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at home again Oct 31st (Tuesday) 1843
 This A.M. I took the boat at 8 A.M.
 & reached Swanton by 11-20 - found the
 dentist will be here to-morrow -

I had a pleasant trip across the bay
 with a young fellow who listened with
 seeming acquiescence to the truth -

All seem very well at home, Anna,
 Jay & Helen all seem plumper & have
 more color. I have been very busy
 on accounts & answering business
 letters - am very sorry to hear Father
 has had more unpleasant attack
 trust they will have all passed away
 quickly -

I find Aunt Abby Whites money
 amounts at present to ^{\$297-} exact to
 \$488.80! - so much for the fall in
 silver that helps us here.
 The matter is beautiful -

Wednesday Nov. 18th -

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A very busy day - a string of visitors mostly Chinese from 8 till 12 - & after dinner till I went to Swatow to do some errands. Then I heard that the Sherman act has been repealed - & silver falling & "we are up a gumtree" was the remark of a Swatow merchant. Business here in the East will have a fearful blow I expect.

Prayer-meeting here this evening I expected Mr. A. J. would lead, but they said it was my turn - I read from Matt. IX. the call of Matthew & the healing of the woman & of Jairus's daughter - high low come by faith to a common level & that the highest level in coming to Christ.

Thursday - 2nd Nov.

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Much of my time was given to consulting with Dr. & Mr. Ashmore about various Church matters - & work for next year - Dr. A gave me an account of the difficulty he had in getting the young man Chihin Siu to make a Confession of wrong at the last Communion -

In the evening Clara & I took Supper at Mr. A. J.'s - Mr. Kemp, Dr. A & Miss A. & Worth & Binon were there & we had a pleasant time Friday Nov. 3rd -

It is surprising how many things & people come up for settlement after one has been away a fortnight & plans to be away again - A large part of my time is given to such matters & Treasury work - Dr. Carlin is back from Hong-Kong - expects to take his family there soon -

Saturday - Nov. 4th -

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After giving directions about several matters, I left for Yangai at about 9 o'clock.

Besides the four boatmen, my cook,

Yang Sang, Jickou & two small boys -

The "boss" mason went in the boat -

One of the boys was the one whose father was a medicine man who threw a-

way his amulets after coming to Kak-

chick. The other the boy who refused to

worship at the feast last August. I had

Copies of the leaflet "Regarding the True God" -

& Examined the boys on it. The former

could not read it very well & his eyes were

so sore could not finish it. but the

latter read it well & answered a great many

questions - I put questions that would

touch all the heathen superstitions I could

think of & he seemed to be wonderfully

enlightened. He is now acting as guide to
the blind boy & will come down for a
visit home & must back immediately.
My chief errand here was to

arrange with the British about \approx 5
pairing the chapel - They had a long
discussion with Ji-Kou several times
I thought they were more likely to have
the whole plan upset than to complete
a contract, but there is much to be learn-
ed from a party of this sort, traits of
character show themselves & the minor-
ties of Chinese. House building comes out plain-
ly. They haggled some time about the
tiles for two small spaces. then Ji Kou
said the bill must be paid in dollars
"Chit-chi-ji" (7 mace & 2 Candarins -

72 \approx - Chinese ounce of silver) & the silver
question threatened to be as great a danger
as at home - The dollars no foreigners
use or of that sort but the Chinese reckon
72 \approx to the dollar unless otherwise
specified - Finally J. K. yielded that point
& then they literally grounded & struck rocks
because he wanted them to furnish the
earth, sand & stone for the walls -

He had allowed but \$10. in his first con. 6
tract for these items & when they pressed
him to make concessions he agreed to do
all the rest for \$100 - "75" i.e. 75% of full
value, but they must furnish a place to dig
the earth from if he allowed only \$10 - &
later he flatly refused to furnish them at
all. I suggested that, as the money we
give will be 72-75 dollars it would be
better to raise the wt of things & furnish
him a sand bank than to throw up the
chance of getting the work done - but the
little man did not want that -

We had prayer meeting in the evening
Ji-hai stayed with some of his men.

A-Hoi, who used to know him 20 years ago
gave him some pointed exhortations - &
I hope he may profit by the meeting.

Afterward Pang-sing came up to my
room & I talked with him a little a-
bout the reasonableness of the brethren's
expecting themselves to furnish the south
sand return, if they could not do that
it would be out of the question to expect
them to manage the whole job without a

Contractor - Sunday, Nov. 5th - 7.

I was glad to hear that some of the brethren
agreed to undertake the job of furnishing the
Earth & J. N. agreed to allow them the
"Silver-water" (extra about \$7.00 on the dollar
we pay enough more to make it \$2.70 on
the price of these materials - \$12.70 instead of
\$10 - as first. Our needs to be posted on
these details - as suggestion as to a little
extra may often help bridge over a difficulty.

We had a prayer meeting at 8. A. M. several
requests for prayer were made - I was glad to
hear that the old man whose dwelling
we visited last summer says he does not
worship idols any more but he prays -
"Heavenly Father Bless" & "Thank the
Heavenly Father" - He is in Swatow now.

There had been scarcely any time to
think about the preaching services but
Pang Sing & his team had come to my room
& I found the latter had prepared to

read Gen. XIII & the latter to speak on E
Eph. IV: 1 sq. I suggested that Mg. Th.
add the first verse of Chap. XII & explain
a little about Abraham's being a blessing to
all the earth: then Pang Sing & I fell back
on the plan we laid several weeks ago &
did not follow: i.e. that ~~to~~ take the vision
of Zachariah, of which we have pictures
in a S.S. Roll of Illustrations, & follow
with the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

We had a very good service taking
all in all - I am more than ever
inclined to believe that the Elder Son
refers to the Angels - the preceding verse
says "there is joy in the presence of the
Angels of God", not among them - & other
passages state that the plan of salvation
for repentant sinners is something they
desire to look into - there is seemingly no
similar promise for their fallen com-
panions & we are to be their judges.
Our S.S. lesson was Mt. XIV: 66 - XV: 5

After S. S. I talked with them about 9
Some things that should be changed in
the conduct of affairs & got at the
Exact state of their finances - They had
Subscribed a little ^{above} \$45 - & had \$14.
left over from last years money contribu-
tions which had been loaned & earned over a
dollar of interest - There is a little bal.
now making \$62 - in all - They owe
\$6 - for a new Stone doorway & wooden doors,
\$3 - ground rent & \$1 - for repairing a clock -
leaving \$52 - to pay on the \$110 - of this
Contract - which calls for \$58 - from us.
This is a large proportion, but the
State Committee at home often is called
upon for a still larger share - I
have \$25 per year given by children in New-
Britain several years ago for a school at
Pangloss - not used - This Newbridge
gives \$5 - we will give the same & the
bal I can furnish from Mission
Funds - I told them it would be a
great advantage to have all the settlers

part in order & tried ours bought, 20 10
as to start all fresh clean - I offered to
make our gift \$60 - if they would raise
enough more to secure the seats - They de-
murred somewhat but after a little
waiting subscribed the half of what
was needed & felt confident they
could get the rest -

We had a good evening meeting -
I arranged for the two preachers to
stay over Monday & visit Do-Thân, a
village a few miles away where there
is at least one bilious & where a good
hearing was given the time Miss
Dunwiddie was there a fortnight ago.

At the last a discussion came up
about finishing one of the rooms &
Bro - A - Hui came up & talked with
me quite a while about the state of
things -

Monday Nov. 6th

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This A.M. I started before 8 o'clock -
our boat sailed - the landing is a mile
fr. the Chapel, - at just 8 - 1/2 hours
rowing sailing brought us here.

All are well - I have been busy on
my workbenches, been in the Chi-
nese dentist's chair 1/2 hours -

This evening I read aloud some of the
reports in the Standard of Sept. 28th

of the (in) famous Parliament of Religion -
Some of the anti-Christian sentiments
were stronger than even I expected I
was a prophet of evil from the first,
but Dr. Boardman's address surpris-
ed me by its Scripturalness & many
excellent statements - It is so
vague & general in some of its notions,
as nearly reported in the Standard that
this is pleasing.

Tuesday Nov. 4th.

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This morning at 8-30 Clara & I
went to Swatow & the poor girl had
three teeth out - one was a very hard
one. she will need to have a plate for
the lower & perhaps for the upper ones
too. Several of the Chinese have been in
to consult about the work at Pangli
& Phan-hing. This P.M. the ladies ar-
ranged an outing at a Chinese burial place
1 1/2 miles away & at 3.30 Mr. A. Jr. & I
walked out there & had a pleasant excur-
sion. Dr. Scott amused us much
by telling of a little girl who was a
little ill & began expressing a marked
wish to die & be an angel. Her mother
encouraged her & asked how soon she should
pray the Lord to take her! This looked a trifle
definite & she said "Well - I think it better
to wait till Barnabas the Ephodome has come"

"But" her mother said there ¹³
is no need of waiting for that
because learn it a great deal
better than any way you could
Enjoy Christ - Barren's words
moments - "Yes, Mama, &
learn will keep & know
moments will not."

