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Wednesday Dec 20th 1893 -

Back home again - reached Mr. Lee
(Chas Yang) at 10 o'clock visited the
father then & the poor old sister who is
lingering on her death bed - Was home
by about 2 o'clock.

Clara has had a hard time with
the children being ill & Helen's not
sleeping - I hope she will get better
soon. Every body here, or nearly every one
has a cold. I find to night I have a little
one myself - We had meeting at Dr. Scott's
led by Mr. Brodt.

Thursday Dec 21st -

I have the cold now: it came on most
unreasonably & disagreeably - To-day has been
taken up with odd ends of Mission matter
& finishing up the projected S. School general
information monthly we hope to launch next
year. The matter is too mild - Long train
my first servant after I came has a small
daughter born to-day -

Friday Dec 22nd -

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Santa Claus made his first visit of the season to the Port at Dr. Hayes's house. Amasa Jay rec'd ano. of nice gifts & had a good time, saw that Jay nipt when the Amah left him. but he is full of life & fun now that he ought to be going to sleep. he has just been saying his prayer & the tone was doing full justice to his Methodist ancestry, one generation on maternal side - he took a short lesson in astronomy as I carried him up the hill he saw the moon as I directed his attention thereto & shortly said "I see moon, Papa." as I corrected him I told him the smaller was a star he soon re-marked "Lot" - They are all three quite bright & well seen traces of cold rough. Keelen coughs a night but Dr. S. thinks it connected with teething -

9.45 Sea. Lak is back from Pho
Ling reports quite good prospects there
Ling Hong writes of genuine interest in several villages & that the prospect for land there is much better

Saturday Dec 23rd

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At Dauglê - North Brown came with me & has taken some photographs of the place & people - The chapel is just finished & is vastly improved. All seem to be in good humor & they succeeded in doing all that was needed for a little less than the sum at first mentioned -

We had prayers meeting this evening led by Pang Seng - Topic I Thess 5-16-17 - After meeting I spoke with them about a school for neotomas & there is some prospect that they will invite the teacher who was with us at Kien Si last Jan. : he is glad to come. Ling Hany wrote me in his letter last night's receiving - The blind boy came down & all were pleased at the great change in him; his mother caressed him & stroked his head with her hand - Near - Ngiam Thian is better & had her at Thô Thian; several there seem genuine believers

At Pongli - Sunday Dec. 24th 1893.

Our first service began a little before nine o'clock. Nguyễn Thân led & we had several hymns & prayers. He read Matthew 28th & I made a few remarks on the mighty import of the Resurrection as the pledge of our salvation to be completed; also the Lord's words "all power is given unto me in Heaven and in Earth" mean much to us. The Chinese say they worship "Heaven - Earth, Father - Mother" or "Heaven as Father, Earth as Mother". Heaven & Earth are only objects, not to be worshipped & having no life or inherent power they can control by will - all power in Heaven. All power in Earth is in the hands of the living risen Saviour & Him we worship -

The regular forenoon service was held at 10.30 - Miss Scott & Miss Darnwell did come down early & were present; the former presided at the organ, which we brought down the day before -

They sang well, followed the organ - & the blind boy seemed perfectly happy as he sat & joined in singing the hymns he knew. His improved appearance was even more marked than that of the chapel - His mother told me she heard him after he went to his teaching his younger bro. the hymns he had learned & also he was telling the same to one of the neighboring women. He may be a preacher yet & a most effective one.

After singing "Come Holy Spirit" opportunity was given for any to ask prayers for themselves or others they are interested in, or to give thanks, & prayer was offered - Bro. Sing read I Kings III 11-30 & again than spoke on the subject of faith & judgment. I took the familiar passage in Haggai II - & spoke on I Jehovah of Hosts - The latter glory greater than the former (the glory of paganism is in its past) - III Peace.

After the meeting Bro. Ji Chia" read the financial report & report of the building Committee, which showed a balance in the treasury.

The forenoon had been so calm ⁶
our boat stayed outside till noon & I left
away the Chair ordered for taking Miss
Sunwiddie back to Kuah Chiu, but
the wind came up suddenly & blew so
fresh that the steersman started off & sent a
man up to inform us he had gone around.

We had decided to go at once & were prepar-
ing to leave when this wind came & this
decided us to remain & when the Com-
munion which was a good service -
I was glad to see Captain Yin from
Tho-Thau there: he always gives me a
military salute when he sees me. He is
glad to arrange a room for worship at
his house & to have a man stay there to
teach them. Also at Kuah Chiu old
Pai" Peh is glad to give lodging to any
one who will stay there overnight to
lead their worship - This would
make two good wings for the church.

We walked back slowly over now the 7
wore -

Monday Dec 25th -

A. Merry Christmas here - Clara had
a pretty tree in the dining room - & at
3.30 P.M. the other members of the
Mission came in & we had a
pleasant gathering, there were
simple gifts for all & I had
a fine box of neck scarfs from
Clara; she has been making them
the past weeks. also I gave her a
shawl that the Mackenzie got
for me in Scotland. Mrs. M's moth-
er, Mrs. Prof. Blake selected it -

The children had a fine time &
were generously remembered.
Clara had Ji-hoi make a pretty
burrum for Anna & one for Edith,
also little boots for two of the
little folks - Jay was delighted
His "Hel-lo" is very expressive -

When at Dr. Layne's Layne's on 8
Friday after he had rec'd several
gifts & another came he ejaculated
"Hel-lo!" to the amusement of all.

Our house looked very pretty Clara
had wreaths & other green trimmings
made & had some small flags
to make it look patriotic as
well as festive -

In the evening Kuo Lin came
up & we finished the "copy" for
the little S.S. publication -

Friday Dec 26th -

I was busy preparing to go away
Wig-tug - In the P.M. Clara & I
went to Swatow to call upon Dr.
& Mrs. Thomson of Hong Kong - We met
in a few moments to see the meet-
ing of the Presbyterian Church, their
great Assembly, that meets once in 9 years

They had a large, fine looking
congregation. some of the native
preachers were discussing the school
question.

Wednesday Dec 27th

Mail per "Belgia" - glad to hear
from home that all is as well
as reported. I had a long letter
from Mr. Babbitt of Amesbury & a
roll of pictures from Mr. Godwin
of Brooklyn - I had everything on
board the boat & was going aboard,
but the steersman said the East
wind was so strong we could
not safely make the point of waters
& afterwards we could not get ahead
much as long as the wind held in that
quarter. The Communion is so near
that I could not wait a day & de-
cided not to go -

Thursday - Dec. 28th /10

It is far better I did not go
as it gives me time to finish
up my work. This going off to
the country & coming back for
a little time & off again is
likely to make work accumulate.

I did not note that Dang-
Sung came back Tuesday with
good report from Tho-Thain; they
had a room for me to preach to
Monday & the people want some
one every Sunday to meet with &
lead them. The Tang Cu brethren
propose to help them.

Lung Huy came in unexpectedly
Tues. night. There are many good
signs about Ou-ching; the young
Esquin says he has arranged a
boat going up that will
land in about two months.

Wednesday evening Mr. Kemp led ¹¹
our meeting we had a good
meeting, subj. Act XIV.

Friday - Dec. 29th -
my cold seems about over, a great re-
lief. & the babies are better -

Jiang Sung goes to Kuak Chiu,
Dang Ai & Tho Thain hoping to
start a prayer meeting in the
first & last named places.

My country-cook A-E' is
now & now goes to reading the
hymn book - called for Anna
Harner's hymn. "Jesus loves me"
at worship. Monday the first time
he ever showed any interest at all in
the service here.

I had letters from the Patriarch
& Christmas cards also - they
are all a fine thing

Saturday - Dec 30th - 12

Dr. Ashmun was in & I had a long talk with him on Mission matters. a very satisfactory one.

We talked over fully the troubles at Nj-King - there has been difficulty in valuing Lung Kapi's name, but I hope it will quickly get settled - I hear the man I wanted to see there has been in Swatow several days but hurried back without seeing me - his language now I hear is much less bellicose & blustering than before.

I got my books balanced & tested so I was able to finish my Quarterly Statement before going to bed which is much more promptly than usual - a day before the end of the month.

