations to send to the
different missionaries.

Thursday - Aug 31st

I wrote a no. of notes, arranged for
leaving home. Made a short call on
Dr. Boggs & left for the Island at

Ling King came with me on the
way I showed him how to use the
stylus & plate for blind writing.

We had unexpectedly good op-
portunities for speaking with
men near the temple. Last year
all who came to the great feast
were not inclined to listen to Chris-
tian truth.

Miss Outon & Mr. Steele took kiffin
with us; they came down to see the
performances. Steele got some pho-

topographs of the scenes. 9
We had a prayer meeting at the
C.P. Mission led by Murdo McKenzie.
He is a capital fellow - but his lead-
ing a meeting is not inspiring.

Dr. Riddel came up & gave us some
medicine for Jay who is having a
hard turn of this epidemic cold -

Friday Sept 1st

Harmer to-day. I have been in
the house all day. Jay seems better
but Anna's cold is at its height.

We sent some mail off this A.M.
Clara has definitely decided to
give up the Woman's Class.
I think it is best taking all
things into consideration. The family is

a great deal of care now, ¹⁰
while she can relieve the ladies
when they wish to be away, it will
be better to let them take the re-
sponsibility. Saturday Sept. 2nd

This evening Mr. Gompertz, a cadet
from Singapore, has been in this ev-
ening & read to him some sen-
tences I had picked up from time to
time which he copied down

The larger part of my day
was given to writing Dr. Duncan.
The children are all better, but I
have caught the distemper -
I had a fine bath before supper.

Sunday Sept 3rd.

Clara & Anna went to Tang Aw
with me to-day - we took the
organ & had a crowd, the largest I ever

ever saw there - In the P.M. - "11
the old man in whom I was inter-
ested came in the P.M. also another
Elderly man whose wife is a Christian.
The old woman whose son was a medium
came & another woman whom we met
in preaching. a large no. of the
"outside men" were present - Anna
took a doll & picture book that at-
tracted a crowd at noon.

Mr Mrs highly favored in having
mind staid with us each way -
Jek. Sim's wife & the daughter of
Dr. Carlin's nurse went with us
the former's home is there; she had not
been back since her marriage; her
mother greeted her with much less
show of interest than she did Clara
& Anna - We returned in time to
hear a good talk from Dr. Ruddle on
Jer. XXVI: 3.

Monday Sept. 4th -

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I set out for Hak Chiek at 7-20 ✓
had a fine sail up. Was very busy all
day - made out annual a/c & settled with
3 of the Hak Ka Missionaries & sent a/c to
a fourth. Mr. Campbell this sister an at
our house. Mr. C. helped me get my
Bible school a/c drawn out & made
a copy for D. A. There have
been 31 different students during the
9 mos.

The Campbells had a good & profit-
able stay in Macao.

Tuesday Sept. 5th -

After a little writing of preliminary
work I went to see the boat "Grace",
now on shore for repairs & then came
down here. The A. Mah who went
to England with the Hills asked for
a passage: she can talk a sort of

English & is known as "the Duchess" ¹³
on account of her airs; she is most
sublimely self-satisfied. I enjoyed
hearing her talk about what she
saw - the wonders of "Lan-tai"
the 'very nice house' that Mr. Rich-
ardson & others "have got" - She
is a good sailor, so can be very use-
ful on board ship. ^{she says} "I can talk
of it." English. Know all

Clara, Anna & the baby went back
in the boat to Kak Chieh.

I found myself very tired after my
two days of hard work with an at-
tack of this cold or hay-fever, or
whatever it is, to throw off at the same
time.

Wednesday Sept. 6th 3:45 P.M.

Mr. Mackenzie is working at my
typewriter a little. He seems to like
it very much.

Clara came back this a.m. ¹⁴
with news that they have a boy
at the Whitman home; a boy was
born to Mrs. Sieger at the same
house a few days before, so the Chi-
nese think the Kung-Shui of the
house is wonderful.

I wrote a letter to Dr. Polman
this a.m. Must write to the young-
people of the Church at Moundmouth
Ill. also to a Swedish Ch. in Detroit Ia.
& also to Dr. Witter -

Thursday Sept - 7th -

We were invited to tea by the young
Groom, Milchling, who is now sta-
tioned here. Dr. & Mrs. Carlin were
there; we had a rather pleasant
time. He has a piano made by
Pleyel, a French wife - which has
an uncommonly sweet tone. He
plays well & we enjoyed the music.

He said he was going up in the 15th
morning & I went up with him
at 6 o'cl. reached K. C. early & did
some work I was anxious to finish.
Saw Ji An about some repairs
on the Students House & those going on
now upon the house-boat. The latter
needs much more than we expected:
white ants & rot had both commenced
on the outside of the stem which is a
stick of pine some 9 inches thick, &
some other timbers are not in per-
fect order - the two half round
timbers that go from stem to stern,
one on each side just below the
outer edge of the deck planks are
being wholly renewed.

I expected to come back in the
jig at noon but had a line saying
there was a typhoon close by and
he must go at once, so I took our
boat & had a lively sail - tide
favourable but a head wind -

We shipped a deal of water ¹⁶
but kept right side up & made
the landing in an hour & a half - less
time than the jig.

We had a good prayer meeting
here in the evening led by Mrs. Milne.

11-58 P.M. Friday - Sept. 8th -

The wind is blowing furiously
has been all day: the barometer
seems to be still falling & I am
afraid the typhoon center is draw-
ing near & will pass to the south
of us which will give us the
full fury of it - but we can
only watch & wait. Clara & the

children have slept soundly ever
since they went to bed: this is
the second time I have been a-
wake. During the day I wrote
letters & shut up the doors & all
the typhoon windows.

There is only one leak yet in '17-
the dining room - the house quivers
like a steel ship in a heavy gale.

I am feeling a bit more sleepy
I shall try for another nap -

Saturday. Sept 9th -

The wind was at its height & the
barometer its lowest - after 2-
o'clock - I was up again later -
10:2 & felt not a little doubt-
ful as to the result - but now
am thankful the center passed to
the South of us. Had it been here
with our full exposure to the South
East & North, the danger to our house
as the wind veered from North
East & worked around to So. West
would have been great - When the

typhoon center passes to the North¹⁵
as it did 2 yrs. ago. the wind rises
fr. No. East to No. + about to
No. N. + West: then the force is
a little broken by coming over
the land for a distance but fr. the
So. E. it is over the water only.

Our house was not damaged.
Saw by the fall of our blind that
was repaired by evening. All the
bath houses South of us were level-
ed - I wrote on the typewriter
most of the day - at 5-30 P. M.
our mail per Rio came - I was
glad of Mother's letter from a Sq.
Isl. I hope to hear by Gael's mail
of Father's enjoying the berries there.
I especially enjoyed hearing of
Ed. Lyford's successful croping

through of the bill Mother mott
off. There was a notice in a Boston
Journal, so Mrs. Partridge said,
of his being mentioned as a candi-
date for "the Senate" - first she thought
at Washington, later in the Mass.
State Senate.

He called at the E.P. Mission in
the evening. Sunday Sept. 10th -

A most quiet restful day - I read
a volume published in memori-
am of Rev. Robt W. Barbour, a
Scotchman whose father was one of
the chief supporters of the E.P.
Mission our neighbors. I believe it
was at his house that William
Burns was first urged to
go as a missionary to China.

Our son, Dr. Barbour was 20
here 2 yrs. ago. This one who
died was a remarkable man, of
great intellectual power, really
of genius, took a great no. of
medals & fellowships &c. Some of
his poetry among of his sayings
are well worth reading: his letters
too breathe a delightful spirit
as well as indicate the richly
furnished mind. There is an
introduction by Henry Drummond
& a sketch by James Stalker,
both intimate friends. After
reading the book one feels as if
he had been in the society of the
noblest & most cultured Christian
men & women. The volume
is elegantly printed & is only

given away to special friends,²¹
The Gibsons & the Mackennans
Each had a copy.

We had a pleasant service
this P.M. & a walk on the beach
later - 7-400 P.M. Monday Sept 11th -

The barometer is very low again,
a strong No. West wind all day & clouds
moving Westward against it, which the
Chinese consider a bad sign.

I went to Kak-Chieh at 10.30 A.M.
with Mr. Gompertz & Mr. Fin-
stone, two Cadets, but we did
not get there till about 3 P.M.
& walked a mile over at that, the
wind was so strong fr. the West.

I had only time to do a very little
& catch the boat we came up in
to return as ours was loaded with
anchors & chains for the home boats
in the country, which were driven over a

bank at the exceptionally high ²² water last week; they were left in a lagoon & it cost \$5= to get them out. We came back in half an hour - Some damage was done on the Compound: our beautiful arbor of Bourganvillia is broken down.