Wednesday Nov. 8th

We had Union prayer meeting
this P.M.: it was my turn to lead.
I read Rom. V: 1-5, Phil. II: 5-11 &
II Tim. I: 7-12 - the subj: Trium in the
8th vs. of the last passage - "partaker
of the afflictions of the Gospel according
to the power of God". The paradox
in afflictions of goodness - or having
of good news. & afflictions according
to power. The first implies the

the foundation truth that the 14

good news is not welcome because
of its conditions - the whole world may
gather to discuss the subject of religion,
but this obstacle will remain -
the prayers of glad tidings will be
opposed & hated.

Again it is strange that ambassa-
dors from the court of Heaven
sh'd be despised & rejected subject
to insult & death - but we find
the solution in what is said below in
regard to him who first brought the good
news & through death brought life &
immortality to light - The "power"
is not protection from ^{present} ill, but a
far mightier power that can turn
afflictions into a well of joy & make
them work out a far more exceeding
& eternal might of glory -
Mr Kemp led us in prayer so there was
no waiting & it was I think the best
meeting we have had.

Sat. Nov. 11-93-

Dear Father + Mother;

John left yesterday morning directly after breakfast, he was to be at the Dentists for the last time at 8.30 A.M. + then from there he was going to take a Kuo Lieh - (Chau Yang) steamer + go to meet his boat, which left the day before. He expects to be away till the end of this month. He plans living in a native house at Khoukhou sending his boat back next week.

Monday I go to the Dentists again to have the impression taken for a plate. I did expect to wait to have this done at home, but there were two molars that were past filling + so it seemed best to have them out, + have a plate made. Four below + four above are out, my front teeth are quite sound yet.

John went over with me, to have their drawings + we were weighed over at the Com. pradoes. He is 138 lbs + I 108 lbs. He is about at his average weight + I a little below, still I am quite well, thought I do have to be more careful not to overdo than formerly.

2. Thursday night we had a pleasant evening with all the members of the Mission here, in to supper + for the evening. There were 10 at the table. We had roast beef + chicken pie, Curry + rice for the second course, + Italian cream for dessert.

Dr + Mrs A., Mrs + Miss A., Jr, Dr Scott, Worth Brown from an Hill, + Mr Brodt + Mr Kemp from the Hakka Mission, ^{were the guests,} they live down in Kak Chik on the Bund, in the house which the Campbells formerly lived. ^{The Parliament of Religion engaged the} The Oceanic brought Mothers good ^{one they like} long letter telling of the arrival of the photos. Also brought our California goods, which we expect up here today or Monday, + also the Bill of Lading for the goods John ordered from New Britain. These latter things will come probably toward the end of this month.

We did not send for as many things as ^{in former} you, a few tinned meats for John on his country trips, ^{we sent for butter, too to buy, in rolls in a bag.} The Baby wakened calling most pleadingly for her "ma - ma" I went, then found Anna + Jay playing in water. he drenched, having to be changed throughout the dinner + now this must go. With much love to you both hoping you are both well. ^{Love from} daughter Clara

Thursday - Nov. 10th -

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The forenoon was taken up with sundry preparations for going away. I closed with a final consultation & closing of the Contract for Yang Oi repairs with our of the bin there - May the work be done well & no ill result.

After dinner I saw the Dentist in Swatow & was busy after I came back till supper time when all the Mission now here, Dr. & Mrs. A. Mr. & Mrs. A. Jr. Dr. Scott, Messrs. Kent & Wood. We had a rather pleasant time, but Mr. B. had an ill turn after supper -

The Parliament of Religion is a common topic of conversation. Some of the sayings by Christian men sound blasphemous - The "Right Honored" Priest of the Shinto form of devil worship!

Mission Boat "Grace" en route for Kivik 16

Friday. Nov. 10th 1893

This morning after breakfast I bade good-bye to the loved ones at home & crossed over to Swatow. on the way to the boat three different ones hailed me to ask about Mission matters - & Mr. Probst too followed me down & had a final word about ^(Mission Treasury) business matters. I had an appointment with the dentist at 8-30 & the ebb tide made the journey across so long I feared I should be late, but was not, after a brief time in his hands I walked back to the Presbyterian Mission Compound to consult with Mr. Mackenzie about one or two matters concerning their members & ours & then farther on to the Consul, but he was not at home. Forty minutes walk took me back to Bradley's office when I drew some money &

shook of plans for remitting funds 17
to the Country. Then to the Draconis drug
store to check a word to him about
the report falsely circulated about
dishonesty on the part of my preacher
Ling Hing in buying the Ng-King house.

A young man, Ling-Chiu, who is in charge about
forwarding mail, supplies etc to the
inland stations met me by appointment
and we went to the Business Headquar-
ters of Kuang Tak (Broad-Profit) an
Ng-King man to see about remitting
money to that place, but he does
not seem inclined to do this as
the Hak-Ka firm still he thought
he could arrange with a firm he
knows in Ng-King. This necessitated
another visit to Brodley's writing two
letters back to Kak Chee.

Thence to the Steamer landing, where I
found my cook waiting. As there was
no boat for nearly an hour I went to the

Office of Jardine Matheson & Co. + 18
arranged with the Chinese Clerk to
put the goods on respect from New-
York, through the Customs, if they ar-
rive before I get back. - I also wrote
a further note to Clara in answer to
one she sent by the Cook with some
inquiries about Treasury matters -

On the launch I went down into the
little cabin & was occupied most of the
way in conversation with two bright
young men who said they were from
Hui-Lai. & were in the sugar business. - I
do not recall all the questions they asked
me but here are some - "How many cash
do you pay for cabin passage?" -
"What is your honorable surname?" - "You - of
what Kingdom?" "How far is it to your home?"
"How many days on fire-boat (steamer)?" -
"How many years have you been here?"
"When do you reside?" "Are you wanted

to Chinese living: do you eat boiled rice? - "You eat flesh?" - "do you drink liquor?" - "In what extensive business are you engaged?" - "do you speak Cantonese & Mandarin?" "do you read Chinese Character?"

"What is your word for 'chiah,' (eat)?"
 "How many ladies have you taken-to-wife?"
 "Do not men in your country marry more than one?" - "How many little equines (horses) have you?" - "When are your families?"
 "What are your marriage customs?"
 "Is it all the say of the woman?"
 "Do they worship at the wedding?"
 "How much money is paid for the bride?"
 "Is it true that brother sister marry in your Kingdom?" - "Do people gamble there?" "What games do they play in gambling?" "do men lead immoral lives?" - "How about death & burial?"
 "do you worship the dead?"
 This gave me a good opportunity to de-

Set to a Christian funeral, its order 20
solemnity & hope, compared with a Bud-
dhist performance out here. Quite a
number had gathered about & all listened well.

They, of course, asked about what my
clothing cost & other similar questions:
I used to be annoyed at such curiosity,
but so long as they confine themselves
to politeness (Chinese) I do not mind
it & sometimes get good opportunities
to say a word that otherwise might
not be feasible -

I took a sedan chair across to the
boat. it is over 4 miles and I had
not eaten since an early breakfast so I found a
walk might not be good economy in the
hot sun. The ride cost about 20 cents.

It was nearly 3 o'clock when the boat got
under sail - I rested, read & wrote until
9 P.M. - We passed under Hsia Pheng
Bridge before sun down.

Saturday Evening at K'ui Siu. No. 1 (1th 2)

Kim - K'ek, who used to be a school teacher, & understood a little of medicine, had opened a small drug-store here. I called on him and quite a number of men and boys gathered about the door with me. I had some leaflets & tracts some were taken. The school teacher from K'hoi Khai, Chiu Siu, was present with him an old man, who used to be a sort of fortune teller and has recently become a believer. He former was expounding a leaflet "Regarding (the) True God". I helped a little. I referred to the old man, who was cooking their supper, as one who had only of late accepted this truth. He said with no little emphasis - "Yes, I was an Astrologer now than 20 years. but that is all empty & false. I did not know that before, but now I know that this God is the only one to worship." He bore a good testimony. He seems an

honest simple hearted old fellows & 22
who have sincerely accepted the truth so
far as he has heard it.

We had a prayer-meeting in the evening

Sunday Nov. 12th.