Sunday Dec 21st -

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Cool this a.m. - a large gathering
at service morning & afternoon -

Long King preached in the forenoon &
Hak Fui led the P.M. Service -

Joy went to church in the
morning - was a good boy till
the service was more than half
over. Sam I want to the
Kak Chik chapel, but she was
not feeling very well so came
out - 10-10 P.M. We had

a good thanksgiving meeting at
Mickie Jr.'s. had prayer, testimony &
many hymns - The past year has
been crowned with loving kindness
under mercy in a wonderful manner.
We have in our own home special
reason for thankfulness -

Monday evening Jan 14th 1874 - 14

A happy New Year - it has begun
most pleasantly for us. This
morning we had a call from all
the Chinese native helpers a lot from
the schools, who brought their greetings
I welcomed them & asked our to lead in
prayer. We had some very humble
refreshment to offer them & they seemed
pleased.

Mr. Roberts from Swa-
tow & Mr. Porter, son of a Baptist
Minister formerly in Rochester N.Y.
who is officer on the Hui Long
called on us asked them to scapher

Journal of the members of the Communi-
ty also called later in the day -
I called toward evening in the Com-
munity. this evening we had a delight-
ful social gathering at Dr. Scott's.

Friday July 2nd

Four Chinese services to-day and much conference between times have made the day a busy stirring one. The weather is beautiful and the services are well attended. We are forced to consider the question of excluding the men who have made us much trouble at Kieh-Yang. as the native helpers took the matter up themselves last evening & have taken the attitude they do not dare to act upon the case. That puts all the odium upon us & we propose to quietly but firmly meet the issue. I hope it may be settled before Dr. Ashmore goes home & feel that the present is the time for action in the case. A few of the Chinese see us fully alive to the situation, & can be relied upon to act justly. others are exceedingly weak & afraid to do anything positive.

Wednesday Jan'y 3rd -

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A memorable day. We gave up the Forum class to discuss the important question of the Kirk Yang faction. We sat for full two hours & fully discussed the case & the scriptures bearing upon the subject. The men & women asked questions and themselves proposed passages of scriptures.

Mr. Ashmun Jr. presided & spoke in bringing the question before the people. I spoke & several others proposed passages of scriptures. Dr. A. closed the discussion with a calm & full resume of the case & many passages bearing upon it. A Chinese Elder was

Elected Chairman, a secretary chosen & a vote taken. all voted for conclusion. What will be their action we cannot tell, but they are cut off from vital connection with us,

This victory has cost nearly four 17
years of persistent advocacy of certain
facts & principles. I trust the Lord
who has blessed us & not forsaken
them will yet lead us to a wise &
Scriptural adjustment of Church relations
with their final cooperation -

My own native helpers have shown
a commendable spirit in this matter.

Pang Sang brought a good report back
on Monday. They had a good attend-
ance at prayer meeting in Kwah-chin
Friday - all the Christians & several others
came; Sat. morning, too, they had wor-
ship & 30 or 40 of the villagers partici-
pated. At Tho-shan they had a
goodly company to listen - A Hoi
& two boys & the blind boy went down
to help sing - the latter seems to be
entering upon a career of usefulness
already -

Thursday July 4th

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This P.M. I led the 4 P.M. service taking a series of lessons on the Church. I want to bring out the idea of a local Church, its origin, formed by the power of the Holy Spirit, just as much as was the Lord's body of flesh & blood - made up wholly of redeemed & regenerated members, & organized to care for the welfare of its members, attend to its own affairs, & preach the gospel - other churches were formed at a distance from Jerusalem, ex. Antioch - but that church sought advice from the mother church & rejoiced to receive instruction - Tomorrow I want to bring out the reason for separation - i.e. distance (or unwieldy size) when another body of believers wants to attend to its own affairs & is able to do so better than we can here we shall be delighted to set them off -

It is a very delicate matter ¹⁹
at the present juncture, but it
must be done & the Scriptures bear
ing on the subject laid before the
people -

This evening I have been bothered by
a man from Yangon who has a
law case & is determined I shall help
him through the Consul & am now
determined not to do so, but it takes
time to sit them out & wait for
suggestions from them.

The children are very well now -
Jay is beginning to talk a great deal
very plainly too all at once -

Helen is plump & bright as can be,
a lively little miss full of frolic -

When it is time for them all to
go to bed we have no small an
undertaking to get the house quiet -

Jay's great delight is to "go lee phah
ball" see tennis played - & "up high"
to be tossed up in the air "high" & "big"
are his favorite adjectives -

Friday - June 5th.

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From services again very good ones: it seems to be generally felt that the reports from our part of the field are the most encouraging of any. Khon-Khai, Phou Ling (Ou-Ning) & Tang-Lai regions are especially hopeful. We must hold on now with greater earnestness than ever in order to hold what little is gained & keep pressing on. I am glad to hear that Captain Win of Tho Phai, who has been using his house as a place for worship, is an applicant for church membership, but I fear he will not be rec'd, as he is subject to fits of mental aberration so that he is sometimes "not certain"; as the Chinese say - I had a class at 4 P.M. with good attention from the natives -

Saturday - Jan'y 6th

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A busy day. the printed copies of the S. School pamphlet did not come till to-day & we had to rush things to get them bound, but the brethren did well & got 300 of them out. I do not feel very sanguine about its being taken up by the Chinese, but it will serve as a means of tidying over the present death of vernacular Luke.

I have arranged with my native helpers about the next month's work & attended to several matters of importance.

All the disturbance over expelling the Kieh Yang faction seems to have subsided & the people settled down to the conviction that it was the right & only course. These people succumb to Scripture.

The teacher who was at this sin in the class was an applicant for baptism to-day. 17 applicants in all.

Sunday - Jan'y 7th -

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A full day. At the 8 o'clock service
Jno. ~~XX~~ was read & the names of
applicants for baptism were voted
upon - 14 were accepted - Then
the Sunday School publication was
brought to notice & discussed at some
length - Ling Heng had advocated
it among the preachers last evening,
so most of them were in favor of it.

They elected Mr. A. Fr. myself as Mission
ary editors. Hak-jin ^{was} chosen him as
Chinese Editor - We called for
a vote of support - at first there was
some hesitancy - they did not un-
derstand just what it was and what
it meant - Po-sing asked rather

facetiously if she wanted two cop-
ies, should she raise both hands -

I made a short speech setting forth
the advantages of such a publica-
tion & they gave us a good vote -

The Chapel was packed full at
the 10 o'clock service - so full

that doors must be opened many—²³
sat on the side verandahs though
it was cold & windy—

We had a thanksgiving prayer
service till 10-25. Hak Jii preach-
ed fr. Mt. 21:37 - giving a full
account of the destruction of Jerusalem.
Dr. A spoke on the restoration of the
Jews & the signs of the times, noting
especially the persecutions in Russia.

I have been very glad to see A-Hah
who was at our lunch cook for us.
Now at Dr. A's, baptised he has been
a believer for 28 yrs. but has only re-
cently made up his mind to confess
Christ publicly - The baptism was
an interesting one.

I had callers on our subject or an-
other so that my time was nearly all
taken up till 2 P.M. - saw time
for eating - I spoke regarding

Peter & Andrew, dwelling upon Andrew's
drawing Peter to the Lord, at the Com-
munion. before the hand of fellowship
was given by Pastor.

Then were 191 Communion cards, a large ²⁴
no. for this season.

I saw several of the Chinese after
service & in the evening Ling Heng
came up in the evening talk about
the distribution of the "S. Sch." magazine".
The men are taking hold of it very
well.

Monday June 8th - 7-30 P.M.

Father's birthday - memorable here at
the day after Communion and at
mail day - we had Mother's good
accounts of Thanksgiving Day and
letters from Van Kirk, a Mrs. & Mrs.
Moyle of Chicago, who support a
Colporteur. Mr. Goodwin of Brooklyn
who sent his photo. & from the Rooms
approving my Annual Report. I have
been busy upon odds & ends of work -
Clara & I called upon Mr. & Mrs. Bennett
English Consular people, but did not
see them - she was not my mill.
a relief to us - cold for us 460 -
we are sitting by the fire this evening.

Tuesday Jan'y 9th.

25

We had a prayer meeting this P.M. at Dr. Scott's led by Mr. Kemp. We expected the members of the E.P. Mission were, as we usually hold two Union meetings following the topics of the Week of prayer. They did not come, but we had a good meeting by ourselves.