There was a terrible catastrophe at Breaker Point the second light-house station below us. A large ship loaded with lumber from Singapore for Shanghai went ashore ~~Saturday~~ ^{Friday} ~~in the morning~~ ^{in the morning}. The Capt. wife, 3 daughters & a son & all the crew but another son of the Captain's a Malay & a Chinaman were lost. The S.S. "Pak-Shan" left here Friday & Home anxiety is felt for her safety.

Mr. Mitchell came in after supper, he gave us some of his experiences & some facts about the Customs that are instructive.

Tuesday Sept. 12th -

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A high wind all night but no typhoon. To-day we have been cool & comfortable - I have written letters most of the day -

The Children are quite well of their Colds - Jay is trying to count & I think he is getting a larger vocabulary - The typhoon interested him & he announced "Big 'ōa-lāi" ("rain come") He calls the servants to morning worship in stertorian tones - "Lāi! ai-pai" ("Come-worship" - "Four-two", is his table of numeral at present - He always calls for small fruits in these terms "Mama - free-two 'ōa - pi'ei" (balls) Anna is beginning to ask about "Chowke" ("home of ancestors") & said "So they tables there and bookses?" She continues greatly enamored of the baby, who grows finely.

Double Island; Swatow 13th 1893.

My dear father;

I have just been writing a lot of letters to catch up with my correspondence which has gone a long way ahead of me; I stop on that to write you of something that is on my mind and will be better out than to be there too long. You know we have been at you a long time to come out and visit us--you may be packing up now to take the journey, if so this will wish you bon voyage. If not then I want to take the usual Chinese method and propose a compromise, namely that you come half way. It is by no means improbable that we shall go home next Spring and it would be very pleasant to meet you on the Pacific coast. I have been talking with Mr. Campbell about the weather and the country in Washington and find what he says is all consistent with that article in the "Harper's Monthly" of last year that I mentioned once before. I was much pleased, too, with a picture he showed me of Mr. Beaven's house, which is on an island in the Sound. Mr. B. found his health was not promising, so to provide for the future he decided to buy a lot of land build a home and set out fruit trees, as fruit is a good and paying crop there. The hard times came on him just as he was finishing his house and he could not realize on other property, but he managed to get a loan at 12% with security of some land and the understanding that he repay as soon as any sale was effected. I was glad to learn from Mr. C.'s letter that he had been able to finish the building of three churches in his field, even though the times are so hard, some of the time he worked on the buildings himself. I do not know positively about the climate but have written Mr. Beaven to write you something about it as he has found it. From all that I have heard I am confident a Winter there would be less trying there than in the East. I am sure if you should go out you would find that you could be doing something to help some weak church or do something for the State Missions or the struggling schools that have which would be far more satisfactory to you than remaining within sound of the Colby bell.

It certainly is no great risk to try a Winter there; I should think Aunt Harriet would be ready to occupy the house for the time you are away, which would avoid the trouble of making any change there.

Mother would enjoy a visit to her relatives in Seehome which is not far away from Centralia and the place where Mr. Beaven is living & working.

I could lay out a fine programme; go to Chicago, stopping at Buffalo Mother Hess's address is 610 Elm St., Mrs. Haist's is 1037 Ellicot St.

At Chicago you could see the remains of the Fair and the University and a great many old friends. I should like you to look up Edward Scott, he is a surveyor on the Elevated R.R., headquarters at the Monadnock building.

At Minneapolis you could find A.B. Cates, by the way he married an old friend of Miss Dunwiddie. At St. Paul you might call on James J. Hill the wonderful Rail Road builder, who was obliged to ~~betew~~ borrow his fare to St. Paul at first and now owns a road some 5000 miles long with two Eastern connections as well as a terminus on the Pacific coast. He is doing a great deal to develop Washington and is said to be one of the best informed men in the country, in Geology, Mineralogy, Chemistry, & other lines besides building the "Pennsylvania Railroad of the West" at a cost of not more than \$35,000.00 per mile, as against some 80,000.00 I believe it was for other roads to the Pacific. The "Great Northern" runs to Seattle I believe & they are talking of a line of steamers across the Pacific.

Either this line or the Northern Pacific can take one to the coast. There you could look about and I am sure pass a busy and profitable Winter.

(over)

I will confess that for ourselves this question of the Pacific Coast is getting to be one of not merely a passing interest. I feel very apprehensive lest the children who are somewhat delicate would not well bear the rigors of the Maine climate, whereas the climate in the Evergreen State is much nearer this than that in the Pine Tree St.

Then the distance from China is so much less; with them there and only 20 odd days on a fine steamer between us I should feel as I should if they were East. I know they would have better advantages in the East, but I have no ambition for them to attempt great things; my first wish is that they may grow up to work with their hands and get strong in the open air, then as there is opportunity for them to get intellectual culture they will be in the right succession, but the first thing with them is a life that will strengthen their muscles and conceal their nerves.

Clara & I have talked it over occasionally and are both in favor of planning for some sort of a home in the home land and for one on the Pacific rather than near the Atlantic. Of course we cannot tell what is before us and do not wish to take too much thought for the morrow, but we do wish to plan a wisely as we can in view of what seems to be our life work her-e in China. And if we should break down or for any reason be obliged to go home permanently I feel quite certain it would not be best for me to settle in so cold a climate as that of Maine.

So you can see that we are more and more interested in the country near Puget Sound and feel that it is nearer us now that we have a line of ships running there and the possibility of another. California I have no liking for; the whole tone of society is exceptionally of the earthy. In Washington it is the univ rsal testimony that the State was settled by a better class of people and the tone is better.

At present we seem to be quite well and I am not sure that it will be absolutely necessary for us to go home next year but it probably will be prudent. Dr. A. favors it. He expects to go to Japan if not to the U.S.

It may be that if we go home I shall need to use the money in your hands but hope not; we have quite a little surplus at present and it may enough to meet all our necessary expenses. I let Mr. Campbell have \$120.00 U.S. that he expects to pay sometime before it falls due in Jan. '94, but if he cares to make a deal with the lot I took from him and let me have the othe half of that lot in Centralia I may turn this in on that so as to have the property in my own hands. That however is not at all certain. He may not want to trade and if values are likely to fall in the U.S. I may not wish to do so.

We ought to be getting another bit of that Oriental Bank salvage in which so many missionaries as well as others were bitten.

I hope your holdings have not seriously suffered since the crashing began in business circles. You will feel quite a burden of responsibility roll off when you give up the Convention work.

We are thankful to have gotten through the typhoons all safe thus far and that we ~~are~~ are as well as we are at present. We plan going up in a few days now. We hope to have a busy season of country work. I am giving up a part of the routine work I had here so shall be more free.

I should be glad and so would my dear wife if we could all the time be in the country nearer the work, but thee are of course advantages here at the present.

I must close with very much love and the hope that we may meet in the U.S., if not in China, before very long.

Your Affectionate Son

John M. Foster.

Wednesday Sept. 13th 1893²⁴

Very rainy - no steamer for H. K. since that on Monday, which I missed on acct of our long trip to H. C., & I feared there would be no chance to catch the "Rio" - Mr. Simpson sent me word that the "Paisang" was expected & I watched the signals with great interest as I finished letters to go by the steamer. Between 10 & 11 the drum on the signal mast was hoisted for the north & soon I ^{with the telescope} made out the "Paisang" coming in. Dr. Coburn & his good men just going up & the cooly went up on one of their boats. Then I was afraid she would remain over a night in port, but about 6 o'clock she came steaming down the bay, a fine sight with lights all set, like a Cyclops, the light on the foremast a blazing eye. If any letters get home by the "Rio", it will be because the "Paisang" came in tonight out yesterday. I wrote about all day - Mr. & Mrs. McKim & Mrs. Muckewitz took supper & spent the evening with us.

Thursday - Sept. 14th

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Cool this P.M. I wrote all
the forenoon this P.M. I was tired &
took a nap - am preparing for prayer-
meeting this evening - shall speak
from Matthew II: 10 - the joy of find-
ing heavenly guidance -

These wise men from the East, the home
of astrology, these men had enjoyed a
remarkable experience, a star had guided
them: it would be interesting to know
what were their thoughts on the journey:
we do not know just what they ex-
pected, but they seem to have gone pre-
pared with gifts fitted for a King -

As they reach the royal city they no
longer follow any star, but acknowledge
They are led to the reigning King, Princes
are born in palaces: they have an audi-
ence with the King, an honor - but a
dangerous one with such as the
stars. They are not learners, their

but, they who had been favoured ²⁶
with a heavenly guide are the ones to
give information: the earthly (or earthly) King
himself
can give them none. It may be that the
commotion roused the King's perplexity of
Herod may have alarmed them: it
must have cast a cloud over the
joy of their previous journey. The certaint-
ty of their quest may have been
less assured to their minds. They, at
least got no gladness in the royal city,
the palace was more a prison. They
got information from the Jews but they
were sent rather as spies of Herod,
than as heaven-led worshippers.

