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Saty Sing Oct 2 3<sup>rd</sup>

On the boat for the first time  
this <sup>cool</sup> season. Near So. of Kit Yang  
City waiting for the tide.

I had a most interesting trip  
on the launch "Po-sung"; some  
young men from Peking were  
on board; they were smoking  
cigarettes and seemed a rather  
fast set, but they were friendly  
& I had good personal talks  
with two of them. One admit-  
ted the claims of morality but  
said "Sim m'loh" - "Heart went  
down" - He seemed impressed  
by the statement that he was  
a religion that could make  
the heart "down" & change

the evil nature. His settled &  
conviction that the heart was  
unconquerable was quite pitiable  
& strong testimony to the deadly  
power of sin. I also talked  
with several others, two opium smok-  
ers, one a clerk of a Khin's -  
& one the interpreter at Kwan Pou.

Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

We had a quiet day. Po-San  
& I preached in the forenoon  
& he led in the Communion  
service this P. M. We had  
a fairly good congregation,  
the not so crowded as  
when I was here in May.  
A very much exercised  
the case of a young man at  
Na-Tan who was seized by

the officials and squeezed 3  
to the extent of about \$1000-<sup>1</sup>  
His father was accused by  
the local officer of keeping a  
lottery - A-mi was taken before  
them & charged with protecting  
him in breaking the law.

Lim<sup>n</sup> Sin-Chai came up a few  
days since to look into the  
situation: We wish if possible  
to avoid their treating others in  
the same way.

Monday Oct 2<sup>5th</sup> -

I got away from Sam-Chin at  
about 8 o'clock, just missed  
Mr. Whitman who was on his  
way down - I reached Ming-Khau<sup>n</sup>

at about half past 10 - 5 4.  
Loped to pins on for Thai Yong  
but could not get men enough.  
Sam-Long has a lame foot &  
could not walk all the way - necessi-  
tating two chairs. I decided to  
walk over to Ngou Ke Phon &  
visit the friends there leaving  
him to come on in the chair  
in the morning -

I had a very pleasant visit -  
stayed with Dr. McPhun in the  
Mackenzie's house, took supper  
at Dr. Riddle's & very pleasant  
chats with the different peo-  
ple there. Tuesday Oct 26<sup>th</sup>  
at the Thai Yong cottage - Mrs.  
McKibbin's room. My aneroid  
shows a difference in altitude of  
1850 feet above Hain Khai -

The air is delightful here. 5  
This house is quite primitive  
reminded me more of Squaw  
Island houses than anything I  
have seen out here. My visit  
was unexpectedly well timed as  
I had Mr. Edes' company. He  
came up to visit the school -  
I must have walked about half  
the way up here. Some of the  
climbing is very steep but the  
road is quite good. The hills  
are beautiful tho' there are not  
as beautiful spots as up beyond  
the Hi City.

I took tiffin with Mr. Edes &  
he came over here to supper,  
which has made the day  
very pleasant. I read two

books he had with him. 6

"The Jealousy of God" by John Oulford

a series of short sermonic essays.

The first is excellent sets forth

God's loving desire for our good

+ jealousy lest our hearts be

traged or we be led from

our greatest good + making the most

of ourselves. - the best thing I have

read on the specific theme - The

others contain much good but are

very lax + inclined to sentimentalism,

not strong enough doctrine for

China. Also read from

George Eliot's Scenes of Clerical Life

"Janet's Repentance", a strong story,

showing a deep insight into

the need of a sinning soul +

how the Saviour meets them -

But what an awful testimony?  
to the subtleness & iniquity in the  
human heart! That she could  
so depict a souls reclamation  
& so go astray herself - Last  
Evening in the Review of Reviews  
I read an account of Lewis,  
stating how unclear & unat-  
tractive a man he was & the  
authorities expressed in closing  
words that such as he should  
have "more of an ethical  
genius" like George Eliot -

But what are "ethics", what is  
"genius" before the floods of evil  
in a heart not fully possessed by  
the Lord himself? Well did  
Paul write "Take heed unto thy  
self and to the doctrine" -

And what hope for self 8-  
unless wholly under the Swiss sway?

Wednesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy but a fine day. I have occupied myself resting & writing, with

a walk of 2 hours this afternoon -

There are many beautiful spots all about here, some pretty plots for

building sites, but the fung-

shui Doubtless would prevent many from being available -

The old Catholic priest rode by to-day with a Chinese attendant, both on ponies with bells on like a mandarin. The old man

has been here ~~over~~ over 30 years & is an old despot among his people, some of whom are under his regime. He is a heavy drinker -

Thursday. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 9

I sent down a letter for Clara  
journal & one to be forwarded to  
Dr. Tabman & Mc's book answers  
to my letters sent to Kak Chik on  
Monday - or rather they went on Thu-  
day per E. P. Messenger from

Ngo-ke-phon. all well at the  
Compound. Mr. A. J. expects to  
be up here next week. I

think I can go back on the  
boat they come up in & make a  
visit at Phi-Ling on the way.  
I have done some writing to-day

& think I feel better of the cough -  
Can expand my chest 5 inches -  
breathing apparatus should be getting  
right - There are pleasant walks  
all about here - I took a new  
one today.

Friday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 10

Warmer to-day - I took a walk up beyond the Catholic village - the valley is pretty, but there are advantages here

I fell in with a friendly old Catholic who took me to their Chapel a bare looking place with a picture of Madonna & Child also of the Lord with his heart opened to show the light there. JHS was prominent on our calendar I saw. There was a tall old fashioned clock with wooden casing that took my fancy more than anything else - They are valued at \$1600. Chapel.