My day has been rather broken up by reason of various matters that needed looking after, getting a man off to Pen-hing with directions for the movements of several others, starting the boat "Herk", arranging for the disposition of the blind boy, sending off a lot of mail, & some time pieces to Hong Kong for repair - preparing for the next S. School paper &c. I hope to get away by Thursday - Helen has a cold again & Jay a little touch of the same without either lasting.

Wednesday July 10th - 26

I was up nearly all the day to
preparing for the S. School paper -
but steadily from 2 1/2 to 5 - with
Ling Heng & "Pie" - the Kwei Si pupil,
putting what I had prepared into
proper Chinese form.

In the evening I packed my trunk
& prepared some other things to
take to the country.

We were surprised by a mail
per N. Pacific S.S. I got a good
letter from Mr. Beaman who seems
to have been fully considering the
question of a home for mission-
ary children on the Pacific
Coast; a great blessing such would
be to us who are in China, I am
sure. I had also a letter from
Edward Scott - he still lives
Chicago.

Thursday July 11/98 - 27

Goods off on boat this a.m. I
have had a busy morning finishing
this & having the two teachers
here. We have finished the "copy"
for 3 Sundays. Her mother is beau-
tiful. I hope to start to-morrow. There
is to be a wedding in the forenoon at
the Swatow Chapel. a son of the Daoguet
marries a daughter of one of the oldest
church members: he is a promising
boy, is studying medicine in Hong-
Kong - on a scholarship of \$100 - per
year by passing the best ex. on his
graduation from an Anglo Chinese
School. Hope Clara & Anna
will be able to go over with me &
take the run across the bay to
Chow Yang on the launch - also.

Thursday P.M. -

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at editorial work still - 3 men in the
study putting finishing touches on the
work - or rather at present two working
some at work.

Friday P.M. -

On boat "Grace" - between Hiep Phung
Hiep Soa - After a busy two hours
Clara Anna & I went to Swatow, called
in at the Chapel & partook of the wed-
ding breakfast provided for foreigners -
present. Remarks & stea. gave our con-
gratulations & walked down to the
"Steam" launch - The new boat was
the one we caught & we had a fine
outlook from the "bridge" - the boat
was so crowded below we could
hardly have found standing room -
We enjoyed the trip & eat our lunch
on the way. I left Clara & Anna &
saw them waving their handkerchiefs
as the launch passed a bend of the
stream going back to Swatow. My
little boat was coming that way.

I was sorry we could not take 29
Jay too. "Go-Papa" - "Go-Mama-
boat." He always says when we go out.
This morning he wept profusely as we
passed him, he & Helen were out with
the nurse. Her is so well & plump &
rosy now he gets a great deal of ad-
miration - not a little from his
parents - Her seems to have blossomed
out suddenly in use of language &
says almost anything, tho' he mixes
up Chinese & English still - This morning
he broke off a bit of his banana & said
"Ai" - puma (want-to-give) Mama - "Ai" - puma
Papa - with another generous piece; then
he pulled off a small piece from our
side looked at Anna & said "Girl" - &
then "Ai" - puma Anna - Her amused
us much a few days since by his de-
light over a linguistic schism of
Anna's - Clara said to him as
was disposing of his fruit without due
altruism - "You better divide with
Anna" - A. heard this & then divide

was a new word for her apparently 30
she called out with great enthusiasm,
"Yes, Sonny. You ride with me,
You ride with me" - This struck
the little fellow as most interesting,
he smiled all over & called out in
the merriest voice - "Gen Anna -

"Gen Anna." Which encore she repeat-
ed to & she gave her some of the banana.

"Great" - "Big" - "High" are his favorite
adjectives - Her gets his pronouns
mixed, possessives too frequently - & I
am sorry to say that his faults are
not all verbal - he needs frequently
to be "set in order" as the Chinese say.

I heard him say pathetically to the
nurse one day after a Solomonic observation
of parental authority - "Papa spank my."

Helen will talk earlier, I think, she
says Papa & Mama very plainly now. &
is an emphatic little party.

We had a pleasant call yesterday from
Mrs. Seymour, wife of our Consul at Canton &
her daughter Mrs. Machabie & her daughter.
Margie, Anna's age.

Saturday Jan'y 13th - -31-

at Kiri-Sū - This forenoon I went over
to Kang-Sai. did not find A Thong
at home but had a number of his-
teners to the truth - gave medicines
several. These old people, one feels
more & more sympathy for them and
desire that they learn the way of life.

One man of 68 had heard years
ago from Chong Chi, a preacher
now in Dr. Carlin's employ, seem-
ed to recollect considerable, said
at once that all are sinners and
that he is fond of whiskey. I pressed
upon him the claims & blessings
of the gospel and especially urged
upon him the need of praying
by himself to the True God of
Keravn -

We reached here at 5 o'clock.
Ling Hung, Long Sun, Tio Sun Se, Na-Pih

* Shui Chengoh are here.

I was quite shocked to hear that Li-Ling who was here last January & we expected again this year died day-before-yesterday & was buried yesterday. His death seems a more solemn reality than A-chung's last July, altho' I was with him when he passed away. Li-Ling I always liked: he was a genuine warm hearted believer in the Lord Jesus as his savior, had borne persecution, brought forth fruits of righteousness in his life and was

anxious for the salvation of others - His sudden calling away at this time seems like a message from the Lord himself for us to redeem the time. We had a prayer meeting this evening at which this influence was felt - I read Matt 5:7-12

Isa. 14: 1-7. I Peter I: 22-24. 33

Rev. ~~XXI~~: 11 - to XXI: 7 - & commented especially upon the relation of these to the one who had just left us. Ling Heng also spoke of the blessings for those who overcome.

The reports from Nam Hain & Khon-Khai are good: at the former the young man who gave me his amulets one day is thus far faithful - at the latter there are over ten new hearers since I left there last month -

Sunday Jan'y 14th

This evening I hear there are several new believers at Kien Khai. Duan-Gui is here from that station & reports the increased attendance; he says the young medium who talked so long with me while in a trance, has not been much noticed by the village people since his failure to find gold & to get

the letters of the foreign preacher.

Lingxiang went to Chihai. Lian reports a good state of things there. one or two will try to come to the class for a little time. One man who has heard the gospel several months may come here; he is in great distress, the victim of matrimony - He was married to a widow who has some 10 acres of land, which is a small fortune, but he has no legal control of a cash of her income. She is disgusted that he will not even carry gifts to the gods, to say nothing of joining in their worship. He tells her to look at the idols feet that is half gone. "If he cannot look after his own feet, how can he help us?" She tells him to keep quiet and to anger the god - vovov.

"Not peace but a sword" is what the gospel means out here.

We had a good no. attending ³⁵
meeting: 5 are here to join the class
& a young man from Khon Khoi is
here for the day (promises to come back
in a few days & stop) - my cook & three
boatmen were present - We read Luke
IX: 28-42.

Wa-Cel went to Kine Suan Thain with
me to-day. Enjoyed the services -
I repeated my Bible reading of last even-
ing & commented on Lai-Sung's life &
death - A Oi, an ex-proselyte there,
is certainly in a better frame of mind &
more inclined to help - I feel much
interested in a young man who has come in
lately: his father opposes him bitterly,
frustrates him once; he stands the beating & pa-
tiently that his elder brother was led
to go & hear the doctrine that could make
his brother as patient. The bin an my
desires he should come & read & I was

pleased to find that they offered to ³⁶
provide his rice if he could come
An old man Bain-Chie Pak, the
only Christian in his village led in
another elderly man to hear the truth -
The old man made a very pathetic
request for prayer that there might
be some new believers in his vicinity
because he was afraid there would
be no one to let the church know
if he should die - & then he could not
have a Christian burial.

I plan going to Bia Chieh Khe
to-morrow with a line & long sun
to visit the widows & the brotherhood in
their affliction see what can be done
to encourage them in the line of
church work - we do not want to
lose one holy there -

Monday Jan'y 15th - 37

A letter from Puntung written by A. Mi says that the Puntung men are coming every Sunday; this is an entirely new place I have never been there. They want to have a place at their own village say they have a room they will prepare. The word of God is not bound if we are at Puntung: We cannot have regular services with singing there, but the work goes on.