This morning I set out at about
8-30 for Hien Suan Thien. - reached there
in good season. The walk is about 5 miles.
The chapel there was built dis-
honestly. The men to whom it was
entrusted put into their wallets money
that should have gone into lime for the
walls - One corner had fallen in and
it is a serious question what to do.
It is not worth while making ex-
tensive repairs & it is hardly practica-
ble to rebuild. The congregation there
has been a difficult one to deal
with: they did not seem able to
meet for an afternoon service, and
it has been a steady pull to get

them up to attending Sunday School 23
in the afternoon - They ought to be a
strong body; one of the members used
to be a preacher & is capable of be-
ing an efficient leader - Then it prom-
ise now of their doing better -

We had service at 10-50 - This
Bro. had Rom. xiii - Aquari-Thân, who was
the first native preacher to work in
that region, before his lapse to the
Catholics, spoke at length & forc-
ibly on the message to the church at
Laodicea: after a hymn, a-mi-
the young colporteurs, read the parable
of the Prodigal Son & I spoke upon it
briefly - At a little before 2 P.M. we
met again & had the S. School lesson
Mt. 15: 6-20 - the resident Bro. preached
& made some excellent remarks in
further explanation of the Saviour's suf-
ferings - We then brought up

the chapel question & it remained up 241
for over an hour. I feared at one time
nothing would come down to any
satisfactory conclusion: many were op-
posed to expending anything upon repairs
& various plans for rebuilding were
mooted - but I could not make any
definite promises of help so they finally
subscribed enough to cover fully all
needed (i.e. expedient) repairs - & a com-
mittee of 4 men was chosen to
attend to the matter -

Then we observed the Lord's Supper
& after a few moments conference with
the native helpers I left for this
city - I stopped at the chapel here and
found that the attendance to-day was
good - after supper two of the
young men came in at an hour
discussing some questions of future
methods of work here.

at Khau-Khai - Monday Nov. 13th 25
1953

This morning after planning the work for the men on the "Hope" for a fortnight I started down the river. wrote a no. of letters on the type-writer before we reached Si-Bé-Phou.

After tiffin I walked up here. Chin-Sia² was with me & got men to carry my burdens at ^{64, ea, night} about half what I should have been obliged to pay.

The ex-Astrologer carried one load - he carried Huk-Dang's load most of the way from Kiu-Siu & then came down to get mine; it is a good sign that he is ready to earn money in this hard way, it makes one hopeful that he will be willing to undergo hardship in order to make a living without his necromancy -

I am comfortably housed here in an upper room - the most convenient quarters I have found in my field.

Herewith one of - or a part of one
of "Sonny's Curls" - Anna got hold of
the scissors a few days ago, &
in great glee brought in a hand-
ful of hair - "I cut Jay's hair" she said
as if very proud of the accomplish-
ment. They always watch me with
great interest cut papai's hair,
& Anna seemed to think she
had taken big strides toward
being "a big girl" - her highest
ambition - & toward being able
to do like Mama does.

This page must have been omitted
from some former journal. John
sent it down, but did not say.

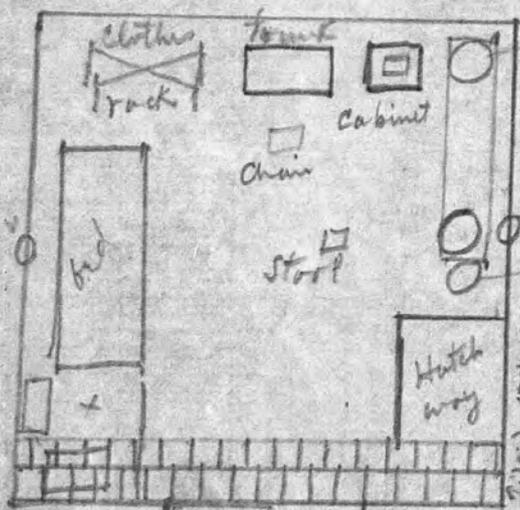
Tuesday Nov. 14th -

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Last evening I read II Cor. II:14. "But thank
to unto God, which always leadeth us in
triumph in Christ" - & to-day there has
been sometimes a feeling that we could ap-
propriate the expression - The old man,
ex-astrologer, went as guide & friend if not,
philosopher & even reason shouter out to the
people who hailed him - "That empty-
fake way'dd have nothing more of - I am go-
ing with the teacher to tell people how
to worship the true God" - Huk-dang
too, has been most indefatigable in
preaching, & the fact that he was a rank
Buddhist 2 1/2 yrs. ago is cheering -
We had pleasant calls at the pottery
Gek Lang's carpenter shop & at Sié Khe's
a brother there, who has not yet been
baptized, thinks he is ready to apply
next Sunday - We had some good listeners
in that village & at the large market near
by! The fr's say that more than 10,000
people come & go on a market day.

Khon-Khwi Wednesday Nov. 15th 1893. 21

My quarters here are really comfortable. The house is 13 x 13 ft. the cook lives & gets meals below & I have this upper room to myself, an uncommon luxury in the country to have an upstairs room & at all secluded. I brought camp-bed - chair & stool for my trunk, which together make a table for eating & writing. My type writer & a pine cabinet, made of a packing box & painted red, are also here.



Two lounge sofas with half a door upon them to serve as bookshelf & side board -
Jar for drinking water -
* Space contained off for bath room -

door or window with wooden shutters.

This is a first floor front & dunny - grubber - ply a corner room -

The walls are 5 ft - 10 in to the eaves -

Wednesday Nov. 22nd / 93 -

Back home again all
on quite well - I am very
busy - go to my birth-day
expect to go to Phoi-Lung
Friday for a few days -

Good bye for present

John -

after eating breakfast from the trunk-28
table I went to the chapel & morning
prayers over, set out for Chhin-Huang
Kia - ("Peak of the Autumn Woods") a vil-
lage on the Hak-Ka border some 4 miles
away. A-Poan, 4th son of How-The
Patriarch of this congregation, Hak-Sang
who was a rank Buddhist & persistent
persecutor of his Christian ^{brothers} ^{til 2 yrs ago}
Kia Peh ("Uncle-I") the ex-Astrologer,
were my companions. There was
nothing to note till we were about
half way. or little more, on our journey,
when we stopped to talk with a knot of
men, carriers of sedan chairs & other
passers by. This is the "great road" to
the district City of Hui-Lai 20 miles
away. These people did not listen
very earnestly but our or two bought
tracts & leaflets - a few steps further
we met others & stopped to talk with
others - two young fellows, one with
a bag over his shoulder, the other carrying

two baskets: & a quiver full of long ²⁹⁻arrows. listened for a time & then ran away. A Poan said to me: "They are going to the house of some family where there has been a death recently & 'Ch'i-sai' (act the lion) to drive away evil spirits".

A pleasant looking man of about 35 came along having a string of charms tied to his upper jacket button & the most conspicuous, a folded piece of green paper with printed matter upon it, looking like a green hand bill, say 8 inches wide, folded up & tied by the center.

Hak-Dang walked up to him, ^{pointed to this charm} & said

"Ah! I used to be just the same as you: this is a charm from Go-lá - you worship him & think he can protect you" - "Yes" said the man a little taken aback. "This is to invite him" - (H.S.) "But let me tell you... do you

know what you are worshipping? 30

Go Lã was a physician. he died & people said they would worship him. so hired an artisan to make a wooden image & they bow down to that - No good - No use - he cannot help you, he has never done anything for you that you should worship him.

But there is a living God in heaven who created us all & gives us the Sun, rain, dew & makes the earth bring forth that we may have food -

so he must on for a quarter of an hour & give him a good epitome of gospel truth - urging him to put away these vanities & turn to the living God -

to come to the Chapel next Sunday & hear more fully the only truth that can save a man.

It is encouraging to see a man, ³¹
who 3 yrs ago was an idolater
himself, so ready to seize opportunities
& earnest in making the most of them.

We took our noon meal at a
wayside restaurant - I went inside the
shanty and had some boards put on
a bed on which I laid a towel and
the lunch I brought & some boiled rice
& a few boiled peanuts the place afford-
ed - the natives in turn occupied much
of the time in laboring with me out-
side - "Everybody Knows" Uncle J"
& all seem incredulous as to his
really having given up so lucrative
a business & "eaten the doctrine" as they
call becoming a Christian - When he
vehemently declares "That is all fake,
I want now if it" They reply - "Ah-
then are you going to pay us back the
money we have paid you in the past for

deceiving us?" - The Chinese mind is ³² eminently practical & not inclined to accept another's views if there is room for argument. He generally says,

"Oh - that was earning my living, I did not know it was false" - or -

"Yes - if the God of Heaven blesses me so I have money & you come

to me I will pay you" - I was pleased at our incident - Tuesday at Six Khe

He said there was one person to whom he did not speak of the truth, be- cause this person had stabbed him

years ago in an affray - He told him

He must not hold old grudges & told him the parable of the debtors - I also told him of the

Lord's prayer - & he said - "I shall

remember in the future - When I was sitting in the inn, he

Came up said "I remembered what ³³
you said, & there is a man out
here who with his brothers used to be
unfriendly to me, but I have been talking
to him & I am going to offer him repen-
tance" so he started out with an or-
ange to give the fellow who declined it.
It is speaking to me so childlike
steachable a spirit in a man of
63 who has been a soother for about
half his life. If he can only con-
tinue in such a frame he will
make a most useful man. he is
full of energy very quick intellectual-
ly. Mrs. host informed me that
"his reputation is far exceeding"
Tens of thousands of people within a
radius of 20 miles have consulted
him in the past.