But as they left Herod, lo! a wonder-
ful phenomenon. The star they had seen
in the East "went before them" - surely
no astrologer ever had such experience.
They now cared less for doubt or fear,
no need to inquire of King or Scribe -
The Heavenly Guide was leading them.

No wonder they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. They had regained their Heavenly guide -

The simple story suggests helpful thoughts -

I God guides - Agnostic, Philosopher Theosophist stand off & think of God as the distant, unknowable - One - but He declares himself not far from every one of us - & ready to lead us by His hand, guide us with His eye - as His presence went up with Israel so will He be with His people now;

II We turn to men - we lose sight of God's guidance, rely on human aid, men question us as to what we know & have known & what we expect & they may get some general instruction for us & bid us go & discover - be "seekers after truth" for them -

III We may turn back & regain our Heavenly Guide - cf. I Peter 1:19 -

thing scribe & priest could do but 28
one thing - search the Scriptures; ^{Thine} for "it is
written" was the authority on which
they bade the magi go to Bethle-
hem - So with a soul seeking
again to find Heavenly guidance,
"The new sun word of prophecy,"
is that to which we must turn
& that all points all moves toward
the One over whose ~~birth~~ place
the star rested - The testimony of
Jesus is the spirit of prophecy -
& the star will arise - the day will
dawn so we need not grope -
the light will come we shall
be plainly led - The happiest &
noblest lives are those that
are thus ~~plainly~~ ^{plainly} ~~guided~~ ^{guided} - but beware at
the meeting -

Friday Sept 18793

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at home again. The boat came
down this A.M. it was such a
good day - no wind no waves no
bright sun. We decided to come &
in 2 hours had everything packed
up - reached here at noon - The chil-
dren were very good. Jay has
been lively as a cricket all day -

Helen actually creeps on her elbows
& knees - pulls herself about wond-
derfully - We had a small mail
per "City of N.Y." no home letter -
but the "Gaelic" is due soon -
I had a very kind letter from Dr.
Duncan & one from Mr. Goodwin
of Brooklyn. We are all nicely
settled & have had the money for my
accounts -

Saturday Sept. 16th

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This morning was much broken up by visitors - I settled the years account with Dr. Corbin. Planned with Lung Heng with Dr. Partridge about some house matters. Mr. Whitman was here - Mrs. W. has been ^{ill} ~~They are~~ having fever badly - Mr. & Mrs. Dilgar, who are at the house in N. C. with ^{with fever} the Whitmans are badly - ^{My} Steersman, Bou. Sin, also is ill - There has been much illness among the Chinese since the typhoon. I was in Swatow this P. M. learned that the "Yuen-sang," the vessel we took to Shanghai in 1890, a fine staunch ship, was in a bay half way between here & Hong Kong. The typhoon until passed over them; she had two anchors out with 100 fathoms of chain - & was steaming full speed against the wind - yet dragged her anchors! - The wind was terrific.

she had sea vom enough not to 31-
go on to the rocks -

Sunday Sept. 17th

We visited Pang-^{ai} to-day - Clara +
the two young ladies met as we had
music - took the M.H. organ along -
also sang on the way back in
the boat. The latter part a prominent
measure - a Chinese woman who came
up was very seasick in the rough wa-
ter as we first set out & it was
so unpleasant that the ladies were
on the verge of sickness - vigorous
singing was a cure - We had a
rather good day there - not a large au-
dience but attentive - Huk-dang had
made a good impression with them.
Anna stayed at Double Island with
the Mackenzie children & seemed to have
had a happy day - Day & Sat. & Sun
were good with the nurse at home.

We went up on our return & found 32
Anna was asleep - so we all stayed
& took tea at 3 - 45 - o'clock.

Monday Sept. 18th

Anna has been at the Ladies' home
much of the day as Clara was sent
for to stay with Mrs. Dilger who is very
ill with fever - Jay ran away while
I was getting Anna ready to go out -

I found him nearly over at the Chapel -
He had put on his Sun hat & Anna's
rubber & carried a small "Union
Jack" on a bamboo staff that was
given Anna over Christmas - We had
a large force at work raising up the
fallen bouganvillea this A.M. They got
it up supported on props - Anna asked
at table - "What made that beg-lily-
ball drop?" - On being told "too much wind"
she remarks consciously "It must have been
quite a crash" - I have been very busy
with masonry work - had nail per "Guthie"
good letter from father -

Tuesday Sept. 19th -

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To-day I have been visiting & settling
(Sept. 30th is at hand & all the Transur's accounts must be
accounts besides looking after
made up & forwarded as early in Oct. as possible -)
repairs - "Siu-sih" is a Chinese
(the house boat is needing a thorough overhauling)
expression for repair & "pa-loe" another,
either of which is good colloquial
for spank or any other synonym of
punish. Jay came in for "repairs"
of that sort this A.M. He was very
naughty at Chinese prayers & he'd the
hardest "repairing" he ever did.
It quite took his breath away for
a time after his first hard cog, but
he has been exceptionally sweet
all day. Poor little man, he has a
checkered experience, but he does enjoy
enjoyment; he will appreciate a joke I
think even against himself -
When he had prickly heat he used to
call out or try to "Sow-Sow, Amah-pow-
der" - but "Sow-Tow Amah-pow" is his

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Pronunciation fit. Anna caught
it & mimicked his whimpering tone
exactly. Of late in the cooler weather
he has not had occasion to call
to the nurse for "pow" - but he calls
out after Anna, & often by himself
in a caricature of the whimper - "Tow-
tow, Anneh pow" - & then his face
lights up as in his last picture - or more
so & he laughs consummately - He & Anna
call this at each other across the table
sometimes till we are obliged to
stop them - it is good that he can
laugh at his own foibles -

Anna went down with Clara at
5 P. M. to see the Dilgins - Mrs. D.
tho't Anna had grown wonderfully.
She is tall as many Chinese children
of 9 or ten yrs. but not very strong.
The weather has been threatening but
the glass is rising a trifle again.

Wednesday Sept. 20 - 35

Just back from prayer-meeting
at Dr. Scott's - led by Dr. Ashmun -
He referred to the notices of Principal
Fairbairn's book & read some passages
to show that the Lord Jesus did know
what and who he was - I referred
to our lesson of last Thursday evening -

The day had been a busy one,
getting off home mail, settling the
annual a/c with two of the
missionaries & had several con-
ferences with Chinese preachers -
The boat "soke" started for Kit Si"
to get the mats repaired.

Thursday Sept 21 -
Went to Tang Ou this A.M. with Ji-hou
to get estimate for repairs on house -
Have been at accounts since -

Friday - Sept. 22nd -

Warm weather yet. Quite a part of my day has been devoted to the annual account & a large part also to the house which is being vacated by some of the proachers & others to let the women of the church, who come in at Communion time, have the place that was designed for them. It was a difficult matter to adjust & requires no little care to get it in order for the people.

Saturday Sept. 23rd -

Baby Helen has her first tooth to-day - much quicker than either of the others. She is very active & gets about wonderfully well for so young a baby -

I have given several hours to confer

ring with my native helper from ³⁷
Thou Ling. There are some signs
of encouragement there -

Sunday Sept 24th 8 P.M.

Helen is protesting against being put to
bed, unusual for her: she usually sleeps
well at this time, but she had a nap
before supper while we went down to
call upon the Whitmans & Hilgers -
The latter are recovering from their fever
but are not well & the three little
children are no small care. The
Whitman baby is a fine little fellow
& a champion sleeper -

We made quite a procession, Clara &
Anna, Jay & I - Anna wheeling Helen
in carriage - 3 "bands" -

This is the first Sunday I have been
here since Early in August - only 3 in all

Since last Communion -

The services to-day have been good -
We had the last of the 13th of Mark in the
School.

Jay is gaining in speech - said "big boy"
to-day - "ding-dong bell" is a favorite
Expression - Anna always called her
"Mother Goose's Melodies" - "the Ding-dong
Bell Book" - & Jay goes about calling
"ding-dong-bell b'k ai" ("want") -

We must begin taking care not to notice
him too much: he is beginning to think
himself cunning. He tries to attract us by
saying "Dore-love-pow" - & Anna says -
"That's an old story, Sonny," a quotation from
her mother. Anna was a model girl in
Church to-day - Monday Sept. 25th -

Jay has learned to say "good boy" -
also "bad boy" - the first phrase he is fond of -

He heard me say "that ~~it~~ is a good ³⁹
man" in answer to a question of Anna
about a picture she repeated it - & in
a moment - "Good-man - Papa - Ding dang
bell" - He seems to be taking an interest
now in picking up words & stringing to-
gether his verbal treasures -

I have done little to-day but settle
the Annals with Mr. A. J. & arrange
Dr. A's ap. There have been several
Chinese callers during the day.