We had a long walk to-day fully 15 miles going & coming back. They seemed glad to see us & while much cast down by the death of the one who was the eldest son in a large family & the chief reliance in all church affairs they are rejoicing because two of his

Jan 23-1894

Dear Father & Mother:

I wanted to get a few lines written to you yesterday on our "Wooden Wedding" Anniversary, but it was one of those very full days, when I had to rush from one thing to another & I could not get in an extra minute. Fortunately there is a steamer down today so I can add a word or two to this journal. I have just sent off the messenger to John with the mail - some tracts. Meat etc. I had such a delightful letter from him yesterday. He remembered the day & wrote & sent a man in so I could have it. It made the day a very bright happy one. He is a very dear good husband. I much wanted to have him here so we could celebrate it together, but we

did in Spirit. ² if separated in
body. He expects to be back in
another week. His work is
getting to be very encouraging. The
best reports by far, came from
his field at the last Communion
Season. There is some thing in
what Miss Scott was saying the
other day about the work. John ^{the} works
more for the individual - follows up
those who seem interested, while the
others are more for evangelizing the
masses. His Classes at the Chapel
are also telling. These Christian
people are sadly in need of be-
ing built up, & that is what he
is doing; outside people cannot yet
be reached at the same time one
is doing that, for he does have much

More to tell ³ of individuals who
are interested than the others.
You & I have great reason to
be proud of our John. He certainly
is single-eyed in this work. He is
whole heartedly in earnest to win
souls to Christ.

"Auntie Scott" is here with the
two children - They went to meet
her. She is having her meals
here while her mother & Miss Dun-
niddie are away in the country.
It is dinner time & I must stop
with much love to you both
I will try & do better with the
other pages of Journal John will
send back with the next messenger
in a few days -
Truly
Your daughter
Clara H. Foster.

Younger Brothers are keeping the Lab. 38
both & joining the services with
them. The day Li Ling died he
sat up for several hours & then was
obliged to go to bed again & for the
last time - He did not worry a-
bout his worldly affairs at all
but said "If I am hit save it is
all right" - He repeated often, "Jesus
of Nazareth save me, Jesus of Nazareth
save me." They made special mention
of his face after death, pleasant &
peaceful, as in sleep no hard strained
lines at all -

They are very anxious to have
a better place to meet in there.
& are ready to contribute towards it,
A Ngō is here from Pu-tung to
read. My cook has been up reading the
Lynner book and has a few & A-ti's

the boatman. has been learning the 39
first of Genesis. Sent the Cook to bor-
row a copy of the Colloquial Version -
They have been reading & talking all
the evening.

I sent off my journal & letters to Clara
per Atkgi. who goes home to be married.
He is a fine appearing young man now
I hope he may yet have courage to
come out as a Christian -

Tuesday July 16th -

Class recited to-day & did very well.
Atkgi the boatman had a lesson pre-
pared & recited well. The Cook has
been reading hymns all day but, I
fear, they have not taken a very
deep hold on him as he got into
a quarrel with the oldest boatman
while we were at evening worship -
we returned just in time to stop it -
This is the first time anything of the kind
ever occurred on the boat. I just
consulted my Annual report.

Wednesday - January 17th - 40-

Classes as usual to-day. the question came up whether "the waters" in Genesis I:2 - was first or God first - also how high & wide & deep &c - the waters might be - also regarding the parable of Sower & Laborers - Who sowed them & overheard them? - We spent considerable time in explaining the relation of Christians to Kings & rulers, expounding I Timothy II:1 sq. - & Rom XII:1-7.

The young man, whose wife objects to his not worshipping the idols was here this forenoon insisted on presenting me with some oranges. He said he could not come to read.

The young man I met Sunday also came; he attended the C.P. Chapel &

little & once a man took ⁴¹
down his name there so he was
a little afraid to come to us
to read. I told him he must de-
cide for himself. We were glad to
help him & preferred to have him
decide for himself when he wish-
ed to join. I did not think the
other mission could say very much
as a man belonging to his own
village, who had not only given his
name to me, but had applied once
for baptism & again had decided
to come on a given day & afterwards
to enter the class at Kak-Chieh -
but one day when Mr Mackenzie
was here a zealous brother hunted
him up & told him not to join us.
He had heard first at the E.P. Hos-
pital & tho' he had attended 3 yrs
at our chapel it would be morally
wrong not to join them.

I have done considerable writing⁴²
to-day. Sent messenger to Kak Chih
at 6 P.M.

Thursday Jan. 18th -

Good classes forenoon & after-
noon. This forenoon the subject
of man's knowing before the knowledge
of good & evil was obtained was
thoroughly discussed & an enforce-
ment made of the duty of obedience.

This P.M. the questions of circumci-
sion & baptism came up. I joined
on well to the other lesson on obe-
dience. I am doing all I can to
hold them down to the Scriptures
& not^{to} advance their own notions;
their fertile brains are never without
some ingenious explanation, which in
all probability will get them into trouble
eventually. The Ec-Astologer is es-

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specially ready to propound
a reason for anything that is pre-
sented, but he ingenuously admits
he does not meet with the suc-
cess he would like - I told of

Exhorting a man against getting
more wives. The man asked "Why?"
He expatiated on the danger of quarrel-
ing in the family. "But" said the
polygamist, "look at the couples that
have lived together 50 years & reared
up children; see how they often
quarrel." "And" said the Professor
"I had not a word to answer."

He was exhorting a young man
who is in the same business here
& follows, when I reached the Chapel at
20. M. The man seems not a little
impressed with the truth & does not
believe in idols but sees no way of
supporting himself - I told him of crossing the

Red Sea. when God told Moses ⁴⁴
to bid the people "go forward,"
at 4 P.M. I went to Shen Chin
called on the old bro. then stalked to
some of his neighbors. A Kue was
with me & sold a few books -
8:25 P.M. Back from

Chapel - We had a conference on the
subject of attending theaters, which
was generally disapproved - After sing-
ing we took up the last chapter
of Dent. & II Kings II in connection
with the appearance of Moses & Elias
on the Mount of Transfiguration -
I also referred to the mantle of E-
lijah falling upon Elisha as a
type of the Spirit's descending
after Christ's ascension & the
power which we must look for
in order to succeed here.

Friday Jan'y 19th

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Mail from Katakchik to-day.
letter from Clara & from a no.
of the mission on business - also
other matters - Clara sends me the
draft of her life of Churcho's to correct
& the copy of the next S.S. paper
comes also - My time aside
from class work has been
given to writing letters & making
changes in the S.S. paper.

The forenoon class was fun-
usual interest, there was so much
matter in the letters &c. that might
I demand immediate notice that I
told Long Henry to hear the recita-
tions - I went in at 9.30 & they
began asking questions about the
resurrection & the intermediate state

It is wonderful how Paul 46
has prepared for such inquirers.
Tim^o Sin. Se. has been till recent-
ly little more than a Theist with-
out any realization of the doctrines
of salvation by the blood of Christ,
"the resurrection of the body & the life
Everlasting" - To-day he seemed to
really get hold of the latter two
& the fact of a spiritual body to
be given the soul that has been with
Christ (cf II Cor. V: 1-19.).

Chin Siaⁿ is here from Khou-Khoi
& can stay - this is opportune as
Lung Heng ought to go to Kak Chieh for
a day or two - New reports that Miss
Dunwiddie has a class for 10 women
at Khou-Khoi & some of the children in
a forenoon class. They will be glad
to have a men's class next month -

During our discussion in the 47
forum the questions of - "What
is the condition of the soul after death?"
"What will be the change at the
resurrection?" "Can souls of the dead
come back to this earth?" Many
others came up - This latter brought
up the matter of mediums & their
delusions - Laughing told of one
who told of one who frightened
a woman by telling her that her
mother, a Christian was a hungry
un clothed outcast in the nether
world. Her brother, a Christian,
went & after asking whether the
spirit of his father was there, ask-
ed for his signature to prove a
disputed name on a deed - But the
medium could not write! -
Then he asked about the name of
his grand father as entered in a record
book - but the medium knew
nothing about it.