Peace - its significance
Confusion in art - and in life
Old man's prayers -
Name of an garment
Old woman - in I saw it
Preacher - Detroit -
Excerptology - & Research
Encouraging -
Reflex -

We had a pleasant visit at 34
the village: The Church members
then have had a checkered history:
They had trouble with their neigh-
bors which resulted in their leaving
& going to our Mission Compound as
refugees. They caused an immense
amount of trouble & anxiety but
at now, nearly all back again or
in good situations - They are plan-
ning to fit up a room for a
place to hold evening worship
to meet in on stormy Sundays. Later
they hope to have a Chapel, for which
they showed me a possible site.
We had several audiences in the
village street. I was glad to find
several new persons I had never seen
before. I rode back in a Sedan
chair reached here before 6 P. M.

Thursday Nov. 16th

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I lay in bed nearly all day - as I caught a little cold coming back in the Chair, & it resulted in cramps & very uncomfortable state of things generally. I needed a little rest, too, as it has been a steady pull since Oct. came in, every Sunday but one away & week days fully occupied.

The messenger came with welcome messages from my dear ones at the Compound & also from the homeland too as the mail per Ris had come in. I enjoyed reading them very much.

A number of the Chinese came in during the day from kindly solicitations. Uncle I brought me his Nichards Compass used in beating my groves &c - acc. to the secret laws of Fung Shway & a book

he used in divining - they are good 36
as relics of heathenism & a testimony to
the power of the truth over Satan's
devices - In the evening I felt better & did
a little writing.

Friday Nov. 17th

I have been writing to send back by the
messenger who returned at 2 P.M. The preach-
ers went out this A.M. & have not yet
come back - I trust they are having a
good hearing - I am feeling much
better. "Can eat", which is the Chinese
sign of advanced convalescence.

In the afternoon 'U'a-Peh' came in &
I taught him a short prayer from the
Catechism & tried to explain the work
of Christ to him so he could grasp
it: it was very hard for him to
take in its full import. but he
is a most teachable man & seems

to accept everything that is pro- & 7
sented clearly to him. He knows a great
many characters & I trust will pick
up Scriptural knowledge quickly -

At dusk A-ngo appeared with
a letter from Ling Heng saying that
the hearing at Su-tung has been re-
markable; he has been going about
with Miss Dunwiddie & they have
been vic'd in a great many places.

He took the present of 2 pictures
of Colby Campus in gilt frames
with a New Testament, that I sent to
the Esquire of the Ping family who
was hospitable to us. He was
much delighted, sent his card &
said he would give us a lot to
build a chapel - this last L. Heng
thought was mere joking - but
it is good to have him friendly.

We had a prayer meeting in 38
the evening & then I wrote a long
letter to L. Heng.

Saturday Nov. 18th -

This A.M. as yesterday. before break-
fast I heard Huk-Ling earnestly exhort-
ing an old woman who lives near
the chapel to forsake her idols &
seek the living God. He is encourag-
ingly ready to grasp opportunities -

Ua-Peh bought a friend, who came
to inquire why he has not been at
his usual stand on market days.
Up to call on me, a bright middle-
aged man with a strong face -
We had a pleasant chat & a Toan
& Huk-Ling came in - I have
done some writing, talked with
some of the Christians particularly

(About 40 miles from Swatow) Sunday Nov. 19th 1895.

8-30 A.M.—The chapel was quite well filled when the early service—was opened by Bro. Gek-Lang, the lame carpenter who is the lay preacher here when no one else is present to fill the place; he asked me to call for a hymn & we began with No. 69, a translation of "Come ye that love the Lord--". Then the school teacher read Acts II: 28-41; we try to have some passage referring to the resurrection made the topic of Sunday in the early morning as far as possible. A few remarks were made on this passage and the hope that in the future we may see even greater numbers than at Pentecost gathered in here in China & prayer was offered by one of the native brethren. There was a-half hour yet before the regular preaching service and I took the opportunity to show some of the men a copy of the report of the meetings held when L. Fay Mills & Dr. J. W. Chapman were in Minneapolis & told them about the Bethany Church in Philadelphia and the fact that in less than three years 1100 were added to the church, which Dr. Chapman said was due in large measure to the help given by the members themselves in leading others to the Savior: 120 men banded themselves together to lead at least one other and they were greatly blest in this. They took Andrew and Philip as their pattern. I asked the brethren if they did not think it would be a good thing for us to make the same effort; the coming year if each could bring in one more the membership would be doubled and every one would get a spiritual blessing. The teacher said he would like to try and asked the man next him what he thought about it, and he said the same and there was a general show of interest; in response to a question one of the deacons—said "A great many of us think it good." I proposed that all who would try to do all in their power to lead some one to the Lord during the coming 12 months should stand--almost every one rose & some I think were quite in earnest. The teacher spoke of it several times during

At 9-30 Bro. Gek-Lang opened the regular morning service, announcing the hymn, "When I survey the wondrous cross." Deacon A-Iah was asked to lead in prayer, the congregation (numbering about 120 children included) all standing. The text was I Cor. I; 22-24. First he spoke of the desire of the Jews for signs and that it was an unreasonable demand because they had all the signs and wonders wrought by Christ as a witness before them, and more they had all the signs wrought of old by the Prophets. After commenting on the desire of the Greeks for wisdom, wisdom of the highest kind they could find in the Scriptures and in the teachings of Jesus, The case is just the same here in China. They ask us, "Are there any elegant classics in your writings like those of our Sages? Are there any of the literary graduates and men of influence and great classical learning in your assemblies? And they ask if our God makes himself known in signs as their gods do when the mediums go into a trance and talk and do strange things. But we are to remember that the greatest signs and the greatest wisdom are those we have in the Scriptures and way of salvation in Christ who died for us is the most wonderful and wisest thing in the world. We should be more and more warm-hearted in the Lord's service.

We sang, after all had brought their offering of copper cash and put it on the plate upon the table which serves as a pulpit, the familiar hymn, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone--" & Bro. Gek-Lang offered a very earnest prayer.

I spoke a moment on the first verse of I Cor. XI; 1 emphasizing the fact that ^{Jesus} is the great example in all things to his people, & passed to the account of our Lord's baptism in Matthew's gospel. An analysis of this passage had been written in Chinese character on a roll of black cloth that serves well as a portable blackboard, and hung on the wall where everybody could see it. Three points, 1-Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan to be baptized. 2-"Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."

3-God the Spirit descended, as God the Son came up out of the water and was praying: God the Father answered by a voice.

The first point made was as to the proper candidate for baptism. Our great exemplar was carried to be circumcised, to obey the terms of the Old Covenant: when he was baptized he came of his own free will and purpose, a purpose that distance nor opposition could not thwart. The believer should decide this matter for himself, not be carried by his parents, nor carry his own children to be baptized. The second was to show that Jesus, having fulfilled all the Old Covenant ceremonies, certainly would not omit the ceremony established by the forerunner of the New Covenant. Further, "all righteousness" includes more than ceremony, as the rites & sacrifices of the Old pointed to himself as their anti-type, so baptism, the burying & rising again, pointed to the death and resurrection by which he was to "make full" all righteousness of all who shall be called righteous, for all the righteousness which is by faith is only possible because there is an object of faith, the Crucified and risen Lord. "Thus", as he went down into the water and rose again to obey the command he was afterwards to lay upon his followers, so was he to go down into the grave and rise again to obey the command of the Father and to round out the sum of all human righteousness, as judged by him.

The following head was developed to show that in all the history of the world up to that time, never had the Tri-une God been manifested so that the Three could be at once distinguished in the revelation. For all that God had so marvellously made himself known to his chosen people never had there been such a wonderful declaration of Father, Son and Spirit as when the Son of God thus by the rite we were about to solemnize, prefigured the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow.

There is then a deep meaning in the rite and it was sealed by the manifest presence of the three Persons of the Trinity. Such a rite we dare not neglect and dare not change. The proper subjects, the deep significance, the divine sanction--these were the points made and pressed upon their attention; some of the people there had received some teachings from neighboring pedo-baptists as to the minor importance of a mere rite and it seemed necessary to put the case before them in a Scriptural light. I have added in teaching this passage to preachers the fact that where men have dared to change the rule for subjects and manner of performing this rite sealed by the Trinity, that in the course of years they reared up a set of church members who took it upon themselves to change the Trinity and found that the Son and the Spirit were dispensable. History repeats itself in Pede-baptism evolving Unitarianism, witness the last class at Andover.

We proceeded to examine candidates immediately after the close of the service. The first was a man who had been a gambler, a hard drinker and a foul-mouthed violent fellow. Last year he heard some particulars of the truth from his boy who was at the school and came to listen for himself. Soon a change came over him; he quit the gambling table, his language was cleaner & gentler, and he drank less and less. I was much pleased to find that the brethren hesitated to accept him because they thought he had not decided to let rice-whiskey alone entirely; in the past they have been all in the habit of drinking, though not excessively and we have been very anxious to have the habit given up.