Tuesday Sept. 26/93

Meeting at 8 A.M. an hour later
than usual so we can have breakfast
before going out - There is a goodly num-
ber of the brethren & sisters in already - I
am very glad I insisted that the house
should be vacated for the women of
the Church, as there already a dozen
or more lodging there & otherwise the Bible-
women's house would have been very crowded.

9 P.M.

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Dr. Ashmore conducted a class in the first part of Hebrews at 10-11 A.M. & 2 P.M. I did not attend the 4 P.M. service - We had not been in Swatow for a long time so Clara, Anna & I took a jaunt across the bay at 4.30 - had pleasant calls - Dr. Lyall will be going home in January - Dr. Couland's eyes are still bad, so he cannot go back to Chao-Chow Fu, he will probably remain here in Dr. Lyall's place - The number of people from the country is increasing -

Wednesday Sept 27

Mail to-day per City of Peking - two good home letters fr. Sq. Isl. sorry to hear of Harry P.'s illness - Service to-day as usual; the day has been warm & very depressing - I have taken an hour exercise to-night on David's machine & find it a great help -

Thursday Sept. 28th -

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Heavy mind train to-day - atypnoon
at Ludon yesterday I hear.

The days of this week are much alike
in the routine of services - I had a
conference with one of my native
helpers & get some rather discouraging
reports in certain quarters - We need
a revival sorely, nothing but much
prayer & reliance on God can avail
us. I had a good chance
to talk with the men who are
mending the hoise boat to night
they listened well for nearly half
an hour - They are good mechanics
& bright intelligent men in all
things within their horizon - They admit
in a moment the reasonableness of the truth.

Friday Sept. 29th

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The reports from the stations to-day are not very cheering - we need to be a great deal in prayer for blessing on the little bands of professed disciples & upon the native assistants. I have been at chapel 3 times to-day - at 4 P.M. the whole family was present, but Jay was not a quiet worshipper, & finally was led away in disgrace - Anna sat perfectly still by me & Mrs. Ashmun Sr. held Helen for a time; she was good.

Jay does not like to say "bad-boy" - but is very fond of saying "güt-boy" - he seems like the fiat-money people, he apparently thinks that assent & personal endorsement may establish a claim for "güt"ness.

Saturday - Sept. 30th

I had my native helpers here for two hours & decided the work for the coming month. We had a long afternoon meeting, several cases of discipline & 23 applicants for baptism - the blind boy among them.

I was surprised after 7 P.M. by a summons to the hospital. Found that A-Cheng, the diacon from Hi City, had fallen in an apoplectic fit & they had been working over him for 2 hours - I helped till about 9 o'clock when his temperature was normal and his pulse had risen from 56 to 65. There seemed to be some hope of his rallying - I went home & slept till 11 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Scott who had been with him all the time excepting a short time for supper.

Sunday Oct 1st -

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Elder A. Khong & A Hong, a young
preacher, were there. There was ap-
parently no change but a little
after one o'clock I found his hands
now chilly & head hotter, counted his
pulse & found it was 90 - a little later
it was over 100 & I sent a note
to Dr. Scott - While I was writing,
A Hong tried to take his pulse &
said it was "hard to reckon"
far above 100 - His heart fairly
raced - in a few moments there was
a short hard struggle & soon the
pulse was hardly perceptible.

The first "passing" I ever saw - a
solemn sight & a solemn warning to
those who think to put off repentance
till a late hour. After the first stroke
A. Khong did not become sufficiently
(over)

Conscious to utter a word. 415

He could not, however, have closed his life under better conditions, he had just been telling Mr. Ashmun Jr. that he had enjoyed unusually good opportunities the past 3 months of speaking of Christ to others & just as he took the boat to come down to Swanton he was speaking with some one - as he finished this account he fell - & soon spoke again - a happy thing, for our thro' taken, to be engaged in conversation that he would be happy to repeat & to continue before the Throne of God.

I helped dress the body & came home at about 3 o'clock -

There was a very large attendance at the forenoon service. Mr. A. Jr. & the Dr. spoke - I had charge of the P.M.

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service with Dr Partridge - Elder
A-Khong gave the hand of fellowship to
9 men & 6 women - the blind boy was
among the former -

I spoke on the 9th of Hebrews first few
verses - the contents of the Ark - the
golden pot of manna - Christ is
the true manna - the rod that
budded - this dead bloomed & bore fruit,
Christ our High Priest was the first
fruit of them that slept - The tables
of the Covenant were tokens of redemp-
tion, which was fulfilled in Christ -

In all these we share & they anty-
pied in baptism, which symbolises the
resurrection after death, in the bread
which the Lord said was his body
given for our soul-food, in the cup
which was the new covenant in
his blood.

The events of the past 18 hours gave a ~~47~~
good illustration for our point - & the
Chinese euphemism for death, "broken
off" a good verbal help in explain-
ing the significance of the rite.
After service I had several callers.

Monday Oct 2nd/₁₁

The wind was so high & the pros-
pects so threatening that the steamer
all went to typhoon anchorage
by 5 P.M. Sunday & did not leave
all day Monday - Early in the morning
our boat went to get a coffin & was
nearly swamped several times -

A-Cheng's wife & son came over too,
as they had been summoned by
telegraph & came down in chairs but
could not get a boat to cross the bay.
I do not think another native boat
crossed in the forenoon - The funeral
was at 10 A.M.

I had callers Chinese or foreign about all day - Clara went to see Dr. Scott on some mission matters a little before noon & when she returned a little before noon she was nearly worn out having had so much steady & trying work.

Tuesday Oct. 3rd -

I have a cold which makes me rather uncomfortable & not much good for work, though I manage to do a little work.

Wednesday Oct 4th -

Catarh is very uncomfortable - I keep out of doors so long as there is anything to do in looking out for houses boats etc. - Clara & I called at Dr. Ashmores & Mrs. A. lent me a menthal inhaler which relieved

the discomfort perceptibly. 49

We had a good prayer meeting led by Mr. Ashmore Jr. - who read Zechariah IV. I had been thinking for some time on the 7th verse.

"Who art thou O Great Mountain - Before Zerubbabel - a plain". Zerubbabel was a builder & the power of God removed obstacles from before him, as in the last part of Haggai's prophecy He says, "I will destroy the strength of the Kingdoms of the heathen". The work of God's messengers is progressive & constructive - while they give their strength to this God will remove that which bars progress.

It has been my help built suggestions passages true for some time - Mrs. Scott mentioned a

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Very interesting case of a woman at
a new village who welcomed the
Bible woman who met her, most
cordially & explained that at a
market recently she met two
other women from another village
& they were talking about the true
God - they had heard of such a one
but did not know where to learn of
him: they agreed to betray other
know if they ever heard more.

This woman got a copy of the Catechism
& when some one in her house was
ill she found the question & answer about
praying for the sick & prayed - the per-
son soon grew better & was restored to
health - later some one in the family
of one of the two other women was
ill & she lent her the book & told
of her own experience: this one also

news - what may result from 51
their first interest cannot be
said, but it may be the opening
of new lines.

Thursday - Oct. 5th -

Could a triple letter - Mr. & Mrs.

Mackenzie called in the forenoon -

The children & the Frazer's stayed

to supper, Clara had invited them

to visit our children - Mr & Mrs. M

were to visit the Commissioners -

I felt a little clearer headed &

got quite a good stroke on my

accounts done, I omitted to mention

the wedding Monday - My teacher

Taiy Sing was married - the bride

was from a heathen village, but

had one Christian relative - she is

a young widow & a rather good

looking young woman - I hope they

will get on well & she become a 52
Christian. I asked the questions &
pronounced them man & wife. The
Rev. Huk-jü read the Scripture - Eph V -
& responded it. Dr. A. Heard presided
at home I presume it would read
"married by Rev. John F. assisted by
the Rev. Tang Huk-jü & the Rev. H. W. Loh-
man D.D." - Friday - Oct 6th -

Cooler - I am wearing a light woollen
sack coat & white trousers yet.

The Whitmans go to-day - North
Bram takes the trip with them
Sian Thung goes as his body guard -
Mr. Broot is here it is not well known
till the new man Mr. Kemp comes.
Escort him up to the Huk-ka headquar-
ters.

The matter continues threatening.

Saturday - Oct. 17th

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The S.S. "Oha-bang" came in from
Hong Kong having left there Sunday, the
14th & unwisely going out instead of
anchoring as the "Thales" did - she
was caught in the typhoon & bodily
throcked about, the seas broke over her
into her so there was two feet of
water "stern decks" - 200 & more
Chinese "B.A's" from the examinations
were aboard & were bodily fighten-
ed, one man killed - the cargo is
badly damaged. Our mail
per "China" came in later in the day.
I had a letter from mother that was
most welcome & one from Edward
Scott with anxious questions about
steam launches &c. I kept busy
about the house most of the day.

