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China

Tuesday April 6th

On a native boat going up to
ward Hua Phing, with a fair
wind. One of the boats is up
for a sail, the are making
some 5 miles an hour. This
trip is planned for only a week
so it did not seem worth while
to sail in the horse boat. I had
a crowd of men & boys at
the boat landing to talk with.
They bought all the tracts I
had & a number of leaflets.
The people at Chao Yang city
are much more decent than
they used to be. On the launch
I had a pleasant chat with two
young men from the Customs
Office of Chao Yang.

A young man on the boat
says that A-Meng the villain
who headed the Catholic raid
on Chau Khoc died in the 12th
month of the Chinese year, but
I do not think it is true.
I am much concerned to
see the next developments in
the case: the last was a
trouble about 17 gues that were
stolen. Mr. Meike Han, Dr. A.
& Mr. A. Jr. have been in com-
munication with the present
he is very bland & express-
es desire for peace, but
his helpers are a bad
lot.

Last evening we had a new
development - small pox
case on the Compound. So
everybody made haste to be vac-

My scars are good 3
The Dr. does not expect
mine to take -

To-day I sent a letter to
my friend at Phôn Keng -
I in fact waited to see
what could be done for
2 men from Dr. Carline's
region who are after a young
man who has gone to Su-
matra. They want to get
him back.

Wednesday April 7th

We had a good passage
& it has been a cool com-
fortable day for travelling -

I had one interesting hearer
by the way, an old man who
insisted on giving me a piece

of baked taro for a leaflet⁴
about the "True God" that I
gave him. At Tân Trào P.

I called upon the believers.
was glad to see the man
who was saved from sui-
cide ropium. he is a church
member also his wife -

There is further trouble

here; the R. C. head man
is making a great fuss be-
cause a boy of one of our
members cut a few leaves
of sugar cane for their boy

of falo. Ordinarily such a thing
would be settled for a dollar
or so. now he wants the father
to pay a large sum or else
turn Catholic -

He was in twice during the
day, & seemed much dejected -

Thursday April 8th

Off for Keⁿ-Khaiⁿ over the old
familiar road. Mo - A Poant
called on a chat & his mother
at Siⁿ-Kheⁿ. The father is dead
& they are not doing very well
in worldly matters. He was dis-
tressed because he could not
get his sugar cane ground till
the next afternoon & was afraid
he could not get through before
Sunday.

At Keⁿ Khaiⁿ we
found things much as usual.
Bak. Tai is as valuable as
ever, & to her son Lak - Si
has been excluded because that
Fattle brain wife was married
off & another taken. The father
is now a church member.

We had a good visit at 7
Bue-ta when A-Kan lives.
His wife now attends chapel
with him - we had an excellent
chance to talk with some
of his neighbors. Two women es-
pecially seemed ready to believe.
On the way back we called at
Chhin-Khai: a younger sister
of A-Kan is attending worship,
her husband was converted in
Singapore and wrote back
for her to become a Christian.
We met crowds coming from
Liang-Hu it being market
day. I enjoyed calling upon
an old man Gek Lang at his
shop. Quite a crowd gathered &
preached to them for some
time - we also had an audience

outside the shop - One 8
of the heaves preached quite a
sermon in Hak-Ka. he
had been a heaver at our
Chapel - He came in dur-
ing the morning and brought
two neighbors who, he said,
were talking of joining the
Catholics & he did not want
them to do so, as the R. C.
people were very bad and
boasted of their preparations
to fight the other Christians.

A goodly number gathered
at evening worship, as many
men as we used to have on
Sunday in the old Chapel -

There was a woman
here at the Chapel from
Chihuahua when we re-
turned with news that a

man who has recently. I
been an attendant at our
Chapel was expecting trouble
as earth claim was being
brought upon a piece of land
whose title was disputed by a
neighbor, now a Catholic who
proposed building a chapel
thereon. I decided to
go over the next day see
for myself.

Friday, April 9th -
Off after breakfast in the
Chais. We went over by Tan
Toa Pi to the river & stopped
at Khai-Lang-Kia. On
the way I talked with an

Elderly man by the way who hailed from
Lio-Bue, who seems quite
interested in the truth & was
well acquainted with Kwang-
Lee in Hong Kong. He was
interested to know that there
were believers in Khor T. K.

We met a most cordial
reception at this village &
had a good visit with
the people. One old man
who has been a maker
of paper clothing for many
years has a house they pro-
pose using for a place of
worship. He is still smoking
a little opium & proposes to

go to Kok Chick and
be cured of the Rabit.

They say there are numer-
ous people in surrounding
villages who want to worship
Mull come there. What there
may be not yet revealed in
this I cannot say. but the
Khow Khoi brethren have
faith in these people.

I disposed of half a bowl
of the usual sweet soup at
this place, also several chopped
Eggs. At the next place
Sin. Suan. Kuan, a new member
insisted on our taking lunch
+ I eat quite a meal, eggs +
rice chiefly.

It was the last I had * 12
till half past eight, when
I took supper at the house
of Liang Da, the rich man
who has been attending
one chapel & who has the
dispute about the land.
He came to the Chapel &
with him, Lung Chi's
father from Kwan-Pon - I
did not want to take his
evidence alone and asked
if his prominent relatives
in town would give me
their views as they had to
a-o - He saw 3 of them

a Chin-sū Lā, Toā Lā '3
+ Kū-jū Lā - The first +
last being military graduates -
we were invited to the home
of the Kū-jū Lā - I proposed
their writing a letter to the
Priest as the man who was
building the house replied to
their remonstrance, "So late:
it's given to the Priest to build
a chapel for the Lord of Heaven
it's his affair." They were
at first inclined to do so,
but backed down. The
interview however gave me
a chance to find out
that they believed the right

to be on Rio Jã's side.

Saturday - April 10th

The Lord stopped the building of the house by a copious rain. We had but very little rain coming back but the road was very slippery - "pê" "ie" "buh-lá" one of the Chair bears said -

Both these men are attendants at the Chapel, very good fellows. It was a tedious ride from 9^{a.m.} till after 3 P.M.

The country is interesting now but malodorous in many places where they are fertilizing the fields. It was a delight -

ful changes to pass ¹⁵ orange
groves as we did more than
once - at one place the wind
was such that the fragrance
followed us for a long distance.
It was like the contrast between
the little companies of believers
we meet & the great foul waste of
Leuthenism. V

Sunday, April 11th -

A memorable day - My last
Sunday here was in Feb'y
94 - when they were meeting in
the old chapel crowded in
like sheep, tho' there were barely
half a score outside the
Church members & their
families - Now here is
this larger Chapel & better

than any we had there. 16
Even at Kak Chieh - It is solidly
built of concrete - with granite
Casings for all the doors, +
dressed granite pillars - to support
the trusses of the roof - glass
windows all well finished,
a large supply of red seats,
all full - so they were ob-
liged to bring in all they
find of trawlers about the place -
There must have been about
180 in all - 69 Church members
among them - including the
4 who were baptized at noon.
A Hong had a bad cold
so Dea. Yak Lung of Con-
ducted the services. He

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Examined the men, put 17
them through a searching
series of questions, beginning as
usual. "You come here, with
the idea of doing what thing?"
They answered very well to the
fact of their coming in this
time of persecution, when mem-
bers & attendants are being threat-
ened & having their property stolen
is good proof of their sincerity.

I spoke in the morning from
Haggai II: 8-9 - the text I used 3
yrs ago - dwelling on the fulfil-
ment of the prophecy thus far -
They had recognized that their
Silas was the Lord & com-
mended fit to his service
He had given them more.

I told them of my visit to 18
Aunt Abby White thought
she was to hear how the
money she gave, a part of it
had been used.

The glory of this latter house
was greater 1- in the building
itself - large, strong, well equipped
2- in being filled with living
men & women - The Church is
greater than the building, before
it in time & in worth - 3 in
the fact they had been tried
by fire. had borne persecution
& their praise was in all mouths.

We had a good baptism -
Khai-Kam - the boy I baptized
at Kak Chik 8 years ago. He
was so small the Elder asked

him Why such a small boy should come back to be admitted. He replied. "In Matthew, Jesus said 'suffer little children to come unto me' -" - ~~He~~ Kuan is now a school teacher of 20 pupils & doing well. he preached a short sermon of baptism by the Waterside -

They sang a verse of "I'm glad salvation is free" after each one was baptized.

A thunderstorm came up soon after & just as we were to give the hand of fellowship & to have Communion we were startled by a crash & learned that the roof of a

new house recently put up ²⁰
by some of the brethren here
by for the men who watch
the fields, had fallen in. A little
boy was the only one there &
he was only hurt by a bit
of broken tile that cut his
scalp. It was worthy of
note that the people said
scarcely anything of the loss
involved but were devout
in their expressions of thank-
fulness that it did not oc-
cur at night when many would
be sleeping there, nor a little
before when the place was
full nor afterwards when
others would have gone in.
I have enjoyed receiving ac-

acquaintance with the people ²¹
here very much.

The day was well filled &
I retired early. After I was
in bed a party came to
see me & a little ^{boy} said,
"Teacher I ask you to help
release my father from
jail: there are 9 of us
children & we have not enough
to eat." The man in question
has been an attendant at
the chapel & has been put
in jail by his adopted father
at the instigation of your
sons. What we can do in the
case I do not know - there
is a congregation of affairs now.

Monday - April 12th 12

I am hearing from Kak-Chieh almost every day. Friday I sent a messenger from Chieh Hien, who came here Sunday morning - a little while after I had sent a J^r off to Phai. Thai with a letter to the R. C. Priest telling him I would be here to meet him after Easter Sunday if he came as he proposed to do, & also stating the facts in the Chieh Hien case. The priest refused to receive the letter & a Taoan came back from Chieh Hien Monday evening with it &

as his reverence had refused
to receive it say that he did
not "Come + go" with our por-
tors - this in the face of a
letter written to Dr. ^{Adams} proposing
conferences in case of trouble & aft-
er our meeting with Mr. C. J. Jr.
& Mr. McKibben. I did not
expect much from him as
he was very disagreeable to A-
Hong last week & spoke very
contemptuously of our missionaries.
There is a priest stopping at Khon-
Khai. I sent my card to him
asking a conference about Bi-
chia's case but he declined on
the plea of not knowing the
language. I have begun
brushing up my French a bit.

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A man who used to be a
servant of the one who is now
in prison. Sent down to Kak-
Chieh with letters & the papers
in his Employers case.

I kept quiet much of the day, as
I was not very well. Sunday, the
journey to Chieh Rio with irreg-
ular hours & broken rest combined
perhaps with effects of being vac-
cinated just before leaving Kak-
Chieh was the cause of my
illness. I went to the market
& had a chance to reach & sell
leaflets & tracts.

Tuesday - April 13th

A Joan set out for Chieh
Rio with another letter stating
the condition of things up to
morning that forenoon - She met

Weather still interferes with 25
the building of the house on the
disputed land.

I am having the Chinese at evening
worship take up such passages
of scripture as Peter's release
from prison & Elisha at Dothan
hoping it may help their faith
& courage. It is remarkable

how the people have improved
in spiritual things under persecu-
tion & what a change there is
in the attitude of the heathen-

Before the name "Ja-son" would
bring forth ridicule & blasphemy
when mentioned - now they ask
"Are you 'Ja-son-Ka' (Jesus -
doctrines - Protestant) or Thiun-
Ka (Harmly - Lord - Catholic)?"

Then they say "The Jesus 24
doctrine good, upright, just,
the Heavenly Lord. bad-to-death,
rotting-to-death, evils on earth,
power &c &c". Surely the

Lord has made the wrath
of man to praise him. We
are hoping & praying that the
remainder of wrath be many
restrain. Wednesday April 4th

The man A-Bue, came back
but had no especial news.

The difficulty at Lain King
where Mr. Speicher had a
large number enrolled is very
serious yet the Catholics are
making no end of trouble.

I am further in some time

Studying Chinese everyday. 27

In the P. m. a Hah went
out with me to Chhain.