Next was a boy of 15, a grandson of how the Venerable the "Modern Patriarch" of this church. After him an old man nearly blind, 70 years of age, testified that he before was in the dark wholly, but now the eyes of his mind were enlightened and his heart was lightened by the truth. A man of 49, who has been a believer 7 or 8 years, long halting between

two opinions on the question of church membership; his father and mother are both members and they all attend the neighboring chapel at Ke-Khatu.

Last was an old woman of 86, very deaf; she had been an idolater for well nigh four score years and one day a Christian woman shouted in her poor deaf ears, "What do you think? To worship the One True God, believe on the Savior and go to heaven, where you will be happy forever, good or not good?" "Good," she replied, "I want (that)"--so she put away her idols and has been a regular attendant at the chapel ever since.

If such a little message is enough to arouse a soul like hers, where will those in Christian lands who are complaining that they do not have the gospel fully presented to them--where will such appear in the Judgment Day? Believing souls like hers will rise up and condemn them so that they shall have no excuse.

The baptism was performed in the stream just outside the village wall (Kho-Khoi means old-stream) There were fully 300 people who witnessed the ceremony heard the address in explanation by Evangelist A-Roan, the prayer by Teacher Chin-Sia and the hymn sung by all the Christians. A goodly number were so much interested that they came in to see the afternoon service when we received the candidates and observed the Lord's Supper. To me the most spiritually refreshing service I have enjoyed since I came to China.

After this the brethren and sisters began leaving, many lived 5 & 6 miles away. The exchange of salutations and messages to others takes up some time and there were some new hearers with whom I wished to have a word. Then I sat down and talked with the Deacons and one or two others showing them the last Missionary Year Book and telling them something of the past history that represents. A young man wanted a letter to Brother Herring of the Southern Baptist Mission at Shanghai & he also needed a little pastoral admonition as when he was in Shanghai be-

fore he made considerable money as a teacher of the manly art of self-defence (the Chinese boast that their boxers are wonderfully able, two men will make feints for two hours without either being hit), but he spent about all he earned and his father is growing old so that he now ought to be saving something. He took the advice to hunt up some employment where the associations would be with a better class of men & use his evening- studying English which would ensure him far more lucrative positions in the future, & seemed pleased to have anyone show an interest in him.

After supper I had one or two callers in the little upper room in which I lived, one of these an ex-astrologer, who has for more than a quarter of a century been well known at the neighboring market and has been consulted as to lucky and unlucky days by people all over the surrounding country within a radius of 20 miles. He seems tremendously in earnest now in denouncing that as false and declaring that ours is the only true God and his service the duty of every man. He brought in his youngest son, 11 years old, and it was an interesting sight to watch him as he held the boy up on the stool beside him ~~and taught him~~ to read a hymn he had taught him, "Past, Present there's but one true God." is the first line. The old man shows a very teachable spirit and if he continues as he promises we shall give him a chance to study and fit himself for work as an evangelist. He is 65 years old but strong and vigorous, knows many characters and learns quickly.

A short but pleasant evening service was conducted with the subject chosen from I Peter I: 17-22. The members living near by meet for worship every evening and during my stay we enjoyed very much the study of this Epistle. I have received many good suggestions from P. B. Meyer's "Tried by Fire", written upon this Epistle.

There are about half a score more attendants at this chapel, who should be ready for baptism within a year, and now ones are coming from time to time. At Chhiu-niang-Nia, 4 miles away there are several members who are arranging for a room in which to meet for evening worship and on stormy Sundays; we hope a church may be formed there ere long.

with one of the young men, who, I ³⁹
hope will be more active & will
come to Kiu-Sin road.

This P. M. we went to the market
& had a fair hearing sold quite
a no. of tracts & leaflets. The conver-
sion of Ua-Peh evidently excites
great curiosity & in future I hope
will set many to thinking.

After the above was written I
had a call from A Poan with
a middle-aged man who used to
be a gambler, a hard drinker and
violent. He is quite changed, only,
they say, he still drinks a little -
but the proofs of regeneration are
said to be marked. We had a
good talk & prayer together -

The evening worship - was good.
We read I Peter I: 12-17 & commented
upon it dwelling on the need of holiness
how to let their light shine so that

the thousand upon thousand 40
who come to this great market
near by may be guided by
them into the desired harbor.

Our meetings during this stay in Khou
Khou have been very pleasant & I think
profitable. They have seemed to enjoy
the teaching I have given on the Scripture
read.

(Sunday - written on type writer)

Monday Nov. 20th

I began preparations for returning as
rice harvest has begun, the people are too
busy to listen well it is difficult
getting men to carry a chain if I want
to ride - A Goan went to Engu about
for me & came back by noon.

Ua-Peh was about to speak for the
privilege of carrying a load of lug-
gage. He is glad of the chance to

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turn an honest Cash though it may
by light work - I conferred with some
of the brethren regarding church matters of
importance, called on the church members
in the village & set out by 2-30 P. M.
It is about an hour & three quarters
walk. At the boat landing we
waited for a time & Kia-Peh met
many acquaintances it being market
day - Before he got his jacket on or
rolled down his trousers he had
out a copy of the True-God leaflet
& read it with great emphasis to the
bystanders - I had a few books & leaf-
lets with me which we sold in a
few moments -

By five o'clock we set out - my
"Cabin" was about 5-6 x 8 ft. & the mat
roof about 3 ft high in the center -
I wrote with the typewriter for
time - made a call when A Shung
at Hong Sei gave he it not doing very well.

Tuesday Nov. 21st -

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I slept quite well a good part of the night - the two boatmen worked well & before sunrise we were entering the Chao-Yung Canal. I eat my breakfast as we passed through that savory waterway.

Happily we just caught the second boat at 8:10 A.M. & I was at home by 9:45. All are quite well save that Anna has had a little fever - Pang Sing had been laid up with fever so did not get to Khon-Khoi.

There is always plenty of work to do after a country tour. but my good helpmeet does so much in looking after my books & all the detail that I only have the posting of books & answering of letters on my return.

I had a pleasant chat with Dr. A. on mission matters & in the evening Clara & I were invited up to Dr. Scott's. where we passed our pleasantly -

Wednesday Nov. 22nd -

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This morning I wrote some letters for mailing to-day & took the boat at 9-20 for Kuah-Chin, which port we are just entering at 10-15 A.M. I have been writing on the way down as this book was several days behind - I have an hour or quarter's walk in port at - & the sun is returning this afternoon - 3-15 P.M. Spinning

back to Kak Chieh with a fresh breeze astern - I found the brethren at work on the dismantled chapel - The walls of the main rooms are ready for the rafters & the tiles are on the small rooms at either side - They seemed in good spirits - I paid them half the money I promised them - They seem to be doing the work well -

Thursday Nov 23/93

I had Chiu's calls till after 7 o'clock then supper & then prayer meeting to lead. Our man fr. Tang the is very anxious about a coffin that has been placed on his land & wants help -

Dear Folke;

1 Oak Chick
1.10 P.M.
Monday Nov 27-

I am sorry not to be able to write ^{much} just a few words. Jay is quite sick these last few days. Saturday he had high fever all day, & yesterday I sent for Dr. Layne, as Dr. Scott is off to the country. I found both tonsils badly inflamed & a large ulcer on one. His mouth also had white patches over the roof. He is getting 4 large teeth & this doubtless has to do with it. Dr. L. pronounced it Stomatitis. At times he feels quite himself, but either the Amah or I have to be with him constantly in the nursery. Then this morning he had the misfortune to fall & cut both lips, & chin quite badly. Yesterday I had a miserable sick headache & have some remnants of it today, have not been able to go to the Class today. John left Friday to be away only a week. We are having glorious

weather - had a note from John
Sat night, Jay will I think be all
right in a few days - excuse this
short blue aspect of things here. No
mail for almost two weeks from
home

Love by your daughter
Clara H. Foster,

Madam A-hio from Kuah. 44
Chie, who is the Terungunt we visit-
ed to prevent her from birching
her daughter-in-law's feet some
months since, was in to tell us
of an affray in which they had
been beaten by their landlord,
Clara & I & "Sked", & Pangsing
went down there to-day. Clara
& I went visiting & had some good
pastoral calls. The two native help-
ers went to the church hall &
conferred with the arbiters. Finally
the case was settled & the offender made
a present to the offended. Dr. Ashmun
was in after we returned. She was
coming again to consult about the cof-
fin case, but we could not give
him any help or advice.

Anna visited with Edith & Frank
Ashmun while we were away. Jay & Helen
stayed with the nurse.

Friday. Nov. 24th -

45

Afloat again - the "Grace" is anchored a little below the Kin-Kay Pagoda -

I was busy till ten o'clock this A.M. - set out, wind against us - but a long tide in our favor so we made some 30 miles. I was not feeling in trim

for study & had written for some two hours on the typewriter before tiffin so I stayed out & sailed the boat for two hours - the air is delightful to-day.

I have had such a succession of "affairs" on my mind this week after a busy Sunday, that the outing is a good thing. Mr. Bohmer Jr. was in

this morning: he is back for a week.