I rec'd a letter from Phou Leng (Pu Wing)²¹
to the effect that thieves broke in &
stole most of the furniture, of the shop
we rented there, Sat'y the 30th ult. a
new complication.

Sunday Oct 8th

Ling Heng came back to attend to
several business matters about the
boat & about land. D. I. wants to buy
at Kich Yang. I have instructed him
about the Pu Wing affair. He goes back
tomorrow. Services have been quite
good & well attended to-day.

Mr Roberts of the Customs staff took
tiffin with us. We went to the
Ladies House & had a sing after
supper. The children are all quite well
now. Anna Jay took a long walk with
us this evening.

Monday Oct 9th -

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I am obliged to give considerable time yet to the repairing of the boat & such matters - am getting my report along considerably day by day. Clara is going to the Women's Class every day from 10 till 11-30 - & enjoying it much & I am glad she can do so much. The children are quite well now.

Tuesday Oct 10th -

I am getting much better of the attack of Catarrh that troubled me so last week - am trying "Elys Cream Balm" - a part of a bottle I bought in 1867 is as fresh & balmy as when it was new: it seems very soothing.

The news papers bring rather disturbing reports of the Chinese situation in America. Well, in hope to be kept safely through it all.

Wednesday Oct 11th -

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Dr. & Mrs. Partridge have started for
Jio Phing - when they plan living 3 mos.
Mrs. Ashmond is to keep up the little
school Mrs. P. started last year.
Mai-Hien (the girl we got away from
the Chutches of the Dutchman 5 yrs ago, who
is now married to Mr. A. Jio "Boy")
is teacher - Mr. P. expects to open a
school at Jio Phing - Ahim Iui, who
made so much trouble here before, is to
go with him: He apologized & asked the
forgiveness of the Church at Communion
time for having joined the Kit Lè de-
fection. We had prayer meeting in Swatow
this P.M. led by Mr. Lewis, formerly of the
China Inland Mission - his picture is in the
book in the Conference Report, which he
took in that hand by the way - he read II Timothy I
& made some excellent remarks - He is
now working for the B & S. Bible Society.

Thursday Oct 12th -

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Another day much broken up -
I have been at the boat several times -
Dr. & Mrs. A. are going out to-morrow

I want to have the boat all ready.

Ji-hoi was up with his acc^t which
is a heavy one.

Ngwan Thien has been up from
Tang Liu and brought a subscription
list on red paper showing some 40 -
subscribers by the brethren & sisters last
Sunday toward repairing the
Chapel - a very cheering proof that
they are growing in aspect of true
independence - They have a surplus
from weekly offerings so will be
able to supply about \$600 - this
means as much as \$600 for a small

Country Church at home.

Friday -

Mr. Kemp has just come -
seems a capable man, he will
remain here a few days -

I plan going out to the
Country next Tuesday -

We are quite well. John -

Country church at home.

Anna & Jay have been enjoying a sort of rocking boat - a long oblong oval box set up on rockers, which Mrs. A. J. kindly lent.

The children's knowledge of Zoology is not yet complete. A small Noah's Ark "beastie" - cow or sheep, that was a bone of contention for a time was put in a pot of ferns on the table yesterday. To-day Jay shooed it & sung out "Anna - 'goo-oo' (cow) - then one of them said "Jee-jee" - which is Jay's name for horse - but Anna sagely remarked "No, I do not think it is either, it is an animal" - She declared tomatoes various yesterday & repeated her requests for "vegetables."

Dr. Scott & Miss Dunwiddie called ⁵⁹
this evening - I am accepting
congratulations on having my Thomson's
Report all done & two full copies
made out, one to send to Boston & one
to keep. Friday - Oct. 13th -

Mr. A. J. Dr. & Mr. A. set out in the
two boats for Kich'Yang - I was writing
to Mr. Coleman when the cook announce-
ed a guest from Hongkong I went
out & found a well built & bearded
man who said "my name is Kemp".

We had rec'd no intimation from
Boston relative to his sailing so did
not look for him. I sent

word to Mr. Brodt who was just
starting for Mung Khe Liang -
he came up for a moment
I had promised to meet Mr. B. a
week from Sunday & offered to

take Mr. Kemp up there, to M. B. Co
Started off post haste for the steam
launch - We had invited Dr. & Mrs.
Cousland & a Miss Porter of Portland
Or. (en route to Singapore) to take tiffin
with us & were glad to have Mr. Kemp
stay. He had a chance to meet the
others at Dr. Scott's at 4 o'clock -

Mr. Kemp is a man who has seen
considerable of the world, was a rail-
road man before his conversion; his
home was in Dorchester. I took
him to the Chinese prayer-meeting
which he enjoyed. He stays at

Mr. A. Jr. S. Saturday - Oct. 14th

I spent quite a part of the day in
preparing for Sunday, & attending
to some odd ends of work -

Sunday Evening Oct 11th - 61

We went over to Mrs. A. J. & Tang
from Gospel Hymns No. 5. Mr. Kemp
is quite a good singer - I went to
Tang's & had a rather good time
at the service there. I was rather
provoked to find no little confusion at
the Chapel due to the moving of all
the belongings of Mr. Gompertz, the
Cadet whom we allowed to live there.
If he were not English & a member of the
"Foreign Community", one would suppose
that the least he would do would be
to pay some regard to what Mr. Endra-
or to teach the Chinese tho' he does
not regard the day himself -

They seem genuinely interested in the
matter of reforms - Our service to-day was
adapted to that - Tang sang spoke on the
reform under Hindustani, I intend to that

under Isaiah to the rebuilding of the 62
Temple - I showed them an illustration
of the celebration described in Ezra 7.

I referred to Hagai I: 7-14 - showing that
the Lord himself also rejoiced as well as
men at the rebuilding of the Temple -

We should remember in our work of repair-
ing that it is pleasing to Him, do it as
a thankful service to Him & expect a
blessing from Him.

All our steersmen are in the Country
so I was obliged to get the "Sector", or
rather grass-digger, a-Long. He brought
along two very poor sticks to help row, came
late & when I told him to come around
to Keah-Chin & wait for us there, he wait-
ed outside: the wind rose so there was
a heavy sea we could not get out against
it - I made them return - Had one of the
Yang An brethren take the boat in charge &
Brach Lee agreed with him to bring the
boat in to-morrow if possible - I came
home with the boatmen, walked about

5 miles. took a small boat at Kuch Chiu 63
reached home at 6 o'clock. found Clara
quite anxious about me -

Anna had a bad bilious attack yesterday,
threw up profusely after supper, was very
nauseous this morning but is better now -

Monday Oct 14/93

Boat came all right this
forenoon. I am planning to
go to the Country this P.M. after
going to Lucerne for a few things
to see the Consul -

Monday morning - 8-40 Oct ^{6th}
5 miles above Chi' King - We started
at 5 o'clock & had a fine run
till about 8 P.M. - when the steers-
man blundered on to the rope
of some fishing stakes & then
let the boat drift on & into a net
that was pulled up - as we near
got out of this he foolishly had
the head sail put up & that drove
us back into the net & now it
is somewhat - the owners have been
making a great deal of talk about it
with the steersman & I judge they
have not yet come to terms -
Mr. Kemp is with me -

Tuesday morning - Oct 17th
7 miles below Pu-chung city - We
started long before daylight & the
men rowed till the tide turned -
after breakfast & Chinese worship

Dear Father + Mother:

Kak Chieh
Wed. am. Oct 25 '93

This journal came down Saturday night by Mr Kemp, much to my surprise, for I was thinking of the three gentlemen (John, Mans Brodt + Kemp) as meeting that day at Ungken Liang. But Mr K. found the trip a tedious one, & decided as John dropped down the River to go to Ungken Liang, he would stop off at Kit-de take the Steam Launch there & come back to K.L. Their first plan was, when Mr Brodt started off the day Mr K. arrived, to spend the Sunday together at this Hakka Station. Mr B. asking John to come & help him examine some candidates for baptism who were there & they thought Mr K. would enjoy being there too. I thought Mr B. would be back on Monday & was looking for more journal & a letter from John that night, but as I have not heard from him yet, I rather think he is finishing up the trip with John, & that both will be coming back either the latter part of this week or the forepart of next, I must send this today, as the Belgic leaves Hong Kong tomorrow.

2- Last night all the members of our Mission who were here on the Compound, had supper at Dr Scott's + spent a pleasant sociable evening. Eight of us were there, Dr + Mrs Ashmore, Mr Kemp + Mrs Ashmore Jr. (he is staying with them), Dr Scott, her daughter + Miss Dummiddie; these two ladies had just come back from country trips. Miss S. having been away about 3 wks + Miss D. on week.