Buic ha - there were but
8 or 10 blivins there 3 yrs
ago. Now they have as high
as 30 men at prayer meeting.
He had good chances to preach
& found that he may possibly
have more candidates for bap-
tism there.

Thursday April 15th.

A. Doan was back and
was eating breakfast. As my
special visit. Dr. A. goes
on Monday & they want me
to come out & consider af-
fairs before he leaves.

I decided to go at once so as to
be back Sunday, but they failed
to get me a chair in time.

So in the P.M. I set out with
an Elderly brother to visit at
Toa-Thon & Si-Be-phon. I was
glad to see the people again &
find some new ones. at T.P.
They have no good chapel yet.
Old A. Sok-Che is 92 years old
but is at worship every Sunday.
I took boat in the evening -
A. Bue goes down with me.

Friday - April 16th 11:30 A.M.

On the Chao Yang steamer.

The East wind was so strong
last night we only made about
10 miles so soon after daylight
I took a chair & came down
some 17 miles further

The men were good walkers
& made the boat at 1.0-15.

The Chair-men are all in-
terested to know about the
truth & our cause preach to
them about all the time
he is in the chair if he wishes
& does not get tired out. I had
also some opportunities to talk
by the way.

Sat. Apr 16th

I had a long talk with A-Khim
Jardine & Matheson's Comrades
on the present situation & the
merits of the "Jesus doctrine"
& the R.C. people. I was very
much occupied here in con-
ference plans for the future
till late last night - go today
to Chao Yang & Khon Khun.

11-10 A.M.

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In small boat going up from
the steer launching to Ches. Bay.
On the launch I had a good
hearing all the way across, ex-
pected to sit in the cabin but
was lucked & asked to come
forward. one of the pretties-
tunes was from Hap. Song.
Yesterday was a rather hard
day. but I had good opportu-
nities to confer with colleagues
with the Chinese. There is a
man who belongs in Hui Si's
Sonder wealthy Catholic who
says he has been commissioned
by the A.C. Bishop at Canton
to look out & report the con-
dition of things all about
report to him, as the priests
are reporting that the Catholics

are being persecuted by the 31
Protestants. Two of the Chinese
teachers went to see him &
told him the condition at dif-
ferent places. He said that
there were ^{by the side of the} devils, referring
to the leading men of his fol-
lowers. He professes to be a
close friend of King Heng's
& to have both power and
disposition to stop the present
troubles. We met at Mr. A. J. J.'s
last evening & consulted on this
thing till about 11 o'clock.
This morning I took leave
of Dr. Mrs. Ashmun who leave
on Monday for Shanghai - They
have arranged things at the
house so that I shall have
the use of it while the Kemps
are in our house.

We went to the chapel 32

now adjoining A-Phia's Es-
tablishment. Bon. Sin got my
dinner, cooked eggs & rice & later
helped me off on the boat
for Khai-Shan. I was on the
point of going to the Yamen and
asking about the release of the
man from "An Khe", but the
Sch. teacher Hui Ching was so
positive it would do more
harm than good unless
we were ready to give assurance
really amounting to bail, that

I gave it up & left word for
A-Bie to come up on Sunday
& let us know the state of the
case as the magistrate had
notified the prisoner he must be ready
to come to the seat of alleged justice

On the boat going to Khai

Thân was an interesting elderly man, a book keeper, who had heard a great deal of the truth and read from books and leaflets I had with me, explaining them very well & kept the passengers and crew interested. A heavy rain came on when we reached Khai Thân & I accepted the proffered hospitality of a man on the boat.

My coming drew a crowd to his house & I did not a little in the line of Chinese conversation. They were very kind to me since host this soon I found very

well: they insisted upon ³⁴
getting me some beef or
killing a chicken, but I
preferred eggs & rice -
They kept me up till 11 o'clock.

The elderly man seems
really interested but does not
see how he can keep the
Sabbath. Sunday April 18th

Awoke up all safe & sound -
& quite refreshed. They gave
me a Chinese mat & a double
blanket to sleep on & my double blanket
kept me warm. My rubber
blanket served as a pillow -
I got off by 7 o'clock, but
the roads were very slippery
& had 3 men to carry
the chair & they made
hard work of it.

The man in front of me ³⁵
proved to be a good listener.

We reached the chapel just
before service: they were
beginning to worry about
me. A Bill had come
before & the released prisoner
with him - He was there to
welcome me also five or
six of his children. Everybody
seemed greatly pleased &
very thankful that this
victory had been gained
& the man free again. He
is a sad spectacle. Has
leprosy & his face is ter-
ribly disfigured: it makes
my flesh creep to look at him.

He is a man of good 36
natural abilities, but has led
a dissolute life. He came
to the Chapel first to see
about bodily healing and
heard some of the truth.
He has quit gambling they
say - We had a very good
attendance, not quite as large
as the Sunday before, there
being no baptism nor Com-
munion & some of the new
Leavers may have been
at Liang Hu as it was
Market day. The house was
well filled: several wanted
Calendars; they still use the
plan of having a list of the

S. S. lessons & the Calendar 37
of the Chinese year printed
on one large sheet, as we
began to do some 6 yrs ago.

Monday - April 19th

It is a beautiful day.
Cool in the morning. The
sun has come out it
is beautiful - it will get
the roads in good condition for
to-morrow - I have had
several callers - One of the men
baptized last was in to see
about carrying the Chair to Kwan
Pou. A Bue was in to
have a word about the suc-
cess of our expedition &
to assure me that they

would see that Ai "Chin" 38
the man released, did
not get up a room with
the rest of the family.

In the P.M. A Hong I
visited two villages &
Liang Hui, had some
very good opportunities
to preach.

Tuesday - April 20th

A beautiful day & the roads
dry. We set out between
8 & 9 o'clock. I had one
of the "reclining" chairs, in
which one can lie down
on the two ends of his back
bone. One of the men I
baptized a week ago Sunday

T. a leather neighbor 39
for chain beams va Khou Khou
was shipped to carry my food
& bedding. They did quite
a bit of preaching by the
way - I had chance to sell
a few books when we stop-
ped. As we approached
Chhiak Lio I saw the Hall
the R. C.'s were building
on my previous arrival
just where it was then
no higher - for which I
felt devoutly thankful:
an impressive sight was a
table standing before this
Hall with a pair of candles
in candlesticks thereon, &
between them an upright
frame. I could not see

What "Holy" object was 40
in this frame, whether a pic-
ture of Mary, a crucifix
or a Saint, but it was
an instructive lesson of the
Ease with which the old
Leatherism can be ex-
changed for the new, which
is the old, with slightly dif-
ferent form and deeper dark-
ness.

I had a pleasant
call at the Chapel + some
hearses - Liêm Dã was at the
District City looking after
his case.

The ride across the hills
to Kwan Pou is really
beautifully - there is a fine

view from the hill of the 41
Country. Now all planted with
the first green rice. The foliage
on the hills is quite dense
& in one place particularly we
pass through a narrow gorge
when the overhanging trees meet
above the roadway. There are
villages all along the way -
at Kwan Pon we have
a fine new chapel and
some good members, but
the Catholics are there in
force & there is a trouble
on hand now - I found
Mr. McKibben was at
the Yamen with the victims
& culprit -

The boat Green was there
& this was the first time I

set foot on the boat 42
that has taken me on
so many journeys.

We had a call from the
teacher-preacher Hob. Song (who
was a school boy when I
left) & some of the brethren
came in to tell of an expedi-
tion to a place where
a woman had hung herself.
Her relatives were threatening
to destroy the property
of the person in whose house
she lived. They got the
body buried & the trouble qui-
eted down.

Wednesday April 21st

At Lian-King - one of the
places reported by Mr. Spier
where we have a fine new
chapel & also a case of

Murder by one of the part 43
of the village where our work
is located: it is also smarled
with an old fend in which
many lives & much property
have been destroyed the past
few years - Last year all
was quiet for a time. Some
of the people were in prison
while Chin-Sia" and A Lah
were there on account of
the Khon-Khai troubles. They
preached the gospel to these
Lair-King people and urged
them to turn from vain
idols to the living God -
which they promised to do &
also to send word at once to
their towns people - Some
of them began going to the

Kit Yang Chapel - which ^{was}
resulted in the building of
a chapel here ~~was~~ a goodly con-
gregation. There was danger
of an outbreak at harvest time
but Dr. Ashmore came up &
exhorted them to peace. Postley
& the Presbyterian preacher
worked hard to keep them
from bloodshed. Then near the
end of the year one of the family
known as the Li-Pang or Hou
died in prison - this so enraged
them that they fell upon
a Head man of the other
branch, the Lik-Pang, the Sixes,
& murdered him, Ki-Ching Län.
And then the whole village was
in arms, entrenchments were

thrown up on the hillside ⁴⁵
& war waged incessantly.

The Mandarin invited
Mr. McKibben and Mr.
Gibson to come in and act
as mediators in the case and
stop the fighting, a thing before
unheard of in this part of Chi-
na, that a Mandarin should in-
vite a foreign missionary to act
in concert with himself. They
came & saw but did not con-
quer: the people were so aroused
& mad for revenge that they
would listen to but little, al-
though they did agree to some
conditions. A truce was arranged
& the Sies took the time to
build a fortification ^{some 300}
yards long. They came out in

force and had a sort 46
of sham battle on report that
the Hous were seizing one
of their men. Later they had
a real engagement heavy firing
all along the line. When
Mr. McKibben & Mr. Gibson
left they had were shooting
on all sides.

Things began quieting down
later on was a fresh outbreak.
Then came a stampede to
the Catholics of ^{of the lives} some who
had been with the Presbyte-
rians. Then came in the
worst element of the whole
trouble - After the people
began to be ready to make

a settlement, a Chinese 47
Catholic teacher by the name
of Lo, a man who once lived
for some time in our Compound
went there and stirred up the
people to make larger de-
mands. The Chao-Yang
Magistrate, who seems to be
a man desirous of doing
justice has been coming + go-
ing for weeks trying to settle
the case but in vain. He had
called in ~~all~~ the most
"venerable" & influential men
he could find to act
as arbitrators - K'ong Ch'ien
they are called here, but they
have retired in disgust.
Now he has again called
in the foreigners - This time

(200)
American Baptists, one Eng⁴⁸
lish Presbyterian, one French
Catholic -

At about 11 o'clock with these
non-Catholics went up, first
the magistrate having sent
his card to us ~~our~~ return-
ing our own - This point of
etiquette being very impor-
tant - Went up to the bar-
nament building where
The Great Man was quartered.
The only furniture was a
square table at the back
& 3 chairs against the
wall on either side of the room.
He is not an imposing man &
was not clad in official
robes, only in cotton dress.

He came forward & extended 49
in usual Chinese style with
hands together. He bowed &
raised our hats - then sat
with hats on. as it is a
branch of courtesy to remove
the hats in presence of an of-
ficial -

The interview was con-
ducted through an inter-
preter. the official does
not speak the local dia-
lect of the people he must
govern, only the Mandarin
speech of Northern China.
Hence we must necessarily
in this dialect and let
the interpreter "live-til."

The gist of this conversation
was that the magistrate wanted

ed the Fourth Division to so
give him the name of a mer-
derr, but they would not
answer his summons -

We assured him that we
did not come to represent
either side Fourth or Sixth,
but to counsel peace; we were
ready to meet the "venerables" of
either side & do what in us lay
to effect the desired result.

We had previously stipulated
that we wished no presents sent
us by either side.

The representatives of the
Fourth Division met at
Mr Chabel & after considera-
ble discussion of the question
they showed signs of yielding
to the Moudarins request,
We retired to our boats & later

on they sent word that they wished to send word privately to the Magistrate, the name of the culprit & then he could state to them that he heard the name of such as our reported & they would "Kiu-mia" & "Han-ling" H. give in his name officially & agree to produce the man at a certain date. This would protect them from the man's relatives taking vengeance on them for handing over their man to justice.