He found a place among the hills above the Shi-City where the temperature is fully 10° lower than here, & which would be a far more - evergreen place for summer than is Double Island.

Saturday Nov. 25th - 46

After breakfast I went from the boat
near the East Gate of Kish Yang across
to our new chapel house - a crowd
was awaiting medical treatment.
After morning worship I looked over
the house a little sent a letter to leave
with mail for next "Empress" Steamer -
North Brown is staying there for a
time she walked back with me
to my boat - Dr. Scott expects to re-

main a week or more. Friday
she had 87 patients, now pro-
poses to limit the no. to 50
daily as it is too wearing
than so many.

I was not very well during the day.
but felt better in the evening -
reached our mooring at about 8 P.M.

Sunday - Nov. 26th

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at the bridge - a lot of runners in
fantastic dress have passed by. Carrying
banners shouting with a loud & pe-
culiar cry. Behind them came the
Mandarin who is just leaving with
him several attendants in chairs.

a lot of gentry are standing about
in their long robes & and basin-like
hats - quite an interesting sight -

I was at the shop this forenoon,
had a few listeners, several seemed
interested. Jongbin is ill & we
may visit him this P. M.

- The man above referred to was
not the departing official, but
the remaining one, who has been here
several years & has been to Can-
ton to aid in procuring specimens.

tion papers in the recent contest ⁴⁸
for the 2nd literary degree there.
As the important men passed
by a row of young men in
gala dress fell on their knees by
the road - Many well dressed men,
officials & others, saw the Mandarin
to the boat & he walked up with
them as they departed & bowed
them into their chairs. Their
politeness is very full in its
manifestations -

Lu Hsing & a member of the E.P. Church
came down our mt visit
'Song Sun' who is at his home
not well. We had some oppor-
tunities for preaching - & talked
over the situation here with him.

He thinks there is some possibil-⁴⁹
ity of the young Magnate being
in earnest about the plan for a
Chapel building - he would make
us a present of a lot & ^{bring} ~~we~~ present
of a sum of money - the lot in
question is near our present place
and not a bad location - We watch
for results & pray the Lord, in whose
keeping are all hearts, to give us
an abundant entrance into this

City - I hear that the E.P. Mission
are preparing for 20 new Chapels -
they are very anxious for a place

here - I am sending down to
Kit Se - a letter to Clara to-day -
My steersman knows the Captain of
the Mandarin's boat & proposes to
go down with him -

Monday Nov. 26th.

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This morning I took a walk before
breakfast - fell in with a young
fellow I have met several times
talked with him by the way - gave
him a book of hymns - met another
whom I asked about the road &
gave him a leaflet - Ling Heng
came down we had worship to-
gether then visited Hoa Tung - Am -
where we were well received before -
sat a long time in their council
room had a fairly good hearing.
also were invited to another place
by a fellow who was very dis-
putations when we came before -
He had several Catholic books.
we gave him several of ours -
After tiffin, resting, reading writing
till 3 P.M. I set out for the shop.

On the way I was interrogated by 51
knots of curious & amusement-seeking
persons. Succeeded in keeping them
good natured saying some serious
things to them. Lung-shing had been
to the house of Tse-ki-Lan, a prominent
man of the Li' clan, who has of late
taken an interest in us & expressed
a wish to see me. He was cordial

& we had a rather good call. His
eldest & his younger brother were there
so he was a little more reserved - He
was well acquainted with Han-han,
the "Patriarch," & spoke in high terms of
him. I was glad to have my cook
come in to get a hymn book for
one of the boatmen - A Hsi (to understand)
He has shown no small interest in the
truth since our first coming up here
last month - He has been reading
the hymns for an hour nearly.

Tuesday - Nov. 28th -

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This forenoon the three native helpers
were here in the boat sometime -
Loing Sun is a trifle better and goes
Kieh-Yang for a few days - I had a
letter from Clara this morning saying
that Jay had an attack of stomati-
tis. she was not well herself so I decid-
ed to return and not go to Kan-tain -
We went to look at the field the
"Esquire" proposed giving us for a
chapel lot. it will answer as well
as any place I have seen, supposing
we can get it. We planned an early
start for the P.M. - but at the
shop met the old gentleman on
whom I called last evening and
talking & drinking tea with him
till 1 P.M. He expected to call
at the boat this P.M. so I waited
here till nearly five o'clock -

I walked in toward the city quite ⁵³ a distance but did not meet anyone I knew. Had a chat with a well dressed young fellow, belonging to the Ping family, I judge. He brought up the question of ancestral worship, which I dwelt on for some time - he made no attempt to meet the arguments - Returning I had the company of a lame man belonging to Pon-tai who was interested in talking about the truth & seemed quite receptive, asked for a book so I gave him the collection of hymns - found Ling-sung here & made arrangements for his next fortnight's work. We expect to start about midnight.

Wednesday Nov. 29th -

At Kich Yang early in the morning - went over to the chapel - just missed the first steamer waited till the 1.30 P.M. boat - had a very

interesting talk with an intelligent 54

business man who had come in to look about. I wrote a little, took tiffin

with Dr. Scott & Worth Brown; the latter came down on the boat with

me. Miss Balmer of the E. P.

York-Ka Mission was aboard; she

& Worth stayed on the upper deck in the wheel house - I had a good

chance to write on my typewriter

nearly all the way down; a lot of people crowded about the rimdun

or few into the cabin - but it costs 100 Cash now there, so the no. is limited.

They say "He's Casting accounts" - they think it is a sort of abacus.

At home I found all better than I feared. We had a good

prayer meeting at N. A. B. in the evening.

Thursday Nov. 20th -

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Thanksgiving Day we presumed & invited Misses Sumner & Scott & North over to supper & spend the evening.

Ms had a double home mail.

City of N. Y.'s "Gaelic"'s both -

We are sorry that Dr. Parker is so weak from his illness, but very glad, indeed, that Father is teaching & enjoying it so much.

It seems to have come just in time as the other burdens of responsibility were removed - McLean easily gives up the Pacific Coast plan under the circumstances -

Friday - Dec. 1st

This a.m. Clara, Anna & I went to Swatara with the two young ladies to interview the Consul about passports: he had only blanks for our

application. He took us about his ⁵⁶
ground: he is very successful in floriculture.
He has a monkey & a deer that Anna
was interested in: the former turned
several somersaults, & the & Anna inform-
ed us at the supper table that the latter
had "sticks on his head".

Saturday Dec. 2nd.

Off for Dauglu² at 8.45, went outside
& found the sea so high I sent the boat
back to Khak Chin - The chapel is

Coming on well - roof all finished - the
main room will be a much better
auditorium than before - the building
should be ready to rise within a fortnight.
I was sorry to find Aguan than house
looking very ill & miserable.

One of the neighbors is greatly sur-
prised about a peasant on one side
of the building "split his court".

Sunday Dec-31st

57

My first Sunday at home since
the 2nd week of Oct. I have
attended the two services here
English Chapel where Mr. Steele
preached a good but too
abstruse sermon on Phil II: 13-

I showed Jay a Sunday School pic-
ture of the Good Shepherd: seeing the
Lamb on his shoulder he said
"p'ho" - which is the word for carrying
children - & "it-mah" - he is
very fond of Amah's carrying him.
Another contained a Jewish lamp: he said
it said "Bee'-tea" - it had some
resemblance to a little waterpot
that his mother has brought to the table
to dissolve Bee'extract for tea -

Monday Dec. 4th

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An good from New York came
on had them up at the house
by sundown all unpacked & the
different orders separated by
8 o'clock. Miss Dunwiddie

took supper with us; she was
alone at their house for a few days
I had a call from two of the
teachers relatives to preparing a
small monthly book on the S. S.
lessons. Tuesday busy at home

most of the day. We called on the
E. P. Mission saw Miss MacLagan,
sister of P. J. M. who goes to Amoy.
Miss Mary Balmer, who joins her
sister at Ng-Kang Ou.

I spent the time at home preparing
to go away.

Wednesday Dec 6th -

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The ladies from the E.P. Mission
excepting Miss MacLagan & Miss Hark-
ness - & including a new Miss
Scott come over to call & took
"4 o'clock tea with us.

Prayer meeting at our house -
led by Dr. A. Mr. Proelt is
down on his way to Mung Khen
Liang - Mr. Kemp returned with
him. the latter thinks he is better
fitted to do work here than
there - so we probably have a
new man in the Swatow Mission
Thursday

Mail per "Orkney" - good letters
from Father & Mother, glad to
hear that house cleaning is
over & that Father is enjoying his
teaching - hope he may have

Many years of the same enjoy-
ment yet. Dr. Duncan wrote
me a very kind & cordial letter.

I set out at ^{about} half past twelve
& caught the 1.30 launch, took a
boat through the Canal & reached
my boat at about 3 P.M. We
sailed as far as Hua Phey Bridge
by night. I wrote to Dr. Duncan.