I've been having the class while they were away. After spending 2 hrs with the women, from 9-11, I was so tired that it was quite impossible to do much of anything else, at least till toward evening when I ought to be outdoors with Anna + Jay. So today I've begged off + am trying to get done numerous odder ends, which have been lying around waiting, but the mail must be ready first.

We have a very interesting class of women - 11 who are boarded by us, + two or three who come in, who live on the Compound. Three of them are young, the others are 40, 50 + 60 yrs or thereabouts.

Some of the elderly ones are very slow to learn to read the character, but some of the slowest to learn to read, are the best listeners,

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And just drink in the Bible explanations, I have been exceedingly interested in teaching them. As it is now, the two ladies having charge, & taking the responsibility of looking after the numerous details, I enjoy the work of teaching more than ever. They take it month about. Miss D. had it this month, while Miss S. spent most of the time in the country, taking a long trip, Miss D. only taking the one short trip of a week to Sang Au. I have been going down daily at 10 o'clock & staying till 11.30 for my teaching time, while Miss D. spends that time with her teacher, she going from 9-10 a.m. & then two hours more in the afternoon. Occasionally for a day or two, when I find myself getting too tired, I stop, and soon rested up again & am glad to go back.

This arrangement is very satisfactory to me.

Only one of the women is able to read in the Gospels, the others are all reading in the leaflets & Catechism, all being Bible truth, put into as simple & plain a form as possible.

4. Anna, Jay + Helen almost live out of doors now-a-days. We are having a spell of such beautiful weather. And the little folks are thriving in it. If only you could be enjoying them with us. You would be deeply in love with Jay I am sure. The little chap is growing lovelier + more winning every day, but also more full of mischief + roborant life. The only sentence he has got almost completely is "baby pull my hair"; but he is picking up words fast now, he is still fond of counting his "tree, two, nine, ten". He has such a bonny, sweet face, his picture gives you some idea of it, but his lovely, clear complexion, his sweet rollicking laugh + the dear boy himself, you don't get. Am I making too much of our boy? He is a child everyone takes to, + is of course in great danger of being spoiled by too much attention. He is inclined to tyrannize over Anna, but he yields quite readily generally. He is in terror of "papa's tick" + yields immediately if he sees any likelihood of its coming to him. He has several times thrown Anna down; in quarreling he shows his strength

5. to be greater than Anna, but they do get along nicely together generally. Both of them adore their little sister. They are very lavish with their kisses with her. Every morning about 6 o'clock the pattering of feet is heard from the nursery thro. the hall & Anna & Jay come to "see baby" as Sunny boy says & they have a good roll ic with her before their father. She enjoys it thoroughly too. She is such a dear monsie, a most lovable baby, ^{Cholly's} ~~my~~ sister Mary who had ten children, use to say "the last one is always the sweetest" & I am experiencing that now I think.

And dear little Anna certainly must not be left out, for she deserves many a kind word spoken for her, she is Mamma's helper, & companion especially when papa is away. She is often very amusing in her questions, & the notice she takes of things. We have three dear little treasures, & we would be glad to have you be able to enjoy them as we do. We are wondering much what you will write in regard

6 to the matter of going west this winter. I think we do expect to go home next Spring, + yet it is not at all decided, we want to do that which will be best for the work + ourselves in connection with it, + we be able to say positively till shortly before we start, if we go.

I will have to close now with very much love to you both + many kisses from the three chicks for dear grandpa + grandma - Lovingly your daughter
Clara H. Foster,

We enjoyed much Father's two letters of Sept 13 + 14, but missed Mother's usual good budget. Jay is just calling out to Anna, "Come Hongkong boat, ^(winter) after go -" He has Frank's horse hobby horse - a boat on rollers + the chicks enjoy it much - Mr. Helen is having her long morning nap.

with the brother Ch'gian Thuan from 65
Tang-ai, who is going in to join the
preacher's boat, we went out on a
preaching expedition; we had chances
to talk with people by the way.

The village is named Kang-Khai:-
The richest man in the village was
among our hearers: he was at first
inclined to ridicule us, but was
much better toward the end & said
"I half believe the doctrine, have
not decided yet which way to turn."
I told him that for "two feet (to)
take two boats" (a proverb) was bad,
which he admitted.

Wednesday 8 P.M.

We are lying by the stone bridge a-
gain. Have just come back from mon-
astery at the preacher's boat which lies
just the other side of the bridge.
This forenoon we went in to the shop

where we had an audience in 66
front of the door. Two of the men
Dong-Sun & Chuan than we met
well. but I had three with me
this P.M. We visited only two small
villages but were encouraged to find
people ready to ask questions & to take
an apparently more real interest in
what we say than on a former visit.

A number of the old people were
ready to learn how to pray -
I have never found them more inclined
to ask serious & discriminating questions
than to-day. Thursday Oct 19th -

This morning we set out at 8 o'clock
& stopped a little while at the shop -
The two sick men are better to-day.
We had first a crowd of boys
to whom Lung-sung read & talked for

a time. Later several older men 67
came in & I had a good hearing
from them: two showed more than
a passing interest. We walked over
through ^{the gate} Admiral Pang's premises
& Mr. Kemp came back to the boat.

We had some change of talk by the
way of a village called Ho King
beyond the city. We had an audience
averaging 60 for two hours. It was
near the shrine of a Buddhist goddess
highly honored in this region. There
were several there who manifested an
interest & some bought books. On the
way back we were halted by a
man lying on a bed & asked if
we had any medicine. We found the
man had a bad abscess on his foot.
I suggested a rice poultice - but
he did not seem inclined to use any -

thing so simple. Lung Heng said "He 68
thought you would give him something
hard to take: this is too easy" (at least)
He was evidently a gambler & Heng
gave him an account of a brother at Pek-
shah who was converted & gave up his
gambling & got peace of soul. Another
man came in & proved a good listener &
another who was of the Ong family - both of
them smokers who spoke as if they might
come down & take the course of treatment for
breaking off the habit - This last corner
said he would walk back with us
& invited us to his "reception room".
He is a Captain - a Centurion, has com-
mand of 100 men - He was very polite
& hospitable - We left some books with
him - On the way to the boat, we had
an invitation to go in visit the teacher of
a little-village school - It was then after
one o'clock so we could not stop.

After dinner resting a little we went
up & had very good opportunities
to talk with the old teacher & with
the scholars. I think the old man has
some lawsuit on hand or some trouble
in wh. he wants help, but he gave
good attention to the truth. One woman
& several boys learned a short prayer.
& they bought some copies of the catechism.

Friday - Oct 20th -

near E - But - en route for Tung Kheu
Liang - This forenoon the messenger
from Kak Chieh arrived with
mail, meat &c. I was delighted
to get letters from Father of the
13th & 14th of Sept - glad to know he
is so well & contented. I found
in our two receipts - Doris & the
Chicago Univ. also newspaper but
Edw. J. L. seems to be getting
on well & to be making an honorable record.

I had several business letters 70
from Boston - one a draft for
Sunday specific gifts including Aunt
Abby White's. which at the present rate
of Exchange will amount to some
\$470 - Mexicans. I hope it can be
used for some one thing that would be
a permanent memorial -

After reading the home letters & Clara's
good letter with some others she sent,
we set out for the city. first visited
the market & there had a lively crowd
who bought quite a no. of leaflets &
booklets - we then had an invitation to
visit the "Fifth - small - squin" of the
Ding family - the 5th son of the late
Admiral's elder brother, the fifth in age -
reckoning adopted sons. The others were
all adopted - this the only one of
the name now - He owns half a bar
of theatrical trunks & has a pawn shop.

示信 - "Eternal-faith-fulness" is the 41
Sign of the latter. He treated us well
gave me the seat of honor, had tea made
in a plate of fruit, pummeles, persim-
mons, pickled pears & Pientsein grapes
brought. - We talked quite a long time
& were quite interested in the trade a
young military man gave against
the idols, which he said were a fraud.

We left some books with them
& came away to visit the sick man
we saw yesterday. We had a little
more opportunity to preach by the way
& came back to the shop when we
arranged for the work of Sunday
& I came to the boat we set out for
our next station - Mr. Kemp
will go back in the morning
& I can send my mail back to
the Compound -

Saturday - Oct 21st.

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I took a small native boat & left Mr. Kemp to take the houseboat to Kieh Jung -

By 10 o'clock we were up at Sam Chiu

where 2 chairs & beams for baggage were awaiting us. As the chairs had been engaged & Ling Hing was sick

I let him take the extra one sent for

Mr. Kemp - We reached M. K. L. before

1 P.M. & found the premises in excellent order since Mr. Proot came he has

put it in good condition -

I rested most of the afternoon & in the evening we had an examination of candidates - four men - a prayer-meeting.