In the afternoon the Magistrate & a subordinate official from Kwan-Pou came down to the boat & we talked for some two hours. He had met the Catholic priest & satellites, who made much

greater demands. When 52
French priest comes before a
Chinese Magistrate the whole
French Embassy rises before
the man's imagination the
begins to quake. Evidently
this man had been some-
what affected & yet he as-
serted stoutly that he pro-
posed to govern his own
territory & not let a
foreigner do it for him.
They had ^{in their clutches} a de-
gree of justice (see - see Ch'eng-
li). Mr. Gibson did most
of the talking & handled the
subject skilfully. The
Mandarin finally agreed
to three points -

- 1 - One man should be
named, whom they would
hand over at a fixed date.

2 - Payment of \$150⁰⁰/₁₀₀ 53
balance of old claims.

3 - Giving up of house lots
belonging to the Sixth Division
who should also give back
fields that did not belong
to them.

He asked once if we
would put our names to
the paper giving in name
of murderer, but we declined
to risk being held in his
stead.

We saw the Venerables of
the Fourth Division again.
They demurred at the
claims, not so much

in the terms as for ⁵⁴
fear that the next time
they moved by still more
demands made if they al-
lowed these. Still I think
they could be brought to
the point if sure that the
other side would accept.

Thursday April 22nd/₄

At 9 o'clock 3 guns were
fired, the signal if the Man-
dains setting out.

At noon the Kuan Pon
Magistrate came to our
boat, Mr. Gibson had been
called away by news
that Sir Claude McDonald

was to be in Sronton 55
next day, and reported
that their 3 hours con-
ference with the priest,
his men had been "very
distressing" - that their
talk was "lee-lee, la-la
& not just or right" - They
demanded at least the
execution of four men!
But he declared that the
magistrate told them this
region was ruled by him
& he should govern it
himself. His message
was that we should
at once get together the

venerable men of the 56
Fourth Division & have them
bring in the name of the cul-
prit the day he would be
delivered & give it him at
half past one. We gave no-
tification, but, of course, they
could not come, one was in
a distant field & another
gone to visit a relative & so,
there was enough left to send
a careful inquiry as to what
would happen to them if the
man was not delivered at the
time appointed - This man
seemed to think that the
mandarin would let them off
with light punishment, then
a message came that he
must have a man.

Finally after two conferences
This Kwan-Pou magistrate
suggested with a most quite-
less & childlike smile. "The
Venerable Father (Chao Yang
Magistrate) hastens to the
Prefectural City. If you really
cannot get the men together,
I might plead with him for
you to accept the name of
to be returned. This is my
suggestion, but I can speak to
him for you" - Thereupon he
returned - Being confident
that this was the plan they
had arranged beforehand, to set
the time so early that it would
be impracticable to get the
name & then agree to part.
Some the whole case told of the

Friday - April 23rd 1859 -

The launch was packed full, literally like sardines in a box. Mr. McKibben & were up in the wheel house. Five Morel was on the other side but we did not converse, a number of young men got on at Phau Thai who came up with him.

I went over at once on arriving, to tell Mr. Gibson of the result & to see Mr. Strick.

To the latter I gave a full statement of the situation & he said - "I can give you no protection; but you've had a just case & lost it. Now the Magistrates

will not listen to me. 60
He advised us to be careful
& to keep a record of every-
thing. We also ~~must~~ ^{hear} ~~that~~
~~that~~ this information ~~is~~ ^{is}
positive, that it is arranged
to arrest Chin Sien, the
Khou Khui teacher who was
imprisoned last year. The
Jao Thui will secure him
through the (Mr. Jui) Magis-
trate & "The Bishop and
Consul (French at Canton)
will see that his head
comes off -

Mr. Mr. MCK. M.A. fr.
I myself at once conferred
about this & it was de-
cided to have him in
the Compound at once.

Saturday April 24th 61

On Launch just coming to the
Chao Yang landing -

Mr. McKibben started off up
river by the early launch to
get Chin Sian at Phan Thai
take him in a small boat
to Khuk-Khuk & bring him
back in a Mission boat

Monday - I have been getting

settled in Dr. A's house &

writing letters to-day - have
written Mr. Dinby of the

situation - Sunday morning 4/25

On small boat coming in to
Ai Be Phon - This is the same

boat I took a week ago

Thursday - This time we had

a favoring wind & a good 52
voyage. I have a. long.
A Ngĩ's younger brother
with me. he has done
well getting my meals &
will carry my baggage
to Kh. Khos - Yesterday he
came on ahead with a
letter to Li-t. Cheng and
thus secured the boat
in advance. 11-30 A.M.

Reached the chapel while
they were at morning
worship. The attendance is
even larger than 2 weeks
ago. There were, as then,
four applicants for baptisms,
all from Chhah-Bue-bâ,
sons of old members there. One

of them Khi-Khiang, son 63
of A-Di the father, is a
most ready & forcible speak-
er & talks of coming to the
class. Another Dzu-Kia is
the eldest son of Dra. Yik-
Ling & has been a great
trial to his father in the
past, given to dissipation.
He went off with the Pres-
byterian congregation for a
time, but now, since the
troubles of last year he
has steadied down. The
baptismal service was ex-
cellent: it is a good place
here, so large a baptistry
right at our door. There
were several groups of heathen

on the other side watching by
They tell me that the
Catholics are threatening to
steal the rest of the old man's
geese - also that yesterday
two priests - Merl & a younger
man and the great Gou-
meng, magnate of the whole re-
gion, were here. It would be
interesting to know what they
talked of, what course they
decided upon. Friday they
beat gongs & had a great concourse.
When the priest comes they are
bolder in their language -
They have tried to frighten away
the old man whose geese were
stolen, promising to pay him if
he would turn Catholic but
to steal everything else if he does

not turn Catholic. They are 65
trying the same tactics with oth-
ers who belong to the weaker class.
One of their head rascals was
heard to deride his fellows
because they were talking so
much of getting satisfaction for
the life of the man who died
last year & do nothing towards it.

Yesterday some of them saw Gek-
Ling coming & began firing their
guns as he approached.

We had some attendants from
Hap-soa" to-day; one was an
old acquaintance of the brethren.
I hope this will be an open-
ing for us. They complain
of Catholic crookedness but I
did not learn of any quarrel.

A-Lam wants the foreaches 66
to go with him to Hui Lai and
bring back his "sim-pü", a girl
who was betrothed to his son
now in Borneo. She has been
hidden away by her parents.
As he intends to marry her
off I did not feel much like
encouraging it: Chinese girls
are very likely to commit sui-
cide if they find out they
are to be married off they
know not whether. & if such a
thing should take place here the
Catholics would be quite likely
to claim her as one of their
people & make no end of
trouble - the plague also is
bad in Hui Lai they say.

Monday April 26th 67

Last night, as a Surge was anxious to start back early I lay down for a nap only to wake up at 1-30 - from that time till 4 - I wrote out

a chronicle of events connected with these troubles, giving all that could be used as evidence of the Catholic's line of action. Dr. Ashmun had

asked that this be done, a copy sent to Minister Denby & one to himself. Mrs. A. Jr. kindly offered to manifold it on the typewriter of Isent down copy - To-day has consequently been unusually a

Minutes Monday. 68

There is trouble at Chien
Bue-ha, as might be ex-
pected after more joining
the Church from that
quarter. a catholic got into
a dispute about water
for the fields with some of
our people & took over some
of their land. He is a villain, who
threatened to come over in
force and destroy their
property. There is also
possibility of another sugar
cane quarrel: we are waiting
quietly to see what de-
velopes. I find that
the priests & Gou-meng
were here yesterday & are

still on hand.

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Tuesday 4/27

Last evening I heard that
Merril checked them from
fighting yesterday morning.

One of his people asked
if the case of the man's
life last year was settled.

He said, "No. the Pope has
not sent any word yet

to that effect". The man
asked why nothing is being
done to get satisfaction.

He replied - "Be slow and
careful".

We planned a trip to Chhin-
Huang-niu to-day but
A-Sam's brother - A-Ti

Who was excluded from⁷⁰
the Church some years
ago, died last night
& the funeral will be
to-day. 10-45 P.M.

The services were a little
after noon. I walked a
mile or a half to the grave.
On the way back visited
a temple keeper who is very
friendly to Christianity & wants
to quit opium.

The leper who was let
out of prison made me a
call to-day; he is a bright
man. Some friends of his
father came after dinner
to get a Hong to act as
arbitrator, but he declined.

until the old man or 71
his sons invite him.

Great excitement this evening over the announcement that the Catholics tomorrow are going to let the water on the fields with the Chham - Bue Nã people & this whole village - also they will take the opportunity to beat a strong A-Oi & familiars to powder etc.

The brethren are arranging a treaty with Chham Bue Nã for mutual protection.

Wednesday April 28th

A-Oi has been in to talk over the situation. I told him I was going to see

The work done I had 72
never seen anything of the
kind - also told him 3 things
or important - 1 Not to let them
capture one of the brethren.
2 - To avoid a village battle
if possible - 3 - To keep together
not let the enemy divide
them. 6-30 P.M.

After all I did not go
but let A-Hong go with
them & stayed with a few
of the people at Chhân-
Bue-Hâ, as I feared they
might have planned a
raid there while the people
were away. there was
no disturbance at either
place, only some threats.

We met a native priest 73
+ 3 attendants. one carried
a musket, another had a
musket for a carrying
pole & another a heavy load.
The priest looked rather self
conscious when he saw a foreigner
& acted a trifle disconcerted.

Thursday April 29th -

All quiet to-day: the brethren
are agitating the question of dis-
plying themselves with fire-
arms. it is difficult to ad-
vise them.

This morning I met the old
man Kain Ji Lian at Chuan
Kuei Na, who knows much
about these cases, which he
will not tell. The weather
is very cool strong East wind
yet.

Friday April 30th 74

Another cool day. This forenoon I went to hear the & visited a carpenter's shop where they were most habitable one young man was an excellent listener. Asiah brought my dinner to Guk-Lang's shop. That good man was preaching to an old man of 77 who had dropped in for a chat. There are several theatres at the market & the old man was one of a great crowd that came in to enjoy this religious amusement. We met him later as we came back

from Chhin Huang 75th
Mia - "Peak of the Autumn
Winds" - and there always
is a breeze there of some
kind: continually trouble
of some sort. The Catholics
are there, but as yet have
quarrel with the Protestants.
This is a family quarrel.
One of the brothers told us
he lacked my wined eyes
strength spent down the
trouble, advice was no use.
"They are not men; they are
buffaloes" he remarked
of the disputants: there
is a touch of humor
rather grim some times
in the aged celestial.

Sat. May 1st

A beautiful May day.

I was up before five
in the Chair at 6 -

We had a pleasant trip

to the city - or rather by the

city of Chao Yang: - we do not

pass through the city to

reach the wharf. We just

missed the noon boat &

thereby I secured another

interview with A-Khin

who left Suatou at noon.

I told him what has been

going on of late & explained

that this is not Catholic's

against Protestant, but 77
Catholics & French against
China.

all peaceful at the
Compound. Mr. & Mrs.
A. Jr. & Miss Scatman
gone up to Samsto.

Sunday May 2

A quiet day in the Com-
pound - mail came
per "Coptic" one letter
from Father, the first
home letter I have had
to read yet as Clara's
letters were sent in on Sat-
urday. I expect to go
back to-morrow -

Monday - May 3rd - 78

It was all I could compass
to finish my home mail
arrange matters at the
House, write to Col. Denby,
see the Consul & get the
noon boat; my two Chin
bearers who came down
with me & stayed over Sunday
got separated & barely made
the boat - The Consul Mr
Strick was much interested
in the account of the cases
of guns being brought in
here when the priests came
also the story of the man
now at Khoi-Thien who was
asked by a French Catholic
to furnish 2000 conspirators

to help capture Contingent
He seemed to regard it as
proof that the French were
at the bottom of that plot.
The French side of these
disturbances arouses him.