I feel a little loth to leave home,
as my dear Clara has not been
perfectly well, gets easily tired & the
cars are many for her busy &
willing land. I feel heart-
sore. Jay had a bad cough Wednesday
but seemed much better before
left - was prancing about in high
spirits. Anna does not seem as
well as I could wish has a little
melancholy I fear.

Pres. Dec. 12-

Dear Father + Mother: Am just up from the class again + must hurry to get mail off. Jay is at my elbow teasing "Mama, write paper too" He has a pencil + paper + is scratching away for a few seconds "Mama - look - I make" - "Mama write man" "Dee dee I man" - such a chatterbox of baby-talk, but he is gaining in words new daily + puts sentences together much more intelligently than some time ago. He has recovered from his attack of Stomatitis of two weeks ago, but the three little ones still have colds. They seem difficult to get rid of.

I had two hurried notes from John yesterday. He sent word in thinking Worth Brown might want to join him for a few days, + Worth did start off with the boatman this morning early. I do not know whether he will stay till John comes back home which will probably be the middle of next week. a few days before Xmas. We are aware here that Santa Clause will soon

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be coming, & great expectations are entertained as to the many good things he is to bring. Anna is a most enthusiastic admirer of his. We plan having a tree again. Frankie Osborne wants to be the Santa Claus. I thought of having all the mission in to 4 o'clock tea on Xmas & perhaps have Frank dressed up & have some kind of a Xmas entertainment. Just what is uncertain. Nothing very elaborate, but something to amuse the children. It is very difficult to get things to arrange satisfactorily for anything of that kind.

I got some pieces of Chinese silk to make ties for John. I'll send you samples. I have the cotton is 30 in wide & \$1.50 per yard - the cotton silk 90 cts & made. I want a dozen for him. ^{the cotton silk is 22 in wide.}

I had sent the cook to Swatow to buy meat & fruit, to send up with Worth, & just here he came back & said he could not find Worth, & brought the things back. It is provoking. I will have to send another man in tomorrow I think. He was to have gone in with Worth to the steam launch.

I must close here with much love, & kisses from the little ones -
Your affectionate daughter
Cecilia Foster

Friday - Dec 8th -

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We lay at anchor till nearly noon -
I talked to some men on a junk
that lay next us & seemed to get a
fairly good hearing -

We trawled till about 4 P.M. &
caught sight of the "Hope"
ahead of us, but did not catch
up with them for about an hour
on account of the sharp & short
bend of the stream - We moved
on together till we reached this
Pt. - in the evening I consulted with
the few remaining brethren about the
work for the next fortnight - As
many are ill that there will
be but two to carry on the
work & I shall have them try
Bro. E. Lund's plan that to

follows in Spain - going to a 62
place + remaining there - they will
now be side a village & stay till
they are driven away or see results.

Saturday Dec 9th -

This a.m. I had a wash with
the buttons again & shook some
other necessary matters - We set out
again at 9 o'clock. are nearly
at Se Be Ohm by noon - I plan
moving to Kho Khai after tiffin.

Am not sure whether or not I
shall stay over another Sunday
or not. The weather is fine
cool but not so cool I cannot
keep the windows open.

I find my new "Grand No 2"
oil stove a capital thing - can
take a fine bath with it help -

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Sunday Dec 10th -

We reached here quite early in the afternoon & I was all settled in my little loft long before supper. Hak-Sang & Ua-Peh came in later from a preaching visit to a neighboring town, they report good audiences in the villages & several new hearers are coming to the Chapel here - tho' to-day they did not come.

I went with Chin-Sia & Ua-Peh to Toa-Phou, had the usual company of old sisters & 3 of my boatmen. C.S. spoke about Esther & about the woman of Samaria - In the P.M. he read Mark: ~~XVI~~ & I spoke regarding the resurrection & the appearance first to Mary. We urged the old sisters not to be discouraged because they are few in number & women only. The Lord has honored women & made them greatly useful.

We called upon Ma-Kai, who is ⁶⁴ at home. Has been quite ill. now looks pale & weak. His mother & grandmother & his wife are Christians, a younger bro. also is a reputed believer, tho' not baptized: father & others are not Christians.

Returning we preached by the way at the village of Pang Thoi Lian, had a few good hearers but not a very satisfactory audience - a daughter of Uai-Och & two grandchildren were there & they talked together, but there is very little of the show of interest & affection that would be manifested by father & daughter at home. The Chinese are "peculiar".

Chin Dia" goes to Kaku Chieh to-morrow. He did not know that his wife had gone to the Woman's class from her father's house & the family dignity is apparently touched. I do not think it is of any use to object as their affairs of this kind are their own & no Christian principle is at stake.

Monday Dec 11 -

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Took a walk before breakfast & talked with a man who was watering his vegetable garden: as usual, when I asked him if he knew when he was going after death he professed utter & self-satisfied ignorance, tho' it is not always exactly self-satisfied - in - cessate may often discent it.

After breakfast we set out for Au-
Khe" near by & had a pitched battle with a lot of evil-eyed fellows outside the village gate: they are evidently a disreputable lot & a larger no. of avowed agnostics & atheists than I have usually found. We made headway with some of them, for they were much milder in their attitude: a few listened respectfully. It was interesting that our fiery fel-
low-asserted - "It is all of man

so far as I can see: I don't ⁶⁶
know anything about there being
any gods, but there are three things
I praise about your doctrine - it
stops men from opium-gambling &
& theiving. Nothing else can. Fathers
& Mothers cannot: Mandarins cannot,
but your doctrine does.

This P.M. I have been writing
writing - : Tuesday - Dec. 12th

This A.M. we visited the small
village of An. Lê" & had a good
hearing, the best I have had since
Houng An - several from this
place have attended chapel a few
times and there is evidently an
interest among the people - most
a long time in the shop of a young
man who asked all sorts of ques-
tions about the doctrine -

A Poon has been ill & found 67
he was not able to go out for the
afternoon so we stayed here. I found
that I was more tired than I at
first supposed - it must have been
nearly two hours I talked to the
crowd & to individuals on a stretch.

I was much interested hearing
the men talk downstairs -
old Ua Ph has learned a deal
more of the truth since I was
here before: he & Hak Saing had
in hand a man who is here
from another village to collect
ground rent payable in rice.
Yesterday Hak Saing laid hold
of him for nearly two hours
& today they both labored with
him. He is evidently impressed
but is afraid of losing his
interest in these ancestral ven-
tures if he stops worshipping his

anentors. He said: "I regard 68
what you have said these two
days as great (important)
utterances" - He promised to come
again -

I have been thinking still
more seriously of the need of
moving for direct results &
sticking to places as Paul did
as E. Lund is doing in
Spain, until we see knives
or are driven away - We are
scattering a vast deal of seed, but
we must begin together. I talked
with the brethren & showed them
the scriptures to which Bro. Lund
refers & they are agreed it is
the course to take: also at even-
ing meeting we considered this -
To-morrow two will go back
to our J^h & renew the engage-
ment.

Wednesday - Dec. 18th - 69

The two men, A-Toan & Hak-Sang
Montaguin & "Lé" & found one of
the men who have been here quite
hopeful, the other fearful. In the
afternoon they went to another part
of the same village & visited a man
over 80 yrs old, who treated them
hospitably & listened well.

A-Dah, the Headman of the village
& a deacon of the Church went with
us to Chie' Pang Phoy - North
Brown came just before we set
out & went with us. We visited
our old man who has attended our
ship a few times but is too much
abridged by the opposition of his
family & friends to dare go on.
We then visited an old man of
78 - the most important man in

the town - He listened well and yet the old man seemed hardly able to take in the truth - May the Lord graciously open his heart to take the promises for himself - A man of about 60 went with us: he wants to be cured of opium smoking & has been a heaver for some time - A-Lah did well in talking: if his heart is moved to cease his leisure thus he can do great good: he is a large powerfully built man & bearing such that men would not be likely to trifle with him: he has mellowed & improved wonderfully the last 5-years.

This afternoon we visited the pottery at Chhain-Bue-kā & preached a little in the village. One man seemed really to inquire as if conscious of & burdened by sin.

The old man whom we visited 71
in the forenoon said "I am no-way good:
(the) sun (is) setting (below the) Water hills."

Thursday Dec 14th -

This forenoon after sending a man to
the preacher's boat & making some other
preparations. North & I set out with
Na-Peh to visit Chhin-huang Nua-
On the way we stopped at different
places: every body seems to know the
old man. He is desperately in
earnest to tell everybody the truth
he has found. We visited the
old Mr. Lai-Sung whom we called
on before: he is a weak brother, but
we had the best hearer of the day in
a young man, in the thirties, who came in.
We had himself seen through the fall of
idol-worship which made him a good
auditor: he seemed to grasp the doctrine
of sin & redemption & bought several books.