The men seem to have the root of the matter in them -

Sunday Oct. 22nd -

This has been a delightful October day - clear & just warm enough to be comfortable - We had a prayer -

meeting & questioned two old sis - 73
two who asked baptism. Their replies
were quite good but our needed
more careful consideration because
she is a "Go-between" in matrimonial
affairs, a profession that often im-
plies much trickery & in case of a
wedding on Sunday, disregard of the
day in order to get the Commission
or brokerage allowed to match-makers -

Finally they decided to accept these
& three of the men, one had agreed & did
not dare to be baptized.

I preached at the forenoon service
pr. Matt 30:19 & Prov. 22:14 - had
some liberty - At the baptism
there was a little disturbance from
children laughing but the ordinance
was administered quite satisfactorily.
Mr. Brodt gave the hand of fellowship

& broke the bread - I attended 74
to the rest of the service -

a strolling troupe of play-actors
stopped in to look & listen, they
knew quite well - after Commu-
nion they ^{brother} contributed money to buy

Hymn books - In the evening we had
a good meeting - read the last part
of Luke 6th in turn & I made some
comments - Mr. Brodt had rec'd

a letter from Mr. Campbell at noon
suggesting his taking charge of this
part of the field - & after service we
called the old preacher over here &
had a long conference with him, in-
cluding many exhortations to give

up the use of rice whiskey altogether.
He took it kindly & seemed impressed.

Mr. Brodt engaged him, till the end of
the Chinese year to divide his time
between this place & a station 20 odd miles
away - This rounded out a busy day.

Monday Oct. 23rd 1893. 4-40 P.M.

My dear father;

I wanted to send you something by the last mail, but to get my letters off by Mr. Kemp on Saturday I was obliged to rush and write till very late Friday, so you would get only the journal per "Belgic". It was a very great pleasure to get your two letters of the 14th & 15th of September. I fear I have not been as careful as I ought in acknowledging your highly prized letters; the journal rather lifts a load of responsibility off my shoulders, so that I turn to my other writing, which with the Annual Report has been of late no little work. Now I hope to get more done in my correspondence. The journal gives the chief events of the past week. I quite enjoyed having Mr. Kemp with me but the newness of things seemed to be too much for him & though he is a big powerfully built man who has been on a railroad nearly half his life he found it very wearing. I think I am fairly tough as I see those who have been obliged to go home or who have found it hard to get on.

I feared I should be rather used up to-day as the services yesterday lasted till 9-00 P.M. and then I had to talk for Mr. Brodt till after 10-00 in arranging for the next months in that part of the field. Mr. B. was 42 when he came out & has got but little of the language in his two years. I hope he will be able to hold on and get a hold on the elusive dialect later. He has many good qualities & has made a brave stay of it this Summer at Kia-Eng where it is very hot & uncomfortable. It seemed quite providential my being there yesterday as I was able to help him out in several directions and to give an exhortation to the old preacher who had once promised Mr. Norvell, Dr. Ashmore & myself to reform his ways and not drink so much. I think Mr. B. will give much more attention to that part of the field than heretofore. There will be another baptism before many months I hope. There had not been one before yesterday for over six years.

In regard to what you wrote in your last letter, I certainly had no idea that any intimation had been given you that your resignation would be acceptable, quite the contrary I felt sure that all whose opinion is worth having would be better pleased to have you there, but I thought you preferred to be relieved of the burden and to leave in time of popularity rather than to wait till there might be dissatisfaction in some quarters. I am glad you were not feeling any loneliness at the prospect of the absence of any prescribed duties, hope that you will get through the season all comfortably, wish you could be with us, but fear you might find it tedious out here in the country. You would find a variety at the house in the children whom I hope you can see some time. If you do decide to consider the matter I wrote of some months ago, you may about next Spring meet us on the Pacific coast. I do not feel at all certain what our moves will be. If we are well and we are needed here especially I should prefer to stay, but I cannot tell anything about it; the probabilities are in favor of a journey to the U.S. within six months if the prospects do not change. There is not very much to write except what I put down from day to day. The work in the Mission goes on much as usual. All the men but Dr. A. are in the field and he is doing his accustomed good work in teaching the Class. There has been no further discussion of the matters of which I wrote you. My convictions are full as strong as ever on the subject and as soon as the opportunity offers I hope to see forward steps in the direction of a more truly Baptist foundation for the churches here.

Your Affectionate Son John.

2-40 P.M. Boat "Grace" 75

We reached the boat landing at 11 A.M.

I unpacked part things in order took supper
& a nap besides a few minutes reading etc.

The chair ride was not unpleasant - on the
way we met the two women baptized
yesterday who smiled & hailed us with evi-
dent pleasure: we talked with a few people
by the way & distributed a few tracts & leaflets.

I did not write on Friday that we visited
at C. Bue, at dusk, the men who used
to come to "Yang-Poi" when we had
a room there: They claim to be still
worshipping God by themselves though
not very vigorously. We had a long chat
with them in a room where they in-
vited us to drink tea. The Head man of
the village was there & listened attentively.

Tuesday Oct 24th 10-15 P.M.

I had just been talking with my steers-
man & the Capt. of a Mandarin's boat

the former is. I think, intellectually con-⁷⁶
vinced of the truth of Christianity, & put
was a helping word occasionally. The
other gave me several long stories of chi-
nese heroes, & seemed quite steeled against
the truth. I had just come back from
the preacher's boat when we had a
long conference on the pressing needs
of the work. & laid many lines of work
for the coming weeks.

This forenoon we had a very good
hearing at a village called Sai-Dang.
Some people seemed really interested, but
as they have a law suit on hand, I
fear they may be looking for help.

This P.M. we visited a village where
a theatre was in preparation - the people
crowded around & listened in a friendly
way some time. Then we went outside

shed a number of individual leaves 77
some of whom were quite hopefully interested.

They say there has been a fight at a
large market near here & several men
killed & wounded. The people evidently
need more of the late Admiral's treatment, or
still more the Gospel of the Prince of Peace.

Wednesday Oct 25th -

Another beautiful day. We are a little
late in starting so are not going to
a distant village but to the city sub-
urbs. The steersman wants to go to

Kak Chik to-day to get news from
his family - he expects he has a son or
daughter & wants to know which - a
natural curiosity & to him the difference
is very great.

This forenoon we marched near
 the Yamen & had a rough crowd
 before an opium den - some tho' gave
 good attention. I took a placard
 offering reward for arrest of the thieves
 who stole over \$4000 - from a returning
 traveller, as a starting point & said
 that one main feature of our doctrine
 was like the placard it announced
 that an offence had been committed
 that all men have sinned against the
 Rules of the Universe - Another feature
 unlike the placard, is that a way of
 escape is provided for the criminal
 Tang Sing followed & gave too much
 attention to sectarianism; some sons of Bala
 al began to rant; one in particular -
 I was glad to hear a boy of 14 or 15 say
 "He doesn't understand the right; if it suits

Monday - Oct 30 - 1893.

Dear Father + Mother:

This batch of Journal has just come down. John sent it to Dr Scott at Kieh Yang, where she has been since Thurs. + came back early this A.M. I had a short letter with it, in which he says he is just starting for Kan Nam where he expects to be over Sunday, then from there he comes directly home. He may possibly be able to get in ^{tonight} - but it is more probable that he will be in tomorrow.

We are having cool weather decidedly cooler than the previous four or five yrs at this time, there is at 66° but it is invigorating. Have not yet started any fires, but will have to soon in the nursery for the children's baths, if it continues to drop. I have them dressed warmly.

Our trail came in Friday 8.30 P.M. - much delayed for same reason, as it was to have been

in H.K. on Tuesday. John had sent his²
steersman in on Wed & he waited over till
Friday noon for it, but he dared not wait
any longer, so it is awaiting him here.

I am very ^{sorry} from Mother's letter to learn
that father has again had two dizzy
spells. I know John will be anxious too.
We do trust that with the cooler weather
you will be stronger & not troubled with
them any longer. John had several letters
from the Rooms & one from New Britain & one
from South Paris, Maine - 6 in all. I had none. My
correspondence is not as large as the first few
years I was out. I have not been able to ans. to
many of my friends much to my regret.

The Citypress of China goes on Wed from H.K.
& I'll have this ready to go today to go by her. John
will doubtless have time to go by the Peru on
Sat. The children are out with the Amah & I
am ready to go down to the woman's class at 10.
It being a few minutes of that now.