My trip to Chao Yang & by
Cham to Khon-Khai was
not eventful. I had a few
opportunities to talk with
people by the way &
again used out all the
books I had at Saitung -
(West Stream) - It was
nearly 8 o'clock when
we arrived: 6½ hours
in a Sedan Cham is a
long ride.

on the way we met) 80

A-ōn the leader of the Khon
Khoi Catholics. I wondered if
he was going out to con-
summate some plot against
our people, but found they had
other prey: they captured
two leather hats Sunday.

All is peaceful along
the Khon-Khoi up to date.

Tuesday, May 4th -

The most interesting events of
the day were the departures of
A-Hong & A-Sah to Air Khe
to help settle the dispute
over the division of property
in which Ai-Chia, the leper
is interested. The old father

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has tried in numerous ways to get the brethren to come and take part in their family affairs without giving them a direct invitation. They stood on their dignity & at last 2 chairs came for them, but even then they were obliged to sit some time in the chairs before the old man came out. They

had a long conference over the case & did not get back till after 10 o'clock.

Dea. Yuk-Lang & went to Chhin-Huang-Nia again & labored with the belligerents. Tsek-Sun's father told us his story, part of the time getting so angry he chattered like a magpie. I do hope they will

Keep the peace: it would ^{be} a hard blow now that the people are beginning to understand & appreciate the truth to have a family connected with the Church fall to butchering one another.

Wednesday May 5th

We have all kept rather quiet to-day. I went to the market after 3 o'clock & had a very good opportunity to preach & sell books.

It is damp & hot. My clothes feel soaked though I am feeling very well & have a good appetite. A-stony is not feeling very well - he & a Sab. refused an invita-

tion to go over & finish 83
the An Khe conference -
as the messenger did
not come till nearly dark.

They agreed to go to-mor-
row.

At the market I met a
man, who had been a
patient of Dr. Daniels,
from Tzu Phou who reported
that old A-Sok Chi is
very sick, she is over 90 -

Old A-Lia also met
me & talked a little - but
the old man's eye - it
looks as if all the evil
& treachery of the evil one
himself was brent in it.

Thursday - May 6th -
I plan visiting Tzu Phou
Khai Tang Kia & Chui Tang Phou
to-day.

Before I was dressed ⁸⁴
2 br'n called on their way
to Sorator & sat down in
my pyjamas & wrote to
Mr. Forcibben of the
situation here. A Jap report-
ed that the enemy were de-
claring that they are going to
fight us soon.

They removed their prisoners
from the Catholic Chapel to
the watch house, where the
men live who watch the
fields & for chance to make
us trouble. Then they hung
up the victim by the pigtail.

We may hear later of
thumb screws, rack & the
iron maiden being in-

ported to aid in the w.-st
angulization of China by
the Church of Rome.

Two friends of the prisoner
were here after 10 o'clock
last evening & reported
that the R.C. teacher told
them the case was his
own & that the man should
be hung up. At first I
agreed with a Hong
that this was a lie, but
am now inclined to be-
lieve it, for the victim
this people once joined
the Catholics but left in
disgust when they found
out that their law case
would not be put through
for them.

This proved to be an ad-86
mirable opportunity to
treat a heretic with a taste
of Rome's clinging affec-
tion for her children, a
wholesome lesson for him
and for others.

While I was preparing
to go visit A-Sok Che,
a messenger from Kak-
Chieh arrived with letters
via Tacoma, one from
Clara & one from Judge
Greene also a note from
Mr. McKibben saying
he wished I would then
to help set the case be-
fore the officials - after

Writing half a page or
to Mr. McK. the import-
ance of the present juncture
and need of a concerted
movement against the law
my impression on so forcibly
I said "I will go," asked him
to make the visit & in about
20 minutes was off for the
Chao Yang steamer -

He reached the wharf in ample
time for the last boat. I spent
the evening with Mr. McK.
then preparing an outline to
present to Mr. Strick -

Friday - May 7th
He saw Mr. S. in the forenoon
but he was not inclined to do
anything, tried to speak lightly

of our proof - finally ad-88
They cannot stand against the
Combination of France & Russia
as soon there is a new
"political constellation" arising
in Europe the situation
will be changed -

I saw Mr. Mansfield, the
Eng. Consul found him pre-
paring a dispatch to Sir
Claude MacDonald British
Minister. He showed deep
interest in the state of af-
fairs. Mr. Gibson has also
evidence of foreign arms
being brought in.

After tipping Mr. McKibben
I began writing letters to
Mr. Alf. acting Consul in
Canton & Mr. Jernigan
Consul Genl in Shanghai.
Mr. McK. went out to post
them on the steamer, but
missed the H. K. ship & the
one going North was postponed
a day which favored us, as
Mr. A. Jr. arrived soon
after opened letters from Dr. A
that directed us to appeal
to Mr. Dwyer for Mr. Jerni-
gan to come and look
after these affairs in person.
We spent the evening dis-
cussing the situation and

and proper form for a letter.

Saturday May 8th.

I could appreciate Helen's remark "When I was asleep I awoke" - for the night before I was so tired that I cannot remember any thing beyond getting under the mosquito net, & waking in the early morning.

Before breakfast I prepared a draft of the Pitkin letter, after breakfast Mr. McK. went over it & suggested some changes -

Mr. A. Jr. was sick with a bad headache, but tied up his head with a bandage & began working at the typewriter.

While he was finishing 91
a paragraph about the
trouble at Nam Ling. & I
was finishing my mail
to send home. Mr. Met. ap-
peared with a messenger &
letter from Nam Ling, saying
the Catholic party had broken
out again. They had robbed
the orchard of one of our
people & made more savage
threats of violence. This was
included in the Peking letter.

I felt a kinship with the red
Squirrels at An Kheⁿ whose adopted
son said he had (saⁿ sin nōⁿ i)
"three minds & two notions".
I found it very hard to decide
whether to go back to Kh.
Khoi or stay at Kak Chieh -

Finally I could not feel 92
comfortable away from the heat
of war & set out feeling very
much jaded, but slept quite a
bit in the chair & refreshed
myself with some hot congee
at a wayside restaurant, so I
felt better after the 6 hours
chair ride than before.

All peaceful still. Gou-
ming had called the
day before with the captive
whom the Catholics took
the previous ~~Saturday~~ Sunday.
He paid \$50.00 for the release.
The man said he did not
acknowledge the debt if \$100.00,
should not if they killed him,
but he had offended their
"Holy-Hall" & paid this as a

fine to the Catholics. - 93
I find he is not a Catholic
as I at first understood, only
some neighbors who interest-
ed themselves in his case.
A-Hong & A-Jah were back
from a long siege at Liu Khe.
The case is complicated
may take many days to com-
plete the reckoning.

Sunday May 9th -

A tremendous down pour
of rain last night & much
of the day thus far (2 P.M.)
The stream has risen & the
paths are flooded in some
places - No women came
to worship - about 100 men

7 children some of the 74
men came 4 or 5 miles.

Get-hung preached from the
first part of Heb. 5 - & the
message to the Ch. at Ephesus
Rev. II. A-Hung fr. the death
of Herod. he made a close
application to the Catholic
opposition. The Sunday

school is very good: at the
8-30 A.M. service the leader
reads the lesson over, the

classical & then the collo-
quial: at 2 P.M. they
read in turn & A-Hung
explains & asks questions.

I wrote letters to the Chil-
dren & closed after school.

In the evening A-Hung &
A-Jah came in to consider affairs.

Monday. May 19th 95

A-Lah rec'd a very secret message from one Sam Hong who formerly lived near Kiu-Sui - a Catholic who is a Christian, apparently, tho' holding traditional views of the Roman Church. He first told the Kho-Khai people of Christianity & advised them going to Kiu-Sui, expecting to send a priest to them soon.

Now he feels much as Reuben did when Joseph was not in the pit: he mourns that his friends are not in the true church & cannot be saved. Now he sends a secret message to A-Lah that the Kho. Khai Cath-

olies are reprobate a 26
den of Thiers: if our people
will endure the vessel
will "break their own rice
bowl" soon - he bids a-dah
come down tell him at once
he wishes to confer with him -
a-dah says - "Confer about what?
He cannot make a Catholic
of me: he will not believe what
I tell him of the doctrine."
He has influence with the
priests why does he not write
a letter to Merel? Their
whole village is Catholic -
do they want to capture me?
I fear that is the meaning
of it. They have had time
to find out that Chin Sea
is under our protection to
get word to Sam Hango vil-
lage. Peh he is down in Heng
Lui - a-dah's name was

first on the list of men
charged with death of the 99
men wounded in attacking
the chapel.

A-Tak & A-Hong set out again
for Ai Khe. I made some
visits after dinner & set out
for Khai-Tang Kia at 5 P.M.
reached there in 2 hours & found
the people in the room they
had prepared for a meeting-
place. A Joan was there
& had a letter from A-Mi
who is having a good time
at Nam-Khai & another
new place in the house of a
rich man at C-Bur-
He enclosed a card & in-
vitation from Pui Tai Jui's
nephew who offered to give
us a lot in Pan-ning
3 yrs ago. The good people
were most hospitable & took
no end of trouble to get me
a boat for Lung Cheu when
I refused to wait over night.
At present it is a hopeful opening.

Tuesday May 11th 1897

We reached the stone jetty
at Lung Che" before sunrise
I went to the chapel, raised
the good people & they helped
me get a chair. There was
plenty of time to have my
breakfast at the steamer land-
ing before 6.50.

I found Mr. A. Jr. still quite
ill with leucorrhoea.

A delegation came from
Nain Ling with news of
further depredations.

We spent nearly the whole
evening with Pan Heng

Mā-Kai & Chhien Sün con-
sidering the case at Lün
Kug: the time is up when
the man should be deliv-
ed & they have not found
him: the magistrate wished
to know our view of the case,
He must either offer an-
swer or lengthen the time.
We hope he will do the latter.

Wednesday May 12

Mr. Mck. has gone to Khe Khai
for me: yesterday I started the
house boat off & sent a mes-
senger to Lün Heng to
meet me if possible at
Kit - Lün or Khe Khai.
I shall probably meet the

boat at K.I. this evening. I
hope to be in Pu. Ming Friday -
go to Kan Nam for Sunday, stop-
ping at Hou-lin Li in route
& Springing around to Kiu-
Sui, via Chin, Che thence to Kho-
Khai Monday & Tuesday -

I have written to Mr. Jernigan
again to-day - We hope to see
him ere long. Dr. A is still
in Shanghai -

The old tailor A-Cheong was
here to-day. I need 2 new suits
of white clothing - Two dolla half
a suit - Wax & blk alpaca
Coat \$5.00 - Most of my old
suits are in very good order.
Delighted to get letters from
Clara, Annie & Jay - Poor
Jay had a hard fall - very
thankful he was not hurt much.

Boat "Grace" - Wednesday wing May 12th

48 hours from the time I rec'd
A. Mi's letter I was on the way
up the So. Branch from Kit Yang.
These steam launches are a
great help to our work.

Mrs. Speicher & the baby with
Tit-Kim Chei, who is her Amal
came up on the morning launch
I came at noon - Chhin Sui
was on board coming up to
Phan-Thai & no Ediford one
another with the Starkers McK-
ly of March 18th which Mrs.
McKibben kindly afforded me.
He was interested to get informa-
tion as to the subjects of illustra-
tions & got many phrases
& Chinese terms for Cabinet
Officers &c. The Hahn-
tal work at Kit Yang is

For opening, all the patients that I
can be accommodated, but
Dr. Bixby is not very well & goes
to Hak-chieh for a rest.

I saw the baby David Harold
Speicher, a bright little fellow.

Mr. S. is still up the river.

We have been highly favored
in having a fresh East Wind
to-day: the boat was below
Shan Shai this forenoon -
but reached Kit Yang by 4 P.M.
Now we are nearing Anin -

Khai - Thursday - May 13th -

We have had an interesting visit
at E-Bue, a village we visited
6 yrs ago this month when we
set out with the three Houseboats.