At the way-side restaurant where 72
we dined (out of our own pocket)
we had several beers. At Chien
Huang-nia, we found all the brethren
had gone to the market so we only re-
mained a short time. They seem to see
the matter of a chapel-building in a plain
there. Returning we counted the people
we met - over 570 within an hour.
Counting all the children, fully 600 -
That is the road by which the priest

goes - there are at least 3 other av-
enues of approach now frequented - when
we arrived. Between 4 & 5 o'clock the
great market & all streets & streets were
crowded. I was inclined to doubt when
the bro said only from 10000 to 20,000 ^{people} at
least ^{on a market day} but now I believe it.

I wrote a letter to Dr. Carlin after
returning & had a conference with
Dea. Dah. I am quite in hopes to

will go to Phou Läng for me . 73
& take some messages to Leng Heng, also
call on some of the people there who are
friendly & then meet me at Kak-Chieh
the last of next week.

Kak-Läng & A-Nan seem pleased
with the results of their day - the
two young men at "Au Sê" promise to
come next Sunday without fail -

Friday Dec. 15th -

This morning North took some
photos. at the village gate. I think
they will come out well. I am planning
to visit Chien-huang-niu again this
P.M. Dia-Lah goes with me to
see what can be done about a
"prayer-place" in some room there.
North returns to-day: his visit
has been a great pleasure to me & he
seems to have enjoyed it also.

Saturday - Dec. 16th 1893. 74

At Kiⁿ Khain Chapel - I am glad to find that the people have added a high table, a sort of portable mantel & hung some scrolls besides putting in a cooking range - shelf in the cook room; they also opened windows at the rear, a great improvement.

This morning I had a great many things to do besides packing up to come here. A-dah came in while I was at breakfast. He thinks he can go to Phoi Lung, will come here tomorrow.

We had a good attendance at prayer meeting Friday evening. "Pon Siⁿ Si" was there. I sent to the boat for him to come & confer about church matters - He brought

word that Ling Sun has been ill 75
the boat could not move, the third man
taken off the boat by illness within
a month - Some of the others, too,
have been laid up for a time -

Ling Sun is the only one in my
district who has been able to "meet
all engagements" thus far - I hope
we may be able to hold out through
the season -

As to the meeting - Wang - "Come
thou faint & weary blessing" - there
was several requests for prayer -

"Chin-sia" read from Prov. VII 9-12 - &
Spoke of the world-wide Kingship of
Christ, all Kingdoms & all systems &
ends are yet to bow before His sway &
own sovereignty - I spoke of the

3 Religions of China - Confucian Taoist
Buddhist & that we had a former dis.

able of each present - Lacked P'ou - 76

Sin-se" as a former follower of Confucianism & aspirant for Academic honors to let us what he found in Christianity superior to his former ones.

He spoke at some length on the lack of any saving truth in Confucianism - no promise of anything in the future: no way of salvation: no power to make men work righteousness.

Hai-kang as the representative of Buddhism, said he used to be very devout but got no good & in that doctrine there is no way of salvation - & no hope of future rewards.

Ua-Peh, as the ex-Tanist gave some of his experiences in getting into trouble after trouble following the customs of the people in relying up many Shun, other black arts. He earned money but was not prospered.

He got into difficulty about a 77-
grant & concluded that the wor-
ship of ancestors was no profit.
But his people were not willing
to give it up. Later he saw that
his necromancy was of no use.
Two of his sons went abroad & then
he was still more distressed.

The brethren here advised him to leave
the ways of darkness & trust in
God to keep & prosper his sons
& make his affairs right,
He was inclined to do so but
his wife wanted him to earn
money so he did not give up his
astrology till recently - I asked him
if he found any other promises in
this religion he said yes that is
the greatest of all - the promise of
blessing forward in the future.

Saturday evening I had a 78
rather unusual experience at a
village called Bue-tâ-when I
went last year. I called on a man who
is sick and afterward we knocked
to some people near the village gate.
I noticed a loud mouthed young fellow
talking with Uâ-Peh & that he would
occasionally shout out some of the
wildest expressions possible. Drawing
near I began later to talk to the people
& this fellow kept interrupting, bringing
up one by one all the objections
against our selling books & against the
doctrine - I answered them as there
was opportunity, addressing the
bystanders, who, I noticed were
regarding us fixedly. The adversary
acted queerly - his eyes rolled, his mouth
twitched his head & neck shook un-
naturally & he was obliged to rest against
a stack of straw - At last he said

what we so often hear at home "If 79
all should worship the Supreme Ruler &
are to be judged by him, he should
give everybody his laws & his books."

I naturally took up Paul's argument
regarding the conscience & added that
the Chinese did not follow Confucius,
all men sinners according to him & to
the own consciences - Later he mouthed out,
"If all should worship, we ought to pro-
vide some merit to render the Supreme
Ruler." This gave the opportunity to
preach the gospel & after I had briefly
stated the way of salvation he said,
"I see that merit is great." Not long
after he left, having accepted a copy
of the Catechism, which he gave to an-
other to bring back & ask me about
the meaning of the title -

After I started back the brother
from Ké" Khai, Shun Guoh, told

me that this was the "Inter-80
porter of the god" of the village & the
people were deeply interested in
watching us, they were questioning
one another as to whether or not
I knew what he was & that these
strange contortions were the signs
that the god had "seized" him, as
they say. I am now than ever inclin-
ed to believe in the diabolical na-
ture of all such communications -

Dzun-Gieh related a strange pro-
ceeding, & it is confirmed by all the
rest. Some weeks since a young
woman at Ki-Khair became a medi-
um & in a trance ordered that
the people build the village hall,
also commanded all the people to
bow down & worship her on pain of
being beaten; she sent a man to call
Dzun Gieh's elder brother & when he

declined, the promise of a trating 81
was repeated & the Christian brother
was included also: he was highly
indignant at this went out to see
what the limb of Satan would do
about it. When he appeared she
cried out - "You belong to the Supreme
Ruler, the Son of God - I bow to you"
& she did get down on her knees to him
& stayed there over half an hour.

He asked "what is your name?" she
replied "^{white sive} Peh-Kong" - He said, "That's a
man's name, you are a devil -" She
said "I have nothing to do with you."

The same expression in declaration
form as the translation of the demoni-
ac of God's question -

Finally they got her up from her
knees but she did not rise volun-
tarily -

Sunday Dec 17-

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A-Kau, who lives in another part of the village when we were Saty evening, says that some days since that young fellow in a trance called upon a lot of men to go out in the night & "lie Kim" - "dig gold" - they went & dug & did not find it - because it had been "frightened away".

They listened to his suggestion that the "worship-God-man" in the neighborhood had frightened it away & set out for his house where they waited at the door & railed at him. He took a bamboo carrying pole & would have charged upon them but his wife dragged him back - It seems he has had the village down on their knees to him & checked one at least of them when petrated.

Terrible is this infernal infatuation⁸³
tion. We had good services - Chin-
Sia" came from Khua-Khai & spoke on
the last part of I Cor. I & the first of
Eph. II. D. Lum - Guich spoke on the
Lord's question "Who is my mother &
who are my brethren?" I closed with
some remarks based on I Cor. I the last
two vs. & gathered up the thread of
the other two - The P.M. Exercise was
the 7 sayings of Jesus on the cross.

In the evening we had a call from
a man who really shows some interest
& they say his wife is yet more so.

Monday Dec 8th -

The wife above mentioned was at the
chapel & appears very well indeed.
There are many at "Khai" who are
nearly near the Kingdom -

I walked back with Chin Sia" 87
stopped at the great market a few mo-
ments & called on Gek-Lang. he is
very cordial now: he was quite disaf-
fected for a time & inclined toward
the Presbyterians; - He says there were
new leavers at chapel & they must
make some new seats.

I have kept busy the rest of the day &
had a pleasant meeting at the Chapel this
Evening - Tuesday Dec 19th -

afloat again, in the good ship "Grace" -
This morning there were men to see me
by 7 o'clock - Dr. Dah came to say
that his grandchild was better & he
could go, so I finished my letter to
Ling-Heng. told him now fully of the
facts regarding Ng-Kug & he set out -
A-Ding, from Chiu Hwang Sia,
a vicar & scholar & a very honest interesting
man. came to get some more medicine
for his brother whose foot I dressed last

Friday. The old skin had sloughed off 85
& they were a little frightened. I gave him
a little more vaseline & particular di-
rections about caring for it. also ex-
plained the natural process of curing
by throwing off the old & building up
the new, which he seemed to take in
very easily: he brought some eggs as a
present for me & insisted upon my taking
them -

As soon as my packing
was finished & last arrangements made
with the native helpers, I set out with
a Doan for Doa Phon where we met the
church members at the place of worship &
conferred about a better arrangement for the
future. On the way we preached for some
time at Khang Doa Lien & had 2 good
hearers who came in at Doa Phon -

It is a pleasure to get to the boat &
find letters from my dear wife &
others. yet I should enjoy being back
with the brethren in the meeting room
at Thon-Khoi. I wonder if the Dea.
has reached Phon-Ling & what will be
the result of his visit.

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Dec 26th
at Rome - Rain here
and Christmas.