Miss Dumboldie, Anna & I took the steam launch into
Kihyang on Saturday leaving Swatow at 8.30 A.M. -
arriving at Kihyang at 12.15 - the tide being

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against us all the way, we were slow in getting there, with the tide they reach there at 11 A.M. - at 1 P.M. we started back again & reached here at 6 P.M. We found it a pleasant days outing. Dr. Behmore has been putting up a very nice house & a new chapel there. Dr. Scott was dispensing medicine when we got there. It is an important center for our work, excellent opportunities always, being next to the launch pier where there are daily hundreds of people passing, & a few hundred ft on the other side is a large ferry leading to many villages beyond.

We do rejoice in the blessings God is giving to the work being done, that we may do more for Him while we can is our earnest desire - Lines up - Lovingly

Daughter

I am making a collection of Columbian stamps for the chicks, I have up to 15-c all but the 6ct stamps, Could you please put a 6ct stamp on a letter sometime instead of a 5-cts & thus I would have one, if not troubling you too much please -

Clara

him let him listen: if not let him go.
Others too around that the disturbance
was wrong: free speech is advocated by
the rising generation.

We had a good hearing in front
of the Confucian Temple, our young men
nearly seemed not far from the Kingdom.
Some sensible elderly women listened
well & said of themselves they knew
that worshipping idols, the Sun & Moon
was not right & true.

Again I talked with two men who
showed no little interest, one was a
passenger with Pang Sing from Kit Se
Monday night. Several young rangers
followed us & made a disturbance
there but nothing serious -
I felt very tired & stayed in this
O.M. - The men visited some hamlets
at Angsua near by.

Thursday Oct 26th - 80-

This forenoon we walked some 3 miles to a village called Chien-tai - & preached at several places. Some listened quite well - & we were invited to drink tea at one place. We are selling a few books. I find the little Collection of hymns is the best selling tract we have had.

We get audiences, but they are not always "inspiring"; after I had talked to a crowd some time, about the True God, a woman with a baby in her arms called out "Will he prosper our pigs? If he will, we will worship." - I used this as a point of departure to Em-

phases the difference between the pigs & 81
& men with immortal souls. Tang-
Sung also took it up later to show the
vanity of idolatry & the need of worshipping
a God who really has power to bestow
genuine blessing. An old man over 90
appeared a little later: he had an unusual-
ly full head for a Chinaman, & very white.
His sight & hearing seemed perfect. He
was skeptical on the subject of a future
life, but several frs. talked to him
about it. After tiffin, half an hour
nap & in hour by myself - we set out
again for the village of Pong-tshian back
at the foot of the hills some 2½ miles -
They are a hard-looking lot of villagers.
They used to fight the "Big-Sun"
people years ago. We were invited to
come in & drink tea at our room

Had an audience of men & children ⁸²
with several women at the door. Some
listened well. I talked quite a long time
on the life & work of the Savior - & again
spoke at some length inside the village
gateway - I told the story of Dagon & the
Ark for the first time: it produced an
impression on our man at least.

Loingün reports a hopeful conversation
with a man over 80 yrs old at the shop.
The man seemed to really be aroused by the
truth of a future life & hope in a Savior -
We read in the 9th Chapter of Matthew
to-night & I told the parable
looked that many of these old men &
women, though they may grasp but a
fragment of the truth may be like the
woman who touched the hem of the
Lord's garment: it may be but a touch,
yet it can be a saving touch.

Friday Oct 27th -

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This forenoon we visited Hô-King on the other side of the city & had several small audiences - was invited in to an Ancestral Temple by the school teacher, who seemed to take to Ling Heng & accepted his views of Confucius on several points - I gave him a Gospel of Mark - He called on the old Squire on the way out; he was in a very pleasant frame. This P. M. we visited again the villego of Hô-Ting am when they were having a theatre a few days ago. We were invited into a well furnished room and drank tea with the people; there were several good looking & pleasant men who listened well. I have seen no place about here, where the men seem so likely to make the bounda-

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tion of a strong Church as
them - They have several schools & I
hear they have nothing to do with
the Buddhist Priest, say it is not
in harmony with Confucius's teachings
to employ them to lead the dead
into the Western Heaven - "May the
Lord bless our words to the leading
of many there into the light & hope of a
blessed immortality. They admit that
to them all is mist & darkness beyond.

This village is a great contrast to that
we visited yesterday which, they say,
was won with "Ang-Suan" over a score of
years - on each side they killed & eat
some of their enemies - Long-Sun was
born after the funds Ngam & before they
closed he was able to "carry weapons"
in the affray.

at Kancham 6-30 P.M. 86

I had about 3 hours in the chair this A.M.; it was one of the "reclining" kind - morning limited reclining chair car - but two stops made - Our car lay back & very comfortable by putting blankets on the seat & something under the head. There is a bit of bamboo hung by two cords that serves as a foot rest, so our car drew up his feet entirely - I talked to a few people at Poa-Pa; one opium smoking vagabond listened somewhat, but with a view to amusement I judged. He brought up the sin of the foreigner in bringing opium here. I reminded him that no one compelled him to smoke it, which amused the crowd & he admitted his error, but insisted that it was wrong to sell it, which I, of course, readily granted - The chair-braker in front asked me to explain "the doctrine", which I was very glad to do & gave good attention - there is certainly a growing willingness & even desire to hear the truth constantly manifesting itself -

There was not a large attendance at the 8th funeral, which is well as the family is poor. We sang - prayer was short. I spoke from Rev. XIV: 13 - on the Collocation of the seemingly contrasted terms death & blessing - after another hymn & prayer the procession started they had several boys in front bearing a banner, - two upright sticks & a connecting band some 3 1/2 ft long at top - The mourners, women wailing, followed the coffin others followed. Mr. the merchant, came back & had a long talk with A-Ngō about his family troubles; he took some advice & some of it bore hard upon him, in a good thing, it. I really believe divine truth is getting a hold on him both spiritually & intellectually.

Sunday Oct. 29th - 5-15 P.M.

We have had a good day here - several attendants I never met before; one an old Catholic who became a Muslim in Singapore & seems a great advance ~~of~~ over the Irish & French Catholics at home. He had his prayer book & rosary with him, but he seems to know that the Lord Jesus is the savior - I've had never

attended before: an old man of 77 was 88.
a good listener, but he has an "affair"
on hand that grew out of a gambling quarrel
between his sons & others, so I do not know
how much of a hold the truth will take.

The other, a young man, seems to be genuinely
interested, took off the written charms he
had tied in his case & gave them to me.
He took a catechism & learned about the
prayers that are given as examples there.

We had early service at 10 - reading of Mark XVI

Prayer singing! preaching service at 11-15 -
I gave opportunity for requests for prayer & testi-
monies. After two offers of prayer had the
account of the Crucifixion read & I spoke

fr. Hebrews II: 1409 - referring to Rev. IX: 11
sq. & XIV: 13. They gave me good attention.

I took a little time to rest after tiffin -
We had Communion at 3-20 - Ling Heng
& Pang seng came in then: they set out early
to visit the school teacher "Si" Kok-Eng
who was at Kiu-Siu last January: they
had a long hunt & on the way met some
literary men at a place where Pang seng

used to teach. They were hospitable & in. 89.
sisted on the two staying to a feast provid-
ed for a teacher then: they were treated
well & had opportunity to talk of the truth.
They found the teacher at last & though he
has not been able to come out as a
Christian he is still interested & wants
to go to Kien Si again & read in January.

Monday. Oct 30th -

This morning we discussed the question
of needed improvements in the chapel & an
hoping to interest the members who live in
Svatorov & Hong-Kong to help as the resident
members are mostly poor. I did not
enjoy the ride particularly the chair
grew very hard before we reached the boat.
We called at Hou-Lou-Ti; there were about
10 there who met for worship then at the
house of Aikang, a former teacher, a nucleus
of a future church we trust. The people
need constant care: Pang Sang's brother
had gotten back to gambling again &
little, & the others labored with him.

He promises to do better. Gambling with 90
cards is as bad a habit here as in America.

The preacher's boat & this came down together.
We had a good meeting in the preacher's boat
to-night: our ferry boatmen want me to
carry my lantern. He seemed to really take
a personal interest: he is a pleasant fel-
low & I hope he may have the courage of his
convictions - one of the men on the Mandarin
boat, that lay astern of us for several days,
heard & showed us little interest & to-day
gave me the Christian salutation of "Peace",
very pleasantly as we slipped our mooring
& dropped down past them -

It is very interesting to see how the Chinese
expose each other's errors, especially those
savoring of conceit. Huk-dang was telling with
great gusto how he answered some man
who charged him & his brother with the folly of being
Heavenly ones in their large villages to better up with
the heathen - he said that the heathen covet that now he
"preached law & worked righteousness" &c. &c. Ling Heng
said "Better tell the way of salvation: you talk about
'preach law, work righteousness' they'll hunt up your
failings, tax you with them & you'll not have a word
to say": quite a strong follow-up, all in the same line
and which he took with a smile of sweetness; he
was the youngest of the party.

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