I had audience under a large
tree outside the walls - I was
then with Lung Heng in '93. A

Few men had been attending to
worship at Tang-Pai; another place
we visited on that trip, & gathered
in their school house one evening.

Now there are a score, some, who
have rented a room for worship
meet there every evening. Sun-
days they come to abam. Khai
A. Mi has developed into a
most faithful preacher and
is doing a good work leading
the people to understand things
spiritual, exhorting to peace
in things temporal & always
on the lookout for new openings
of which there are many now.

We met twice in the room at
E. Bair, had a sing in the after-
noon. they do very well too.

We preached & sold books
in two different places, with

good acceptance. 7

The kitchen very most hospitable and provided us with two lunches. I have learned to eat the soup with Eggs dropped therein.

Ling Heng was at Hain-Khui when we set off. In the evening 3 young men came down to the boat; one is the son of a wealthy man at Sa-Tan - near by seems both intelligent & earnest. Ling-Chu is school-teacher here; he was also at the boat & at E-Bue with us. Pak-Chiang, Hak-fu's boy is in a little medicine shop there also. Friday May 14th.

We came up the stream to ^{Lyung} Tung last night; the water is low so we are stopping 2 or 3 miles below. A-mi has gone to send a chain for me.

6 P.M.

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It is summer weather - I am sitting here in my thinnest py-jamas - & perspiration -

A. Ngô seemed greatly pleased to see me again - "my friend of the Páng family" "The Fifth Esquire" was most cordial & treated me with all available hospitality. He is anxious to have a settlement of the difficulty between a relative of his & the people of Po-Kia-d - or "Eight Villages" who have flocked to the C. P. standard in great numbers: a preacher of theirs with more zeal than discretion took up the case of a man from C. P. who grows rice had been

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surreptitiously sold by a neighbor
to a prominent young "Esquire"
of the Pang family.

The preacher a while set out
with a posse of his "flock"
& surrounded the said Esquire
as he had been examining
his purchase: the "flock" be-
came unmanageable and
they say, treated the Esquire and
his party roughly, took them
to their chapel - frightened
him by clanking a chain in
the next room &c. The report
reached the city, this relation cried
"Jo-sons!" - The Magistrate
stopped this & went himself with
a band of 30 dignitaries all with
a button on their hats & took him

back in safety. There has ¹⁰
been a tremendous amount
of talk about it & the Magis-
trate caught one member
of the A.P. Congregation & gave him
400 blows of the bamboo - he
still languishes in duramvile.
Now they want a few more
caught & given a few strokes
each, to heal the damaged
pride of the quondam captives
Esquimaux. This party, a lean
Opium smoker & several of
the head men of the family
came in and there was
a vast amount of Chinese
Conversation carried on. I had
3 with me, Ling Heng, A-mi, Kung Chiu

none too many. We had ¹¹
some good opportunities
to speak of the truth in Jesus
to them during the day.
Minor Root's idea seems to
be that if I will act as an
arbiter with the E.P. people
he will do the same with
his relatives. I assured him
it was no affair of mine
& I would have not touch it,
save as it could be settled
thoroughly & permanently, or
as finally as Chinese affairs
can be.

10 P.M.
We have been sitting out on
deck. I eat supper there by
moonlight.
A. Mei tells me that one

our host to-day told him
he was ready to help us get a
chapel, that this is not the same
as some years ago. now he
would dare go ahead -

His hospitality was varied. he had
tea, of course, oranges, bananas,
Candy - a box of fancy biscuit, a
Chhi-hi little tin trunk with
miniature padlock, he had bought
in Serrator - there some dishes
of a sort of rice vermicelli to be
eaten with chopsticks. rice porridge
on for Chinese guests. four very
rich dropped eggs for me,

Saturday May 15th -

still hot - we visited the village
of ~~Ya~~ Ling, where we had an
audience in the street sat for
some time in the house for
old sinner 75 yrs of age, who

argued quite extensively on the 13
subject of filial duty towards dead
ancestors and the need of great
care in admitting people into
the Church. Even to the Chapel-
A-Mi shows a surprising degree
of wisdom and tact in dealing
with difficult questions.

After dinner we visited Ho-Tau
where there is a prayer meeting
place, as at E-Bue. Bua
Khi-Chung, Tai-Ming - all clus-
ters about Cham-Khai where
we have as yet but half a
dozen of members & a shabby
old place for meeting. These
places entail no expense on
the Church: another is
promised at Ka-ling near
Pih-Thai.

Sunday, May 6th - 14.

This is the hottest Sunday
I ever experienced in the
country I am quite sure. The
Chinese have been quite wilted.
Now even since the close of the
P. M. service there has been
a cool wind -

Last evening the moon was
beautifully bright. We sat in the
area in front of the Chapel and
sang for nearly an hour. The
favorite hymns hereabouts are
"Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove"
"Come to Jesus just now"
"In the sweet fields of Eden"
"Must Jesus bear the cross alone"
"Nothing but the blood of Jesus"
"There is a fountain filled with blood"
"Nothing but the blood of Jesus."
and others of a like character -

I believe hymns of the revival¹⁵
sort do the Chinese good; they
supply an element that is wholly
lacking in the Chinese life.

To-day we had a crowd in
the morning, fully a hundred
in all. Early worship was at
8-30; then we questioned four
Candidates which took a
long time & was profitable
as it gave opportunity to bring
out important points better
than could be done in a sermon.

We baptized at once as it
would be so hot at noon,
A. M. expounded the account
of the Saviour's baptism in Matthew
& I spoke to them about the

way to increase the Church ¹⁶
by each one bringing in another
& the building of a house of wor-
ship (cf. Hag. II: 8-9.) They,
gave good attention & promised
to make this a special sub-
ject of prayer.

We had a quiet Communion
service, some of the brethren re-
mained talked of church
matters for a little while
The men from the Lang are
well appearing young fellows
you will do; they want
a-mi to go over & visit them.
He is to go to-morrow and
be at Kak Chieh Wednesday
night to bring me word of that
& the prospect for building, & be ready to give
evidence if needed in the Phou Lung matter

Monday May 7th '17

I woke at 5 o'clock & called
the boatmen who succeeded in
getting me to the East Gate of
Kut Yang in time to walk on
about 2 miles to the Chapel &
have a cup of coffee with the
Speichers before the steamer
left. Mr. McKibben came in
from Siah-Ti^{er} just in time to
pass a few words from the
bow of his boat to myself on
the deck of the steamer. He re-
mained to go to the Yamen
with Tnia-An see what can
be done for the Hain-Ling
people. The priest Merl
succeeded in throttling the
first attempt at reaching
the Mandarin.

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I had two interesting comparisons up in the pilot-house: The pilot has been all over the world, a sailor for over 20 yrs. I recognized "Finley" - "New Castle" - "Mc'hou'n" & some others, but "Snee" puzzled me till at last he gave some description of the country & called it "St. nee" & I perceived it was Sidney. He told me about Capt. Ashton & other old coast captains - also described several wrecks he had experienced -

The other was a young man from Kit Yang who had been a learner both at the Snaton & Kit Yang Chapels, but had been shamed out of going by his brothers. He was much interested & asked intelligent questions.

at Kwan Poo the br'n lived 19
me a chair for Chhiah Lio.

Elder Po-San took me off to
the Chapel to ask about the
Phoa Ling matter.

It was much cooler than
for several days. A-Tiam of
Sin-Sua-Kia" was coming
over from Kwan Poo to make
a rather agreeable companion
between us we did some preach-
ing along the road.

At Chhiah-Lio I got another
chair for Khai Khai - stopped
at Khai-Tang-Kia" en route.

They had worship there on
Sunday - A-Toan is still
there. The Khai Khai brethren

did not approve of their be-²
ginning so early. It is a rather
delicate question: it looks as if
we must push ahead now un-
less there is some lawsuit
or quarrel yet to come to the
surface. They say that a
large no. of people in the
neighboring villages will
come to worship there.

Tuesday May 18th -

On the Steam Launch again.
Having fully discussed the sit-
uation with A-Hong & others
I decided to come out to-
day instead of waiting till
to-morrow. A-Hak was call-
ed away duty to look after
his boy who has been muckha-
ng so I had no cook.

yesterday a messenger from²⁰
the Mandarin came &
did rather more harm
than good. Just as I was
starting out Sin-Ki came in
quite breathless from the fields
with report of a conversation he
had heard between 4 of the
lead ruffians of the Catholics
& a man they met. They
said "The occasion has come
now. We are going out to
Smatorr & shall come back -
when we meet these people on
the road we shall beat them
one by one". I offered to
stay if they thought it better
but they thought it best for
me to go now rather than wait.
It has been a warm day but I
feel well after the 6 hours in
the chair. a straight fact chair
this time.

Wednesday - May 19th 22

Home mail - 2 letters from
Clara with letters from the
children, also one from Mother
describing Father's severe ill-
ness - What a blessing it is
we are not omniscient!
Had I known of this when
I was first facing the enemy
at Koh Khai, it might have
been too much for me -
Had Father known my
circumstances he would
certainly have worried
about me & his power of
resistance been weakened.
I am very thankful that
Tom & Foster cared for
them. it was a great thing

for Father to have them 23
at such a time - I shall
hope to hear better news next
time - it is wonderful he
should have rallied so
quickly - it is good to hear
that all are so well at
Burton - wish I could see
all the trees are in bloom.
The Children's letters are worth
more to me than I could
have realized -

My day was quite well
filled with writing & planning
work. I led the evening
meeting - We sat some time
and talked after meeting
a - Jan appeared & said

Mr. Gibson was waiting for
 me at the house. He came
 over to talk of the Peking
 affair: they rather stand
 upon their dignity, yet are
 glad to have the way opened
 to negotiate. He is to send
 me word to-day after con-
 sulting with the preachers.
 He was just back from
 a fruitless errand to meet
 Minister Mearl at a station
 where they knew troubles
 Mearl did not appear, made
 a "courteous note" stating that
 he could not go - & re-
 quire some advice as to dealing with
 disciples who claim to have been beaten.

Thursday - May 20th. 25

A. Mi was on hand early for
Consultation: he reports a favorable
opening at Kha. Läng & that
the gift of the land is certain
He decided to ~~invest~~ 5000 Mwe
in the house or long shelter
on the place. that is useful to
us now & could be used as a
place for worship in case
the other place must be given
up. The owner has tried to break
the lease. he stated that things
were not prospering in his family
since he let the room to us,
"2 grandchildren had in
stomach-ache".

Mr. Gibson sent a pleasant
note of thanks & acceptance re-
arding the P. U. King offer
giving the names of men
whom they had chosen to

confer with the other side. 26

Mr. A. Jr. Mr. McK. & I had decided to send a letter to Washington protesting against the appointment of W. W. Rockhill - but 1st ^{as} 1st Secy of State, as Minister to Peking, He is a R. Catholic & for years at W. It has been impossible to get a settlement unfavorable to the Catholics & those of the diplomatic representations in China has told us, in China at the present time it is most important to have men in high positions who are not Roman Catholics.

Mr. Gibson was over in the P.M. talking over a complication with Dr. Carlin. I went over to see Mr. Strick, who has resigned the position of Consul Agent, & recommended the

appointment of a Consul or
vice-Consul here. He told me
of a telegram passing through
the Legation office from the
Gov. Gen'l at Canton to the
Tao-shai in Chao-Chow-Fu bid-
ding him keep a sharp out-
look on Kho-Khoi - both sides.

This is probably the cause of
the Chao-Yang magistrate's ac-
tion - it is gratifying that he di-
rected it against the Catholics.

Mr. & Mrs. Speicher came down
on the a. m. launch; she stayed
with the baby for a time & he
returned. They brought par-
ticulars of the fight between
Catholics & Presbyterians at -
2 of the latter were badly cut
one had 10 wounds. Dr. Riddle

came down to dress their²⁸
& address the authorities.
As in the case of A-Ming
here: the Catholics rushed to
the Yamen and reported they
had been attacked & acted in
self-defence. It was a dispute
over some property. one party
went to Singapore joined the
Catholics and returning de-
manded a new division:
they claimed he had rec'd
his full share before.