Saturday Jan'y 20th 48

At "Bam-Li" - a surprise here in
the line of book selling - a crowd
of children came about the boat
as we moved in the creek & asked
if any wanted to buy a calendar, I
offered them a calendar & copy of
the tract of hymns for 5 cash -
usually 3 each & sold all I had,
all the other small books, a lot
of leaflets & a hymn book, also
had a listener at the window, a
young man, for over an hour -

The day has been a very busy
one - The changing of the S. Sch paper
took up another hour after morning
class - then I copied Clara's draft
of the life of Chin Po' on paper made
of bamboo - as the only wedding
Membrane I had to send some fifth

Anniversary - Next Monday the 22nd 49 -
I also wrote a letter, all of which
go by Ling Heng who takes boat for
Chao Yang to night, then Sunday
there & goes to K.C. Monday -

Sunday Jan 21st -

This evening the young man who
bought the hymn book came &
bought two more - Some others
also came to ask questions -

This morning I walked to Chih-t-
Lian we had very good services
there. I think they are in as good
condition as I have known them to
be - We used the S.S. paper to
good advantage in the P.M.
I had a good talk with our man
on the road coming back & called
upon our two brethren who his by
dying - was sorry to find them

doing some work after their 50
return from the Kiri Sui Chapel;
did not say much to them except
to mention the fact that I preferred
not to employ chain knives on
Sunday. I talked to them about
having a prayer meeting on
Friday evening at their shop, they
said they would like to have one,
so I shall try to let them have
some one from Kiri Sui to help
them. Monday evening July 22nd.

Two years ago to-day since we
set out on our wedding tour in
this boat - years that have brought
many blessings with them - a
great deal of anxiety & care has come
yet you have my great reason to be
thankful that all is as well as
it is with us. I am sorry
our clam is so tired down at

the Mission Compound but ⁵⁷
it seems well nigh impossible
for her to get away. She wrote
that Jay had learned his first
verse "Walk in love" - He was
greatly elated. Went about repeating
his "Walk in love" on all occasions.
Anna also learned "Live by faith" on
the same day - I should like to
see them all, but cannot well leave
this work. This A. M. I waited for
Long Sun: as he did not come I took
time to labor with the steersman &
the cook on matters both temporal
& spiritual: both have had colds & coughs
just now - a sort of distemper apparently.

After an early tiffin I set out on
the way at the village of Tain-Min
(Southern-Face) I stopped and
had a good audience - Long Sun
& A-Kue came up on all time

Kept busy for some time 52
speaking & selling books & Calendars.
We went on to Jim. Siu. I had
a very fair hearing outside the vil-
lage: the youngsters were about the
most disorderly lot I have met but
they quieted down at the last: some
of the men listened with genuine inter-
est. On the way back I had a
good listener a man from the
village. The "victim" of "matrimony"
did not appear on the scene
but I hope in time he will be
more courageous.

This evening Hok-ong, one of
the two brothers here was in and
talked along time. He seems pleased
with the idea of a prayer meeting
at his shop.

Tuesday Jan'y 23rd / 4

This a.m. Mr. MacLagan called
at the Chapel. He seems to think
the young man who was at the "Siu" man.

Thân Chapel is "their man". 53
I asked if he had applied for
baptism he said "Yes" - which the
boy had denied before. I told him
of a case from the same village of
a man who had fixed a certain day
for coming to be baptized & then
was captured & sprinkled by them -
also referred to the manner in which
their preachers try to prejudice people
against us. He admitted that it
was not right.

We had a good class in Luke this
P. M. the first part of the third chap-
ter was read & discussed. Afterward
A. Kne & I made calls on the members here-
abouts & preached on the street to a good
group of listeners. This evening we further
pursued the subject of the Resurrection
& a young man who has been in Shang-
hai brought up the Roman Catholic ques-
tion which took some time to consider.
"And there are many adversaries!"

I am very sorry to find that there is a 54
little mingling with Ancestral worship on the
part of our family here. - fear it is like
Achan's robe of gold & goodly Baby-
lonish garment.

Jan'y 24th - Wednesday.

A-Khong came before 7 A.M. with
letters &c from K.C. Ling Heng was
taken sick with chills & fever so
could not come back. My Dear
wife wrote me a letter on the
Anniversary of our wedding day, that
I rejoiced to get & I had a good letter
from Mother, which gave me a
glimpse of a great deal at home,
but how many, on passing away.
I hope to hear from Cousin
Mary the particulars - She was
a sweet noble woman: they will
feel her loss sadly -
Poor Mr. Nathaniel's last days were
truly lonely -

Dear Father:

Sat. Jan 27/92

Thank you most heartily for your good, good letter received most unexpectedly with our mail this A.M. I appreciate very highly your kindness, and also many thanks for those nice new stamps - they are the first 6c ones I've had.

Baby Helen + I are alone. Anna + Jay having gone out for a walk with the Anna. I have not been well again, + am trying to keep as quiet as possible for a while at least. There are so many things come up while John is away that it is very difficult not to overdo. I wrote John this A.M. that I would certainly have to give up the Class or the forwarding of mail. I think the former will have to be omitted

for a while ^{at} least.

I am glad you care ^{for} ^{the} little
Lucille, I wonder very much if
she is anything like our dear
wee girlie! She is such a sweet
treasure! Every once in a while
Anna comes & says "Mamma
don't you think that God
picked out just the sweetest
little baby He had & gave to us?"
Both little ones are most devoted
ly attached to her, & she plays so
cunningly with her sister & brother.
She is getting to be so knowing &
cute, loves to be romped & played
with, at "peek a boo" she is a master
hand & her hearty little laughs we
think the sweetest music there is.
Such a dainty, quiet darling! We can
not imagine a baby being better than

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She is. Now she is ~~playing~~ on
the bed playing with her rubber
doggie + Jay's little boat, for several
hours at a time she will at times
amuse herself with her toys. I often
ache to have you + Mother be able
to hug + love her as we do for she
is the most lovable of babies. And
then she is grandpa's own
girlie. I wonder if John has
written you of the discovery late-
ly made. For quite a while we
could not make out who it
was the girlie resembled. Who
does the baby look like? was a
question often asked. We knew
she was a Foster baby, but she
does not resemble John as much
as Anna does. A month or so
ago when I had her with me in

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Church, Mrs Dr Ashmae after the service came over & said "Do you know that girlie is just the picture of her grandpa - looks just like that picture you have of him in the dining room." and we came to the conclusion that she was right, for we see the likeness more & more plainly. How I do wish we could get a good photo of the three dear little ones for you!

Just here a tiny wee envelope from Japan was handed me with a little card with Henry Binckley Dearing, Jan 13-1894 printed on. Many hearty congratulations to the happy new father & mother. John with his three is far in advance of his old college friend.

The little girl Helen began saying "ma ma ma ma" in a beseeching plaintive

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give voice, she thinks she has done
her share of sitting still, so I have taken
her + after playing with her + cuddling
her a bit, put her in her little cart,
which by the way has been a most
useful article with the three chicks.
It has afforded them much amusement.
Now the little girl stands upon the
seat + putting her hand on the bar
in front shakes herself vigorously +
thus moves herself about quite a
little distance, as the wheels move
with the joggling. She walks about
a great deal holding on to chains. As the
floor is so cold now a days, I do not let
her spend much time there, but the bed a
"fenced in one" is her play ground. on that
she walks around the four sides, spends
most of her time on her feet there. She is
beginning to talk too, does lots of chatter
ing in baby language.

Anna + Jay are back. And are playing
being Cud pany. Anna comes in saying

"I'm a lady come to see you" Jay
follows with - "I a lady" "I a lady
come" + smiles so happily. They
get lots of enjoyment out of this game
which they often play, when I sit down
to write or sew. They generally get some
odd garments on over themselves to
help personify "Mr + Mrs Simpson" their
favourite darlings. Now Jay has an
Anna's dolly's sheet over his shoul-
ders + informs me he has a "new Coat".
+ Anna comes with several of the cover-
lids of the dolly's bed ^{over her} now Anna comes
much distressed saying Mr Simpson
is sick + I'm the doctor. Oh these
little ones, they are an interesting
study! They play very nicely together
for quite a long time. Much better
than formerly. They often "fall out by
the way"; Jay takes something Anna
don't want him to have, + then she tries
to make him give it up + he won't, + she

comes screaming to one of us. If John or
are here, peace is readily restored, as
Jay is really a very good natured little fel-
low, & to a pleasant "please, Sonny" almost
always yields. When the Ayah is alone
with them, they are likely to have more se-
rious difficulties, and that is one
reason why, I am firmly persuaded
that it is better for me to give up
the woman's class as with that & all
I have to do with the treasure's work
& the forwarding for John, all the folks
at Ka Yin & the Carlins, I do have
to neglect these dear babes, & I will
not do it any longer. Their young
lives are altogether too precious to run
the risk of being harmed by my neglect.
I do enjoy teaching the women very much,
& John don't want me to give it up, but
under the circumstances - for a while at
least I must, as it has been the last week
or two I have had more than I can stand.