We spent most of the evening
over a closing paragraph
to the President's letter & did
not get it finished. left
the ideas with Mr. A. J.
and went to bed.

Friday May 21st - 29

Between 6 & 7 a.m. the boy brought
in a pencil copy from Mr. A.
about this - "We believe that a
Crisis is upon us & the experi-
ences of the last year (above
alluded to) convince us that it
is of great importance that
the representatives of our Govern-
ment should be men ~~to~~ in sym-
pathy with the principles of
Protestantism, as exemplified
by American missionaries &
not with the principles of
medieval
Romanism as exemplified
by the French priests -

The principles of Civil and
religious liberty, so clear

to all Americans it seems
ally at stake: the question
is far broader than our own
work, the success of our
mission; it involves the welfare
of the Chinese people and their future as a
nation - "The two changes
indicated by Coats, I suggested.
Mr. A. has a new "Smith Premier"
typewriter & does excellent work:
he had a copy ready for Mr.
McKibben to sign after breakfast
& 30 launch for Kit Yang & Soan
Qu - I have been taking my
meals there when at the Com-
pound; they are very kind,
as are all the members of the
Mission - Little Vinton McKibben

reminds me so much of 31
Jay. He is very anxious for the
children to come out: he broke a
wish bone at tiffin the wished
he might see the children.
It is lonely for him.

I left at 4-30. met Lieh Cheng
who was just in from Chao Yang.
Having learned that the K.K. messenger
had not yet reported to the Magistrate,
which dignitary has summoned
Gou-meng to know about disturb-
ances: he said it was not now
a place under his control. The
school teacher there was a bad
man. The Mandarin said -
"Write a letter by our post to
remove the man; if not I will
see what can be done."
He also called Lin Siu Chai in
to ask about our side of the case.

Mess is reported as having started 32
ed for Kh. Khai - A man from
Chhiah-liô had brot word that A-
Hong had gone to Khai - Jung -
Kiaⁿ to help settle a case between
a worshiper at Ch. L. of Lenthen
relations - One can get the news
without newspapers in the country
to a large extent -

Saturday - May 22nd
I had a rather uncomfortable
night on the boat, but we had
a fine East wind that brot
us in by 3 a.m. Kept us cool
& drove off mosquitoes - At
Kh. T.K. were A-soan, A-liⁿ,
Sing Mui, A-hong & Ou-Thian
the man who walked from Kwan-
Pon with me last Monday. He
was much plustered over

with Chinese black poutices ³³
on his bad right hand, which
latter was badly smelted -
We afterwards called at his
village & found the other com-
batants in a like condition,
a part of their scatches doubtless
being of their own doing - The
women were receiving hostili-
ties - with their tongues, what
a rather lively visit. They
promised to keep the peace.
The brethren had done very
well in quieting the trouble &
keeping them from running
to the Mandarin.

We also stopped at Kau-thai
to call on the school teacher in a
fine large Ancestral Hall - which
was soon crammed with cu-
rious people - We drank tea
& eat soup. Talked with the prokle

All quiet here. Merel is $33\frac{1}{2}$
here arrived at 4.30 P.M. They
told us at Sai-Iⁿ that Gou-
Ming had passed by on his way
hither. Sunday May 23rd

They say it is not Merel but
the new priest. I presume
he will take Serdet's place
as that man is very ill - absent
of the liver. Mr. Strach told me
he should not have known
the man. Had it not been
for his enormous glasses.
They say here that one of the
Catholic "preacher-women"
was here & upbraided the
people for stealing the grain.
She would not eat of them &
told them. Poor Serdet was
getting better till they made
this theft now he was worse.

ing noise constantly.

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We had as many at service as could be seated comfortably.

Only 2 came from Khai-Tang-Kiaⁿ had they not been holding service there at least half a score more would have been here.

I preached from Heb. x: 25 in the morning & spoke on the Communion service, which we observed after S. School, in the P. M. Gil-chang spoke from

Gal. I: 6 in the A. M. & A-Hing led the S. School in the P. M.

I have taken two long naps during the day: it is warm

& I have felt the effect of the last fortnights work more than previously
one of the old sisters from Toa Phin was here in trouble over her daughter

-in-law, who has been surreptitiously led off by her father & will not come back. The brethren are not much inclined to take up with her case.

Monday May 25th

I spent nearly the whole day with the Chinese brethren considering the best ways of helping on the work, to strengthen the Church at Khai-Khai, help Gio Phon & Kim Khai & build up places for prayer meetings in the neighboring villages - They began to read Acts

Friday May - 25th 36

Up off at 6 a.m. Took a
new route - rode in chair
to Hũa Phêng & took the
'packet' for Chao Yang: at
Hũa Phêng had a very good
audience while waiting for
the boat, sold all the
books & leaflets I had
but one & might have
sold more. This is a
place we must work
as soon & diligently as pos-
sible - I ate dinner at
Lung Ché'ia & took the 3-20
launch to Suaton - all well
at the Compound.

Wednesday. May 26th 1937

The interpreter from the
Chao Yang Yamen came over
with an invitation to Mr.
McKibben to come & see
him at the Yamen or
at home & consider "affairs".

We both sent in cards and
agreed to go on the noon
lunch. Ma-Ki & the Graduate

Lin Siu-Chai went with us.

We were received in a sort of
"drawing room" or reception
room. not the courtroom.

We were invited to sit about
a square table ^{vis-a-vis} Mr. Mack, &

at the "Great Man's" left right.

Lin & the Kwan-Pon Magistrate
opp. the "Great Man" himself.

Each of us was given a cup

of tea & conversation Com³⁸
measured. After asking whence
we came, when we started, why
both of us came & what we
wished, the Khe-Khai case
was brought up & he enlarged
on the fact that the little
trouble about the geese had
gone up to Peking. He harped
on this & we told him it
was connected with the trouble
of last year & as soon as we
brought it up with the
priest he immediately inter-
posed their claim for the
life of the man wounded
in last year's attack.
I acceded to his request for
facts & "affairs" by stating
what was the condition
on my arrival. Bi Chia's
trouble & showed him my

note book full of items 39
gathered there - Mr. Metib.
ben also told him of a
charge they made that one of
our men had stolen goods, &
trading given him therefor, which
charge Mr. R. Cath. teaches him-
self admitted to be false -

The prospect of so much
evidence seemed too trying
for the Great Man & he began
to ask what we might do.

He has evidently rec'd full
instructions from Peking.

He agreed to do three things.

- 1 - To issue the a proclama-
tion declaring last year's
case settled at Peking -
- 2 - Tell the French Consul that
this is true & that he must

he must keep the Catho.⁹⁰
lies in check.

3 - The dose of the geese shall
be made up.

4 - Soldiers shall be sent there.

If these promises are
fulfilled we may expect
the French influence to do
less harm for a time yet -
He then brought up the case
of Lau-King & asked us to
take in a message for him
that they must produce a
man - if the culprit they
first named cannot be found
get another -

Having obtained what we
wished in the other case we
could not well refuse though
it is a most unpleasant

Task, for this is a breach ⁴¹
of faith on the Mandarin who
had promised to offer a re-
ward if the man did not
appear.

Thursday May 27th -
Most of the day was given to
letter writing, letter home &
one to Vice Consul Alf -
The boat started in to wait
for us at Phai-thai.

Friday - May 28th -
at Lian-King - the seat of war -
It is a warm day. We start at
8 o'clock took the boat at
8:30 - On the way to Phai-thai
Mr. Mack. told me about his
experiences at home in con-
nection with the King Border
Co. & Peters Cartridge Co. near
Cincinnati - He gave me a vivid

description of the terrible ex-42
plosion there 7 yrs ago in
July, when a carload of powder
was crushed between 2 cars
loaded with Nitrate of Soda -
In a moment everything was a
sea of flames - all but 9
people were saved, tho' it looked
at first from the hill as if
there was no hope for anyone.
He helped the operators out
from the Castalgia factory &
worked for an hour or more
protecting the powder maga-
zines from the blazing em-
bers that were falling on every
side: the only man who would
stand by him in this was
a man who had been in jail

for murder committed while 43
drunk. No one else would give
him work he felt grateful.

They are just remarking
that when this chapel was
built it was like Schemah's
rebuilding Jerusalem. bullets
were flying about so thick

that small fortifications must
be built on the roof to protect
the workmen as they laid the
tiles - and all the "gun-medi-
cine" & "gun-seed" was evidently
not expended at that time. For
while we were sitting with

Jo-Heng, in the part of the chapel
where Sun Ming teaches his
school, a bullet struck a
tree some 15 yards from us.
The sides were firing all
the time we were there.

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some hundreds of yards
length had been thrown up
the night before.

We had two conferences with the
people & presented the Magistrate's
message. They wanted to know
if the "Father & Mother Mandarin"
was going to do anything for them.
They showed us copies of a decis-
ion at Peking sent to Canton
thence to the Yao-thai head to
this Chao-Yang Magistrate de-
manding the arrest of one or
more of the Sixes for murdering
one of the Fours nearly 2 years
ago. We urged them to agree
to the Magistrate's requirement
on condition of his also getting
a man from the Sixes, and

intimated we would do all 45.
We could to spur on the Magis-
trate to do his duty. Whether
any one will dare to do this
or not I cannot say. Po Heng was
much impressed with the idea
of a vicarious offering, to bare
such a danger that the people
might be saved from war.

We had over a hundred at the
evening prayer meeting. I spoke
from Matt: XVIII: 19-20 -

There was no water in the
Creek so we were obliged to
wait for the tide -

Saturday - May 29th

At our 8 o'clock we left the
Chapel & at 1-10 our little
boat set out: it was clear
beautiful starlight, mild, no wind.

and no fog - Mr had aboard 46
about 2 x 4 1/2 ft raised some
6 inches from the bottom of
the boat & a mat rolled up
by the boats rail - I leaned a-
gainst that. Mr. Mck. managed
to curl his body up, or down,
on the seat - We both got some
sleep & after we reached the
home boat at 4-15 A.M. both
went to bed & slept till nearly 8 -
Mr woke at Phau Thai, where
I took the launch at 9 o'clock -
Dr. Bixby & Miss St John were
on board returning from dis-
pensary day at Kit Yang - they
had 200 patients Thursday &
performed some surgical opera-
tions Friday - They took up in

the pilot house - I did not ⁴⁷
see much of them as I had
letters to prepare for Canton &
Shanghai. wrote a full account
of this affair to Mr. Alf show-
ing the iniquitous working of
the French-Catholic power.
Mr. Ashmore kindly copied this
in triplicate on the type writer -
& wrote to Mr. Jernigan, in
closing copies of our last 2
letters to Canton - so these
dispatches were mailed at 2
P. M. only 13 hours from the
time we left Hai-King (30 hours
from the time we left ~~Shanghai~~)
I enjoyed a nap after reading
my letters from Clara & the
children - which was here
by the morning mail, a delight-
ful surprise as I did not expect

the "Victoria" so soon. It was ⁴⁸
very great satisfaction to get the
children's letters & to know they
are standing so well at school -

At five o'clock the Ashmun &
Scotts went to the E.P. Mission
I went to see Mr. Strick again,
expecting to stay but a few
minutes & was there over half
an hour - he likes to get
information of affairs in the
country - he kindly agreed to have
the dispatch to the Chao Yang
Magistrate, returning the paper
lost in by the old man at
Ai-Khe, re-written -

After supper I was going out
to the verandah to rest & read
when Mr. A. came in to dis-
cuss the latest complication.

A man who is wanted by ⁴⁹
the Magistrates of Ket yang,
is said to have escaped by
hiding in a water jar, has
come down to visit us. He
has recently shown an interest
in the "American Church" &
some places of worship have
been opened temporarily in the
villages controlled by this man.
We called up Chün Jün Thak,
got all we could from them
& made other inquiries in the
Compound. Concluded that
it was best to send at once for
Hak Jün who had given a letter
of introduction to another man
who came with a secret mes-
sage regarding this case. Then
we put down we could not

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afford such a man an
asylum; it would not be right
nor would it be safe for
him to stay here.