Our classes to-day have been ³⁵ good. My time has chiefly been given to writing letters to go back to Kak Chick.

Siu An the lad whom I met at Huiⁿ Suaⁿ Thau, was called home to day by his father, who came to say that his brother had a crazy fit & he was needed. We had prayer together in his behalf and gave him some medicines to take back.

This evening Mr. MacClogan took supper with me; we had a pleasant hour together and he went to the chapel with me. He seemed to enjoy the service & spoke very well for a few moments. He is a fine man & very able.

Thursday. Jan'y 25th - 56

Two visitors of note at the Chapel this afternoon - a bright looking man of less than 40 was sitting there when I went to the 2 P.M. Vicitation: he had come to listen they said & he sat quietly as the men read in Luke - Just as we came to the last one - voices were heard outside the door & a young man appeared waving his hands about and talking incoherently about worshipping God: another appeared holding him by the arm & a young woman following - it was Din-an, who went home yesterday with his father & the brother who has been crazy since Monday or Tuesday. As soon as he stepped inside the door than he

got down on his knees, worshipped
his father & kept on at an
astonishing rate; he came into
the room worshipped his father
again, shouted out all he had ever
heard about Christian teaching,
in a most pitiable jumble, and
all as good natured as Mr.
Dick, till they attempted to re-
strain him too much & he be-
came a little violent -

He climbed up on the chair,
smote the table, took the chief-
seat, showed us how he had de-
stroyed idols by knocking a
cup & book of the high table -
& many other such performances.
At first he minded me & sat
still, then refused to listen & be-
gan to act violent. I tried
going on with the class & Assie's

read Luke IV: 31-37. as soon as
as the young man heard the name
of Jesus he shouted out "yes" when
A. H. began to read of the devil be-
ing cast out he called out. "No-
no devil here -" Some of the
brethren thought vigorous hydro-
pathic treatment would be enough.
I wanted to tie him & empty a
few buckets of water over him.
They tried a wet cloth on his head.
He said "Give it to me, I'll hold it."
They handed it to him & he
threw it on the floor. He kept
saying - "What do you tell me to
keep still for? I'm the Emperor.
The man to tell about a one-
eyed Emperor is he (one of his eyes
is sightless). I sent A. H. to
to get a rope & carried them to get

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Medicine ready - A Phang
knows a prescription which cures his
brother from an attack like this
last month - I wanted ^{the man} to get him
into a side room, but he was
not willing to go - He made a
start for the E. P. Chapel saying
"I control that" but they stopped
him. There seemed to be no hope
of quitting him so I sat down
beside the other visitor & talked
with him; the other one got down
on his knees & prayed in the wildest
most deplorable tangle of expres-
sions, closing with a polite Chinese
leave-taking instead of the usual
form. Then he sat in the chair
behind the preacher's table & told us
he would be teacher - while he
chattered on A-ua Peh came up
& began talking to the same man

on the folly of Fung Shway. 60

They brought in some water-
chestnuts, which are cooling - to give
the patient - then an old a half-
dozen or so spitted on a slice of
bamboo - He waded them about &
said "Where is my father?" - "No matter",
they said, "you eat these" - "What?"
he replied, "do you think I am
going to eat without giving my father
any?" - At this he marched off into
the next room I had him kept there.

Coming out I found the other vis-
itor displaying a fine new Fung-
Shway compass, over which Ua Pih
was holding forth eloquently -
After that I had a long talk
with him, explained the diagrams
my model out last year, which
he seemed to grasp - He had many

true ideas, but was very ⁶¹
self-righteous. Some of the others
talked with him also - He took
a copy of the New Testament.
May it be blessed to his con-
version.

5-10 P.M. I was

surprised to see the young man
sitting & almost in his right mind
at 7 o'clock meeting - He was
sleeping when I left - They had
found him & succeeded in get-
ting the medicine down his
throat. He saluted me as I

came in when opportunity was
given to make requests for prayer.
He begged my forgiveness in in-
telligible but rather manly
terms, for his ill-behavior.
at the close of the meeting got down
on his knees to me, but we got

him up off to the sleeping⁶²
Room. One or two more doses of
the medicine, if as effective as the
first will bring him around all
right. His father come out to
worship. Our prayers certainly
have already been answered in large
measure regarding him.

Friday - June 26

His father let him eat several
bowl of soft rice last evening & he
was bad as ever in the morning;
after several doses of medicine he
is quieter this P. M. but not
half well - we have managed
to carry on our work & hope
to see him right in a day or
two. Most of the men go back
to-morrow. I am sending to
Kak Chisk tonight.

Monday - Jan 29 - '94 - Mr Campbell
came down from Ka Yim last Saturday.
He left Tuesday last; before he was a
day out, his boat struck on a rock &
two large holes were made. Fortunately it was
in a shallow place of the river, the boat
was filled with water & all his boxes, that
he had packed ready to take home,
were drenched wet. When he got here on
Saturday & opened the boxes, his things
were in a dreadful state. He has a val-
uable collection of books on China & they
are all soaked. He thinks they will have
to be all rebound. He is trying to get
them dried, which is difficult in the
damp, muggy weather we are having
which precedes the rainy season.

He starts home, via England, the middle
of Feb. expecting to be home the first of May.
He has had 6 hard years of pioneer work.
He is a man who does not spare himself when
the work is concerned. Not one out of ten Ameri-
cans could stand what he has gone thro.
with, in his long pioneer trips. His health
was quite broken down last year but he per-

sisted that he could not leave there.
Now he is looking better. His wife + children
went home two years ago. Their
home is in Champaign, Ill. Mrs C. is a
warm friend of mine, a lovely Christian
woman, I've missed her much since she left.
I rather look for John to night, but it
is more likely he will get in tomorrow.
The letters must go today.

These last days I've been on my back
again much of the time. I've been over-
doing these last weeks again + have been
most uncomfortable in consequence. As soon
as John gets back, it will be easier taking
the rest I will need to.

Mr Campbell was in this morning + talking
about going home. He is anxious we should
go. In some respects it does seem as if
it would be best. The mission is better
manned than it ever has been before + it
does seem as if John could be better spared
for next winter than perhaps in the future
beyond the year or so following. It will be
decided now within a month. I'm quite
sure. We have made it a special subject
of prayer, that we may be directed aright.

We do believe the Father will give us to know what He would have us do. we both are trying to be just as ready to stay as to go, or go as to stay.

Many thanks to Mother for her kindness in sending those things thro. Dr. Swinney. we have not heard of her arrival yet, but I've sent a postal to Mr. Evans in Shanghai. who has a Missionary Agency & asked him to send it right on to us, & to pay Dr. S. anything there may be due. I am sure all the articles she mentioned will come in nicely for us & the little ones. I sent your letter & a few others I brought into him on Sat.

I can understand ~~at~~ your reluctance to leave away off to the West Coast, at your time of life. We do trust the Master will give us the privilege of all being together in Papa dear old home. If He sees best we surely will.

I must close here as I must write to Mr. Coleman by this mail too.

With kisses from the three little ones
Your loving daughter Clara-

Sat'y Evening Jan'y 27th. 63

Our uninvited guest has caused us much trouble since his relapse. Yesterday noon he ran out on the street & eat a miscellaneous lot of food at a street stand besides shouting out an assortment of religious expressions as he went along the street. A Phang, who is a boxing master finally threw him & got him back to the chapel. He would not drink bitter medicine & as we were finishing our 2 P.M. class he grew violent again. They got some other Chinese medicine & when he grew wild again toward the close of prayer meeting they succeeded in dragging him up & making him drink several bowls of it. He was in a very delirious state & ran on about his first going to chapel & Satan tempting him to go to an idol temple & tempting him to gamble, when he first won a

little & then lost all so that he 64
pawned his jacket - then a long
story about his mother's distress &
& visiting his sister. Some of his
performances while drinking the
medicine were notable. He was
excessively polite & distressed that
the bystanders, especially his father,
did not sit down - he worshipped
his father again. He drank much
of the medicine while on his knees -
Once he dwelt on the "Sprinkling
Ceremony" observed by the Swanton Mission
& proceeded to perform it upon
himself. During the night he
was wild twice & once used
bad language, but in general he
has used no vulgar expressions
at all, which is remarkable, consid-
ering the awful filth of Chinese
speech. This morning he was so
voluble we could not go on with
the class & they tied him & dragged
him out to pour water over him.

I succeeded in making them 65
decide from their purpose to pour
it on his chest & to pour it
over his back neck. He said
himself that it was not cold,
but white. I went to the boat
for quinine they doused him all
over so he was chilled. After
rubbing & heating his feet he
improved. At times he has seemed
quite himself & has lain on the
bed ever since.

After the excitement subsided this
forenoon I made comments as usual
on the lesson in Genesis & also on
the powerful object lesson which
I had given on the madness of false
worship. Jer. 2:38 was read & I
dwelt on the "madness" of seemingly
sane men worshipping idols worshipping
dead parents worshipping at a venture,
refusing to listen to the truth that can
save them, hating the one who offers it.

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This poor fellow refused the medicine that would cure & reviled the one who gave it. Talked & prayed at random & worshipped his father - but he did not worship anything dead - nor was he responsible - The madness of the heathen is worse in every particular. Four of the pupils & the teacher left this P. M. I arranged with two young helpers for the coming week & had a talk with Kim Tek about sharing in ancestral offerings - The prayer-meeting was begun at 7:30 ^{last} evening & I hope may be a great blessing -

Sunday Jan'y - 28th -

Usual services to-day quite well attended - The sick man has been more quiet, but by no means well - A Phang stays with them to-night. A Phang's (to-be) father-in-law came unexpectedly to-day - he wants to

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to have some one go to his house
on Sundays & hold services. Says
he will have a room made
ready. This greatly cheered A-
Phang, who has been much taken
up with the idea of a weekly
prayer meeting at his village
& has asked prayers for it several
times, also mentioning it when
he led himself. The man was
at one evening service seems to
be really interested.

Mail came from R. C. today.
Poor Clara is quite poorly -
gain - I was surprised to get a
home mail too - a good letter from
Father to Clara - also letter from
Senator Lyford, Drs. Witter & Polman,
& from Clara's sister Lydia. She
& her husband have turned Unitari-
an. I have been writing them
a letter since our service.

At Hio-ching Monday June 29th 68.

The sick man seemed to be about
the same this morning, had been
sipping freely may be improving -
I arranged for future matters as
best I could & left at 9-40 - have
been favoured with a good passage, written
a no. of letters - The January no. of
the Missionary Review is an excellent
one I have been reading it with great
pleasure.

Tuesday July 20 -

At home - & very pleasant, it
is to be back - the babies
are all looking so plump &
rosy. I am very sorry Clara
seems to be not in a good physi-
cal condition but hope she may
be better speedily - Mr. Campbell
Mr. Boat took supper with us.

Wednesday - July 31st - 69

Back from prayer-meeting at
Dr. Scott's. I led. spoke of
Christ's obedience & his reliance
on prayer the Holy Spirit &
the Scripture - Dr. A. spoke
excellently on Christ's coming
that we might have life and
have it more abundantly -
Mr. Campbell told of the
place he has secured at
Shanghai - the only Baptist
work in Fokien Province.
Mr. A. Jr. reports that we can
now buy a place at the
Lî - & perhaps at Chao Chow
Fu - Pangsung is here
reporting many promising
persons at Peking -

I have worked on checking my 70
Church Roll with Mr. A. J. Consett-
ing with native helpers & on ac-
counts - with Mr. Campbell - who
plans going home via London.

It is a great pleasure to be
at home with the children. An-
na is developing so fast - can
"string my own needle", reads quite
a no. of sentences & talks - to an
unlimited extent. She asked me
to-day "Papa, why does God
make trees with hair on them?"

The rootlets that hang from the
branches of the bangs look very
much like hair. Jay is ex-
ceedingly fond of "phat-ball"
when he gets big enough to
wield a tennis racket he will
be in high feather - They had a
fine time going to see a "live
jockey" down at Dr. Luyke's today.

Thursday Feb 1st -

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I find many things to take up my attention - Most of the forenoon was given to Mr. A. Jr. in checking the Church Roll - In the evening I read in Miss G. Guinness's book on China - it is very interesting -

Friday Feb 2nd -

A busy day - a no. of callers or business I did a lot of office work - Clara is not feeling well - D. S. is beginning to give her treatments which she thinks will help her - she has been lying down much of the day & seems a little better this evening - The children came out of doors a great deal & are very good - Anna said come at the breakfast table - "Auntie Scott knows how God makes things grow" - "How?" - "The things are put in

the ground. & God makes the 72
Sunshine & the rain fall - & they
grow." She is an inquiring Miss.
She asked the other evening if God
placed the eggs in the chickens -
She was much pleased with the
Callas she saw at Dr. Scott's &
asked Clara - "Mama, do you
think God will give us some
white lilies before long?" -

Saturday - Feb 3rd -

I have not been well to-day and
have done very little - Clara is
better & Dr. is much encouraged.

Sunday Feb 4 -

I kept in bed most of the day -
am feeling a little better this
evening - I have finished reading
the first volume of Miss Gannett's
book on the China Island
Mission - a remarkable record

Monday Feb 5th -

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Claras birthday - I had intended to get a book from Hong Kong as a present but overlooked sending for it after I returned from the country - Anna brought in out of her books & some other articles as remembrances -

I had conferred with ^{two of my} native helpers & mentioned the possibility of my going home -

Mr. Campbell came up in the evening - He goes next week - I took Anna & Jay then or had them taken there at the home when Mr. C. is living, & then brought them home - so they could see the monkey, who is a perpetual delight to them -
Their pleasures & play etc. etc.

Cruising - Anna was found 74
by Miss Scott our day baptizing
day - not in water, but going through
the formula. They play church
quite frequently -

Tuesday Feb 6th -

Chinese New Year - a very quiet
day. Clara is keeping in bed
the first half of the day & lying
down much of the P.M. seems
a little better to-night -
We had a good home mail
to-day. letters from Father, Mother
Mary K. Dodge, F. Lyford & affini-
ness letters. Aunt Abby White
is a noble soul for giving to the
Lord's cause a part of her
gift. would to see welcome this
year - when appropriations are
cut down & there are opportunities
to find a voice everywhere -

9.30 P. M. - Wednesday - Feb. 7th 74

Back from a good prayer meeting at Mr. Ashmore's led by himself. He read the first 18 vs. of John's gospel - Mr. Broad spoke of the 16th vs. having been instrumental in his conversion. Dr. A spoke on vs. 17 & on vs. 14 -

This morning I gave Ling Heng some matter for use in teaching at Khou Khoi. Just before tiffin I went up to Dr. Scott's & marked a box for Edward that she send with Mr. Campbell. She said Mrs. Ashmore had been talking with her of the feasibility of a plan they had in mind - to go far to see Clara & the children safely home & for me to visit Yoko-hama & then return - That I should not dare accept for personal reasons, should prefer to take them home return earlier myself -

I went over this afternoon 75
I had a talk with Dr. A. on the
subject: they go April 11 to Japan &
wait over one steamer. I also con-
ferred with Mr. A. Jr. about the mat-
ter. I must leave after meeting.

Thursday Feb 4th.

We are beginning to get closets in order,
I had my stock of Chinese books all
put in order & lists made out for
them. I am attending to correspond-
ence & other matters with a view
to "getting ready" -

Jay amuses us greatly at times: this
evening he brought out the monkey & the
rubber doll seen in his last photo. &
one of the dolls, stuffed, that he had written
to me as "Topy" - "Topty" Jay calls her.
Every night he has his his crocheted
shoes, one put on her head & one on
both her feet - "how", Jay said,
"Topty can 'tan' up" & setting her up
in a commanding tone "Tan' up Topty!"

Finally the three were made nearly 76
vertical against the coalscuttle - After
he went to bed his mother got him a
sheet from Anna's doll-bedstead to
cover his small family she was highly
pleased, till the shoes came off "Potty"
& I was called to put them on -

Friday Feb. 9th.

We sent off a large mail to-day -
& I have done no little writing - every
day we do a little towards final
preparations & are helped by others
also. Clara is able to be about
a little & Dr. S. thinks she gains -
I had a good talk with Ling -
King about what I hoped to see
accomplished at Khou-Khoi -
also with Pang Sing who will treat
Pang Liu over Sunday - Unless they
deceive me very much they are really
desirous of seeing the Lords work
prosper & ready to work therefor -

Saturday Feb 10th - 77-

Writing sundry duties have
taken up the day - Mr. Campbell
left on the "Samoa" -

Sunday - Feb 11th -

This A. M. I went to Paigali.
Had smooth sea & light wind.
We had a good forenoon service
& I had opportunity to talk with
the brethren about some important
matters - returned before the P. M.
service.