Sunday - May 30th
Off for Dang-Cũ at 6-15 -
had favoring tide & reached
Niũ-Sũ at 1 hr & 40 min,
returning with heavy south
wind & head tide made it
in 2 hours -

It was cheering to see them
again, but things are at a
low ebb tho' they have re-
cently mended the roof & whitewashed
the walls - & opened the school
again - Khai-jũn is teach-
ing there this year.

Monday - May 31st 51
Home mail to-day. I had
a card from Dr. Sunderland.
Clara's letter for this steamer
was sent per "Victoria" - I hope
Father will be able to write
again soon.

I waken early & thro' to-day
having breakfast at 6-30 &
taking a nap after tiffin -
The day has been rather
broken by "Kong-si"-gun
eral affairs. It fairly makes
the great start out all over
me to think of the possi-
bilities in the case of this
man who has fled to this
Compound & does not listen
to our warnings -
Mr. Speicher is here from

Kit Yang says the Jao-thai 52
has offered a reward of \$1800-
for this man & wants his head.

We at once told him he
must not stay here - it will

be bad enough in any case,
but we must protect ourselves

& the churches - We at once
wrote a letter to Mr. Strick
stating the case - We warned
the teachers to be careful.

Poor fellow, it is a hard out-
look for him. I wish we
could help him but do
not dare to do so -

Tuesday June 1st -

The man stayed till after
we sent word that a letter

had gone to one Conrad 53
Then he left. Mr. Strick
replied "Please tell the
man. if he has not left
that I shall be over to
arrest him this afternoon."

There has been little
done to day but discuss
mission affairs - After
confering with Mr. Speicher
we decided to send in
for his preachers who
were in any way connected
with the work in the re-
gion where this refuge
lived.

of the E. P. mission, Mr. Steele,
Mrs. Lyall, Miss Ricketts, were
over this evening -
now 8:30. We must look over
a Chinese letter for the Magistrate.

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Wednesday - June 2nd -

The "Graduate" came early
to confer about the letter;
Mr. McK. & Potting came
up by re-readings & sug-
gestions finally arrived
at a form of words in ac-
cordance with Chinese rhetor-
ic and the Western regard
for truth. In his first
draft he said the bullets
come thro' lead then
striking the tail thick ^(in fact)
scales on a fish - (one bullet.)
The present crises he de-
scribes thus, "as five

growing hotter water grow-⁵⁵
ing deeper" - the Mandarin
power to quell the disturb-
ers. thus "Thou art the fur-
nace, they the iron" -

What effect is produced
by this on his highness
we cannot prognosticate, but
he cannot fail to see that
we understand more of the
situation than he gave us
credit for. He invited
him to come over here.

I called early in the
morning & was glad

to find that the old 56
man from K'wei Tang Kia'
has passed the worst
stage of his opium cure &
is rejoicing. He will be able
to do some work soon.

Another old man at the hospital
interested me. He has been
trying asceticism & good works.
has spent much money for
roads & bridges - fasts from
animal food lives separate
ate from his family, but he
broke his fast & "eat pig-
meat" recently, the hospital
attendant A-Kan told me

with much satisfaction. 57
The prayer meeting met here
ten percent Mr. Speer led.
a very good meeting.

Thursday, June 4th

Mr. Kemp called this morn-
ing they have come down
to live in our house for
the summer. He returns
will stay as much of the
time as he can up there.

I have an invitation to the
60th Anniversary of Union V.C.
I called upon the Kemps in the
evening - they have two nice
babies - it made me feel
rather lonely to see them in the house.

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A-Mi called with the
Young Esquire from Sa-Tan
who interested me when I was
at Nam Thoi: they had
various perplexities to dis-
cuss; one of them concerns
attendants at the E. P. ag-
gregation in the "Eight vil-
lages." I gave him a note to
Mr. Gibson & he thought on
his return that the affair
might be settled. There
seems to be little prospect
of the Ong family settling
up their quarrel: they have
stiffened their necks and
set their ideas much higher.

Hak-jū appeared on cate. 59
chised him regarding the fugi-
tive who came upon us; he
makes out a fairly credible
story, but we fear there is
much yet to learn -

Friday June 4th
I was at work upon a cir-
cular letter to send home
when Mr. McK. came & gave
me the privilege of making
the draft of a reply to Col.
Denbys letters & answering
Consul Alf at Canton -

I gave considerable time
to A-mi giving him
words to tell Hian-lâ

Saturday June 5th 60

A warm morning - 700. M/C
I sat out on the 8-30
launch for Kit-Yang. Had a
rather pleasant sail - a heavy
shower fell in the course of the
forenoon - He learned two
bits of news, one that the
Phu-Ning's Eight Village case
is to be carried to the Tao
thai. I am devoutly thank-
ful the four congregations
are not yet mixed up with
it. Another is that the
Sixth Division at Lin King
have been cutting the grass

rice for their cattle & more ⁶¹
is imminent. At Kit Yang
we found a goodly congrega-
tion gathered, a number of
faces familiar to me among
them the Silversmith Chhiang
Lai, who is back in the
Church & a useful member.

There were over a score
from Chhin-ke" applying
for baptism. These and
one from Lam King Mu,
Speicher decided not to
take in at once, as there is
so much disturbance
in the region.

Po Heng was there and

very anxious for me 62
to go to Lán Kng. Mr. Sp.
had asked me to remain on
Sunday with them, but favor-
ed my going to Lán Kng & ac-
cepted Mr. McKibbin's sug-
gestion that I look after
the place till peace is
restored. Mr. McK. set out

for Swanⁿ Ou at 2 P. M. I
waited & addressed the
congregation taking Cal. I:13
as a text - & talked with
the native preachers about
postponing the brethren from
troubled districts -

We took boat just before
 4 o'clock. I enjoyed a nap
 on the way, having been
 up late the night before
 writing letters home, and
 it was time well invested
 as I did not get to sleep
 till midnight. We landed
 at Lⁱⁿ bu a mile away
 from Lau-King - a muddy
 walk - on the way we met
 a straggling line of armed
 men, 110 of them, all wearing
 the basin like hats that sol-
 diers use, & reminding me
 of Don Quixote & his "basin".
 Indeed his appearance

Could have been little ⁶⁴
less fantastic than that of
these men armed with spears
& matchlocks, they have
a standard bearer for about
every 15 men, who bears a
triangular banner - upon a
rather short staff. This com-
pany was on the way to watch
distant fields they told me.

We came by this route so
as to avoid the Sixers.

who had persisted in cut-
ting the rice from fields
belonging to the Four &
planted by them. also in
tarnishing the latter with

bring women afraid to fight?⁶⁵
The military (?) official here
maintains a discreet attitude
of inactivity, his soldiers stir
up the Sioux to go out & fight.
They do not lift a finger to
stop the depredations.

The Sioux bore it till now
but when the outrages were
repeated in the afternoon
they "let-go weapons" & the
fight was waged till just
before we arrived - The
shower that we encountered
met their powder so there
was little shooting chiefly
charging with spears - after

None wounded, none killed 66
so far as I could learn.

We had evening worship with
quite an ^{no} present - Posters

Expounded I Thess. V: 5-11 -

I spoke from vs. 16-17 -

I proposed sending a letter
to the military Mandarin
who has been operating
at Li-ⁿ-E - but the brethren
said it would be better
to send to the Chao Yang
Magistrate as his approval
must be necessary any way
before the other man could
come. He ^{Magistrate} has some 100 or

more of the Tao than's sol. 67
duns near his Yamen available
for this place.

Sunday June 6th -

The brethren set themselves to pre-
paring a letter for the ^{Mandarin}
which they waked me up to read
in my hearing not far from
one o'clock. I had a
rather restless night, warm and
not the best environment
for peaceful slumbers.

At day light drums were
beaten & guns fired & there
has been continuous firing
till between 10 & 11 o'clock.

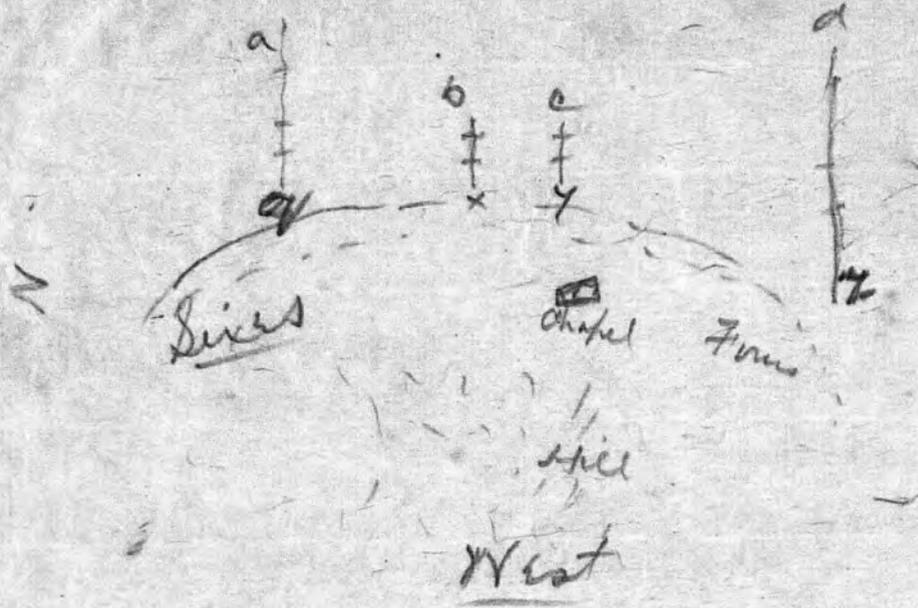
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I should not have been sur-
prised if the Chapel had been
empty, as there was such a battle
going on, but we had over 100
at each service. I went out
& watched them for a little -

The ^{Sansons} Soldiers were going about
with fans in hand & watching
I had sent word to their com-
mander, that if he could not
stop them ^{fighting} should send word
to the Ch'ang Yang Magistrate.

He sent word that he had written
to the Magistrate.

The firing was lively throughout
the forenoon I could see the
Six ^{shooting from} behind their earthworks
on the West at the houses who
were also entrenched to face
them & were besides throwing
out earthworks facing south east



b-x represents the little line we could see from the chapel. They looked like Trojans we could see the men plying their heavy bows with might & main, occasionally all seemed to fall as they paid a volley from the enemy across the line a-q. The line c-y was hidden from us but we knew they were returning fire from

the line d-2 a long fortifi-
cation thrown up before we visit-
ed the place to the east north -
They had banners raised all
along this wall we could see
some fire of them -
In the rice fields beyond
were some straggling parties
with banners but all the
fighting I saw was in this
place. Saty the work was done
by all at close quarters with
swords -

Before nine o'clock we began
service. Putting incense &
Chao Rock of Agnes for the
first hymn - The teacher
Sun Weing read II Chron. XX -

"My soul be on thy guard"
was sung - We had up little
difficulty in keeping the women

quiet as a large number of
heathen women had come
in with their little children
I was not accustomed to an
orderly meeting but they finally
settled down. It was not
a conclusion to strictest order
& attention to hear the boom,
crack, bang of the guns &
gurgals outside. "the noise
of the Captains and the shouting"
but they were much less restive
than a home Congregation would
have been. Pottery read

the account of Moses Aaron &
Nun at the battle with Amalek.
I spoke of Peter's release from
prison. both for direct upon
the power of prayer.
The closing hymn was a prayer
for this country. some Ortonville

Shortly after noon a. 5 o'clock
 Came in from the Kit Yang
 Hospital to care for the
 Wounded. He found there were
 none from the morning's fight,
 but those who he'd seen wounded
 on Sat'y needed care as they
 had used their dirty Chinese
 fomentations so that the
 wounds could not be served
 up. We had a larger at-
 tendance of men in the after-
 noon, some had doubtless
 been fighting in the morning.
 Sim-ming read again the
 account of the deliverance of
 Jerusalem under Jehoshaphat
 & expounded it very well.
 Potting also spoke again from

Ex 17 - I spoke on the need 73
of thanksgiving as well as of
petition - A-Sok spoke next
from Phil. IV:6 -

We had also a prayer-meeting
in the evening - Pottery spoke
on "Watch & Pray" - Luke XXI:36 -

I asked Sun King to give a
review of Gen. III & IV - I spoke
of Cain the first fighter and
his descendants the makers of
makers - that we hoped to be
able to avoid following in
his footsteps -

I decided to go to Kit Yung
& ordered a chair for the
early morning -

Monday June 27th - 74

Crossing the bay from Sontom
Mr. Speicher, H'ak-jū, Sim-ū
& others in a native boat -
I expected to get to Kit yang &
meet Mr. McKibben but the
Chain did not come after work-
ing a mile to their village they
were not ready. This gave us a

late start: the road was very
slippery & progress slow - one the
rear man slipped & let the Chain
down with greater suddenness
than was agreeable - it gave me
a last felt unpleasant
shaking up. We were late
for the boat: Mr McKibben
had left, so I decided

to go down with Mr. Speiche⁷⁵
Nak-jū Sim-tū in the P. M.