Monday - Feb 12th

Mr. A. Jr. & family left for Khek-
Yang. Miss Scott for Khek-
Khai. both plan to hold classes,
one of men, the latter of women,
making 3 local classes held at
the same time. I went to
Swatow this P. M. & attended to
several items of business -

Tuesday Feb. 13th - 78

A telegram to-day announces that the new doctor (Bailey) for the Haku-ka Mission is in Hong Kong & will be here in a day or two. They go to Ka-yin with Mr. Brodt.

Clara is much better & I hope to go the Country by Friday. We are doing a little day by day towards getting ready.

Wednesday - Feb. 14th -

I had a call from two men who came from Ah-hin Huang Niu to consult about mortgaging a room there to use as a place of meeting. They seem quite hopeful.

Say for Union prayer meeting on this side of the bay.

Thursday Feb 15th - 99

Went out with Mr. Powell before
breakfast to welcome the new com-
ers - Dr. & Mrs. Bailey & their boy Mark
a few mos. ^{older} younger than Jay. We
like them much - He is a son
of Dr. Bailey who was at Franklin
College. I know that in Chicago,
now is in Oregon - He educated Guil
Morgan & his son was appointed
by Guil M. to the charge of the
Indian Reservation in Malton Washing-
ton, where he was for 4 years -
Now is tall & has a strong pleasant
face. Mrs. B. is agreeable & soci-
able - The boy is a lively one -
I have been preparing the S.P.
lessons for the next paper & that
Jin has been helping. There is no
Jin's class now - It is back

from Kan-Idam reports a good 80
state of things there with some
new attendants.

Friday Feb 6th -

The Bailey's come & called on us in
the forenoon. They came via London.

Mark & our children played nicely
together in the P.M. I took them
down, or rather sent them, & planned
went to bring them back.

I began looking over my letters &
papers with view to packing ab.
So had a box lined with zinc to
pack books in -

Saturday Feb. 17

The day was much broken by
callers & small matters, but I
finished going over all my papers
& other contents of my study.

Anna was invited to spend 51
the afternoon with Emma Simpson
but did not want to go - she had
a little from Friday. Otherwise
all the babies have been very
well. Jay celebrated by running
away down on the bank, it was
a long time before we found him.
I punished him, not very hard -
& after supper he said, as he was
ready for bed - "No more 'way' gin -
which I trust he will remember -

Sunday Feb. 18th -

Took Anna to chapel - the cook
took Jay, who soon marched up to
me & back them both - they be-
haved very well considering it was
a long service - We had a good
Sunday school - Craig Keam played
the organ & did fairly well -

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Monday - Feb. 19th -

Mail per "City of Peking" this morning -
I had good letters from Father & Mother
& from M. S. Howie of New Port - R. I.
I sent him an account of a Sunday at
Khou-Khoi which he used to good
advantage it seems. I rec'd a list
of questions on school work from Dr. Howie
which looks as if the Committee
were really going into the subject &
"wanted to know you know".
I had numerous callers on business and
sundry matters to attend to before leaving.

Happily the noon launch from Swatow
was a little late in starting so I
caught it - We had wind & tide in our
favor, passed Hui-Ping bridge long
before dark & saw now well up the
river - To-morrow is the 15th of the
first moon & at several of the vil-
lages they will not allow boats to
pass without stoning them - The
wind & the glorious moonlight are
helping us on our way

I have read in the Watchman 83
Examiner & Biblical World - &
rested since 3 P.M., when we reached the
boat - My cough still bothers me
but I am feeling better -

I had a letter from Kūi Sū to
the effect that the young man
there is better but not well yet -
There are but few men working at
Khou-Khou - but a few may be better
than nothing - Evenings there is ab-
ways a good attendance of the
village Christians there -

There were over 250 passengers on the
steamer launch this noon - One was the
third son of A-Khim the chief owner of
the line; he was dressed in rich & highly col-
ored brocaded silks & was smoking cigarettes -
had a box of them with the photo. of a
ballerina inside - also a patent cigar
lighter - Thus does civilization shed its
rays upon the heathen in his blindness
if he was not already blind, such brilliant
opportunity might blind him - I sought
cigarette smoking - I said he did not usually smoke
them.

Tuesday Feb. 20th - ²⁸⁴

at Khoi-Khoi. Last night I had
a rather uncomfortable season
but feel a little better. rode
up here in a sedan chair - The
rear man was an unfaithful
brother who seldom attends service.
The man in front was a good
listener - a procession bearing sev-
eral idols passing within sight gave
a starting point to the conversation.
I talked about all the way, first
on the difference between the living
God & idols & Heaven & Earth then
the need & the way of salvation.
He seemed really interested and
inquired how he should know
the way more fully - He works
as a laborer & I hope he will attend our
Chapel.

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Wednesday Feb 21st - 84

The men are doing well in the
Genesis & Luke. Dong Sun recited
the narrative of chapters 30 to 32 with
scarcely a break. Wa-pih gave the
first two chapters very well indeed
and seems to be understanding
more than he did.

He was quite incensed when he
came back from Kiu-Su to find
that his chief enemy in the long-
standing quarrel over his field
was attending chapel and well re-
ceived by the brethren, but since
the case has been adjusted they
have made up. In the evening
he & his boy came in with a
basket of candy & cakes to give me
as a token of his goodwill & thank-
fulness that his case was settled.
I thanked him but urged him
to take it to the chapel and unite

There are but 3 or 4 readings^a SS
here during the day, but in
the evening a large number
keep at it for 2 hours. There
are several new houses. A. Ua
Peh is here telling me about
his "affair" over a field, that
has been running on for 8 yrs.
He has now great rejoicing from
over the settling of this difficulty.
The money has changed hands &
some blows have been exchanged
at any rate - he shows me when
his eye was "black-azur" -

If I had not come up to day
I must have waited till Friday
as the people do not want any
over tomorrow about the 16th / 11th
of the 10th moon -
The day is warm & cloudy -

all to partake after worship, ⁸⁵ which he did.

I did not get out till service was over being detained by an "affair", which our good brother Gik-Lang, the lame carpenter, has on hand, a complicated case about the rental of a field; he has been sued and was inclined to fight it out, but has been advised to resort to arbitration; a clansman of the landlord was called in & the case presented to him in detail - He seems a decent fellow & has respect for the Christians here.

Gik-Lang has a deed more than 100 yrs old, quite an interesting document. Chinese affairs resemble a tangle of silk threads, you feel one end & there is no knowing how many more you must unravel before getting the other end of that one - You can never tell how many are involved

Thursday Feb. 22nd -

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We had two visitors at chapel - one a man from Chhan-bie-na who used to come to worship in the days of the "Patriarch" but had not been for years - Another came from another village, seemingly with the idea of getting some material benefit - The only way is to tell them the truth as far as we can & leave them in God's hands -

Friday - Feb. 23rd -

My chest was so sore & cough so bad I lay in bed all day - The brethren were in several times & I consulted with them about the question of a new chapel here & the ordaining of A-Poan at the next Communion - which I think they will request - Then being sent to Pang Tra Pi I found that A-Poan's father-in-law had been gambling at his par time, lost heavily & had meditated suicide, gone so far as to provide himself with a bunch of opium - A-Poan had heard

with him Huk Sang preached to him & vigorously so that he seemed to awaken to the madness of his course -

In the evening A Phang & he & his son came to prayer meeting -

Saturday - Feb. 24th

Ling Sang & "Chin Siu" went out to Canvass for funds & came back rejoicing - Gek-Lang agreed to give \$45 - his wife \$2 - Later Chin Siu's father agreed to give \$50 - his mother to give \$4 - she plans to sell her gold earrings - The rest of the family could give at least \$10 - so there was over \$100 - from two households - In the evening we had a Bible

Reading on the subject of giving - During the day I had opportunity to talk with Long-Sum & Huk Sang regarding the needs of the field & what they should feel incumbent upon them if I am obliged to go home. They should deem a yet greater responsibility resting upon them - Huk-Sang went again to Tong Tou Pi - he wants to go & live for a time at "Si Khe" where he thinks we can have a place for prayer.