We had a long very serious
talk with them in the evening
on the great danger we were in
from that man coming to us.
They did not succeed in
freeing themselves wholly from
responsibility; the Elder in
particular showed an appre-
ciation of the ^{situation} case & thanked
us for their considering
the case.

There were several messages
from Kho-Khoi; a man
has been in to settle the
goose case & taken to
mend their decision. He

Will doubtless check its set-76
tlement, tho' they have given
him an easy way out, as they
stipulated that the 17 geese be
brought over by the R. C. school
teacher; he has left wif
Mazel agrees to the terms
they will have to wait till
the teacher returns. A-ming
& Ai-chian's local Catholics
threaten war at harvest time

Tuesday June 8th.

I went back to Kit-yang on
the morning boat. Mr. Steele
was on board just starting
out for a long trip to Hui
Lai & that region. We had a pleasant
journey together. I went over

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to their new chapel & took tiffin
with him, enjoyed a chat
with him afterwards I aud-
ed a rest & change. It is
surprising that the E. P. people
still have dealings with
them & do not see how
he is fooling them.

They have built a huge
great 2 story chapel. near
the monastery a few rods
beyond our place at the
steamer wharf.

A Hak came back from
Lau King with my luggage.
He reports the fight as desper-
ate & the Fours as in the lead;
They had not lost a man, & had

shot ~~more~~ ^{about} than 10 of the Sixes ⁷⁸
& their allies. Once the Sixes
hired an extra force of men & mus-
kets & charged the Fours who
retreated nearly to the chapel door
crouching to avoid the shots -
they then rallied, made a counter
charge & shot a number of the
assailants. The Mandarin
has gone to Chao Chou Si &
has sent word he will be at
Lai Kung next week - He probably
thinks they will be so reduced
by that time he can easily
finish them up.

Mr. Speicher came up in the
Evening. We took a walk & found
a great crowd worshipping the grave
of an actor, mostly gamblers, who

think this man's spirit can 79
help them to gamble successfully
& buy the right lottery tickets.
Lottories are a great growing
evil in this region. In most
parts the officials are taking
measures against them but
in Kit-Yang they are allowed
to flourish apace. Steele
tells me the Chinese are most
degraded in their superstitions
regarding this: they will even worship
a dead cat to get indications
regarding the lottery numbers.

Wednesday June 9th
On the Siang Leng, I have
had some very pleasant
conversations with Chinese

passengers.

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A very interesting feature of these last 3 trips has been the dragon boats: We saw one this morning: they are very long with bow rising high on dragons head with long beard as figure head: the boat is narrow: two men can sit side by side & work their short paddles. With 25 men on a side all "putting out strength" their red & white paddles flashing in the sun it is a most interesting sight. They keep perfect time in stroke one man stands a little aft

the center & beats a gong. 81
forward sits a man with
a drum before him & two
drum sticks one in either
hand. Both beat in time
& with all the vim in them
This spurs the men on as
well as gives them the stroke.

Yesterday two men racing &
We enjoyed the contest greatly.
Monday a boat raced with
our launch the Hai-Ang
& kept along with us for
quite a stretch. The boats
are painted red & white to im-
itate scales, such as dragons
are supposed to be clothed with.

Thursday June 10th - 82

Last evening was Union prayer-meeting at the E.P. mission: a boatful went over. I was asked to stay to supper & did so, had a pleasant visit. Mr. Maclogan is coming back with a bride, she is a daughter of Dr. Gould, was born in the house where they are to live over the house the Smiths occupied.

This day has been much broken up with Chinese calls - I have just now (9-30 P.M.) finished with Sim Měng, the Lán-King school teacher, who came down to see if

I would not go in there. The 83
soldiers are coming down
there & are showing particular
sympathy for the Sixes. The best
men of the Fours also are
that they cannot control the
"lower-half-men", who want to
fight & they think the presence
& words of one of us would
help them.

Mr. McKibben went over to
Snator & with Mr. Gibson
conferred several hours with
the Chao-yang Magistrate, who
shows a reasonable spirit. &
makes a secret promise
that if his demand for a
man is complied with

he will make a secret com-84
pact in writing not to punish
the man severely.

If they will not comply with
this he must make signs.

Friday June 11th.

This morning I decided to go to
Lau King for Sunday & sent
in the houseboat. also pre-
pared an outline for Sunday's
services & have finished letters
home, also for Mr. Merriam
& Dr. Ashmore. ^{came}

This evening, "poor A'chia"
the leper has been ^{here} much
exercised about the letter
Mr. Strick sent in. His
brothers secured a copy
of the letter originally
written and was boasting

they had paid a bribe to 85
Mr. Strick's ~~friend~~, a well
Educated Chinaman, to write
that I would not receive the
man into the church. But
the clerk palmed off the old
letter on them it seems. What
he wrote the second time
I do not know.

Saturday - June 12th -

at Kit Yang - I have just written
a line to our friend Mr. Lipp-
hardt of Buffalo to enclose
in one that Mr. Speicher is
sending. It is very hot.

There are said to be 300 soldiers
at Lan-King. Nine (9) have been
killed of the Sixes & five (5) of the
Fours since one week ago to-day.

Mia-An tells me that - 86
a Catholic from Chhial Phon,
Merk's Headquarters, told him
that their priest was not
displeased to have so many
cases of difficulty, he said
the French wish to conquer this
territory soon & if there are
many difficulties they will
have the more reason for so
doing. - Mia-An thinks the
Lau-kuy people should proce-
cute Lo Sin-Se. He is at
Kit Yang helping to settle a
case where a worshipper has
been beaten & threatened with more
if he does not worship idols.

Lan King Sunday June 13th 87

Yesterday Mr. A. Stah left
Lit-yang at about 8 o'clock
& took a ^{boat} for San Bue. It was
fine clear moonlight. At about
11 o'clock Mr. reached the place
where he expected to find the
house boat but it was not
there. One of the boatmen he
passed had seen it - The pros-
pect was not pleasant, no
bedding, no mosquito net, only
the board of a Chinese boat
to rest on, but a Stah hunt-
ed up some worshippers of
the Lan King congregation
who soon led him to the
boat. It was with feelings

of relief that I boarded ⁸⁸
the staunch craft - I was very
thankful to have so good a
home. This morning we
came around to Lan Kug
village. We knew that the
soldiers who came last
week had driven back the
Sines who came out to fight
on Friday & captured one of
them. The inevitable ^{Lo} was
killed & sent word the man
was a Catholic - He was re-
leased. The fact of the
Soldiers rally checking the
Sines made me feel it
was safe to come over here.

The chapel was full this ⁸⁹
forenoon. At early worship
many read II K. VI - at the
main service Luke XVIII: 32 ⁸⁹.

& Matt: 19-29 - were used. Atome-
ment of forgiveness the two of-
fices.

This afternoon the S.S.
lesson was the first 23 & 20.

of Luke VIII. Pro-Heng spoke
at some length on the two
miracles of healing & raising
the dead. I enlarged on the

same & the last of vs. 13 - "weep
not." There are many here who

are good listeners. I tried a
very plain simple style, ask-
ing questions & waiting for

replies: they answer much 90
more generally than in other
places. I referred to Rev XXI, 3+4
after developing the thought of
the universality of tears and sorrow.
After consulting with Po-Hang, it
seemed best for me to go back
to Kit-yang and await Mr. McKib-
ben's coming or news from him.

Monday, June 14th -

No news from Mr. McK. There
was no ~~new~~ steamer in the
forenoon, it being the 15th
day of the 5th moon and people
more mad upon their idols
than usual upon ~~their idols~~
~~than usual.~~

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I attended the examination
of Mr. Speicher's little school
& came down to K'ik-
Chieh with him.

The Mandarin has sent
in a letter stating that the
Chinese law allows much
greater leniency toward one
who voluntarily surrenders him-
self up than to one who
is captured, and he has
also made the agreement to
treat leniently one who may
give himself up of the Liu
Kung Fours. It is rather

vague & I fear the people
will not think much of it

as they say the Mandarin 92
him has so repeatedly broken
faith with them.

Tuesday, June 15th

This forenoon Mr. McK. A
went to Swatow & interviewed
Mr. Gibson, who takes a
rather favorable view of
the Mandarin's letter, that
it is as definite as it could
be safe for him to put
in writing. We called upon

Mr. Strick, but he was at
the Island.

I called at the British Consulate
Had quite a conference with
Mr. Ford regarding the situation

He suggested that if 93
the Mandarin did not
keep his promise Messrs
Gibson could suggest to him
that pressure could be put
to bear upon him from higher
sources. I am inclined to think
the magnitude of this in
mind & would like such
power to oppose against
the French.

After I had on my pyjamas
I was meditating on retiring
Early A-Hong was announced.
To my relief he had very
good news - the geese were
all returned & the enemy

are not so jubilant. 7 Brig 94
are also wrangling among
themselves. A-ming accused
A-ua of being an extortioner
& blackmailer & A-ua called
A-ming a bad man & a
"black-devil" &c &c. The great
Gou-ming has been in hot
water & is even reported as having
run away. One of the Khv-
Khoi-men broke the 7th Com.
at Li-Bi-Phou & they caught
him, beat him & broke out his
teeth - they carried him home
in a basket (Kheug) - If that
method of procedure was adopted
in Christendom - there would be
more broken teeth, but, no doubt,
fewer broken homes -

Mr. McK. came over & we dis-95
cussed the Lai-King case also: no
new developments.

Wednesday June 16th -

Began again on Lai King after
breakfast & decided to send Probing
back with the Mandarin's letter
& if the way opens to help

Lai King people out in an ap-
peal they propose making
to the Tao Ts'ai.

Two letters to-day & most welcome
they were - from Clara & Mother.

Mr. McK. & made plans for
Communion with McK & I
had another conference with A-
Hong.

Thursday June 17th 96

Off for Double Island at 7 a.m.
saw Mr. Strick, who was most
cordial & proposed joining
with Mr. Ford in a note to
the Pastai urging just & prompt
action at Lan-King.

Mr. Mettles & I called upon
Mr. Ford who readily agreed to
the above suggestion.

Lim, the Graduate, came over
& bro't word that the
Young Esquire from the Hei
City who was flourishing
about in April with propo-
sals to settle the Kho-Khai
difficulty, has been seeking

him & talking of his ability to close up the Loan King affair by putting an extinguisher on L^o Lin Le -

The Graduate is to sound him further on the subject. This is what we have hoped and

prayed for. The detaching of

that man this wicked influence. He rec'd \$300 -

from the Society to champion their cause -

Prof. Ardet also rec'd \$300 from G^ou-Ming to help build the Kho Khai Chapel, which loan gave that rascal a great hold on power.