So as not to be outdone by "11  
the Presbyterians who are to  
build here a large chapel -  
They pointed out a hill on which  
they said it would be good  
to build a Protestant chapel -  
It is said some of the people  
do not like the priest's hymn.

There is something there I  
never saw before - a grass  
with the road slope all  
paved, like a bit of pebble  
stone pavement.

I have kept in all the afternoon  
hope to break up this camp -

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday a beautiful day  
I have kept in doors, road, mitter  
& watched the carpenter's next  
of the time.

Sunday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 12

A bright day somewhat warmer  
- I attended the E. P. Service  
& talked with the minister  
deacon who understand Gorton  
dialect, after service - The Con-  
gregation was suspiciously small.  
His harvest time. I have  
read the book of Ezekiel & done a  
little writing -

Monday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

A beautiful day I wrote much  
of the forenoon. took a walk in  
the afternoon - Mr. Steele came  
up & is spending the night -  
he comes to look over the  
building site. He Dr. Dugul,  
Miss Pickett & Mr. Ede are  
to build together -

Tuesday Nov. 2 13

I went up & helped Steele survey his lot on the hilltop. They got some fields there for a little over 90 - more than plenty of space for bld'g 80 x 30 - & cook house -

I read Frankenstein, horrible thing, shall be glad if I do not dream of his monster - have written some letters again to-day & blocked out some other writing -

Wednesday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

A delightful day, clear & warm. I have felt rather better than any day since coming up here. have read & written.

Thursday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 14

Mr. & Mrs. Ashmun Jr. came at about 11 o'clock. I had expected to take their men & go right back, but the Chain-coolies did not want another job - as they had the key of Dr. Riddell's room at the E.P. house I decided to stay a day or so & have a chance to look over the ground with Mr. A. as he urged me to do. We went up after dinner & explored the hill where Mr. Steel & Co. were to build. Afterward we walked up to the R. Cath. village.

They brought me mail, letters from mother posted Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, but none from Bunton - I hope to find some at Kak-chick -

Friday. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. 15-

I slept over here at the E.P. house on a Chinese bed, with a Computer folded double for mattress, did not find it hard, but lay awake a part of the night. Had a queer dream about traveling from Tacoma to Burton - thought quite a little about the prophecies in Revelation XIII - XVIII wondered if the Church of Rome is to get control of all Commerce upon her fall - I have been persuaded for some time that the "beast" refers to unrighteous human power, imperial, commercial as well as Ecclesiastical. Should all monopolies be controlled by Roman Catholics the condition of things in Rev. XIII: 16-17 would be fulfilled & there is a name for XVIII: 11-19.

This morning Mr. A. & I <sup>16</sup>  
walked about & looked at several  
places. He went alone further  
down the valley & thinks there  
is good location down there  
on a terraced hill. There are  
so many ponds below it it is  
a question now whether it  
could be bought.

I am starting back after five  
fin - a - ngi is going with me.  
I act as cook & steersman,  
so I can leave the houseboat  
to Chau Khai over Sunday &  
go to Khat Yang Monday.

We made the trip to Ngo Ke Phou  
in 3 hours. I had a pleasant  
visit there -

Saturday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> -

At Mung-Khai via I was  
pleasantly surprised to find

Mr. Campbell, ~~at~~ first time I  
No have met since he left  
Burton 2 yrs ago. He is looking  
well. feels much more hope-  
ful about prospects at Kanyin.  
I enjoyed very much my  
visit there talking over Burton  
rather matters. I stayed to  
tiffin set out at one o'clock.  
for Sam Chin. I have Mr.  
McKibben's chair - just seat back  
& foot rest - my cat bed had  
been left at M. K. N. so I  
had it tied on underneath  
the chair, paid the men a  
hundred cash extra for this  
& their dinner - I saw one  
thing new to me. A man had  
his buffalo hitched to a clod-  
maker consisting of a single slab

barely 8 inches wide &  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft 18  
long. The man stood upon it  
& his little girl was crouched  
down at the opposite end. He  
held in one hand a line fasten-  
ed to a ring in the animal's nose  
with the other hand he had  
a firm grip on the boat's tail  
thus steadying himself & steer-  
ing at the same time. It re-  
minded me of the Chinese idiom  
for steering on water - "liah  
Chim-bis" "catch boat's tail".  
We reached Nien Khai at dusk  
& saw A. Mi in the morning.

Sunday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> -  
Services morning afternoon  
and evening then two came

to the boat afterwards -  
Attendance has been smaller<sup>19</sup>  
due to several causes. The  
trouble at Na-Tan has dis-  
couraged some. Some of the  
attendants have not yet become  
strict Sabbathians & the people  
from Bua-Khi Ching & Kha-  
Lang attend the place at Sam-  
Chin opened by Mr. Speicher.

The landlord of our present  
meeting place is back on getting  
it back. his family is not  
prospering (m-sün) he  
thinks it because he has  
rented a bit of ancestral property  
to the Christians. I think this  
will open the way for occupy-  
ing our property at the market

place. In the evening 20  
I had a pleasant meeting  
with some of the men in  
the evening - took Matt. VI -  
last few verses as a subject.

Monday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> -

Mr came down in the night  
to Kit Yang & I came across  
to the No. branch to find Mr. Mc-  
Kibben in the boat "Grace" at  
breakfast. he evidently had  
about reached the bottom  
of his supply - he was just  
tossing hot water on his oatmeal.  
Roughly I had a tin of milk  
opened so he was able to  
escape so meagre a diet.

His "boy" is not much 21  
of a cook. The prices of  
bread remaining he kindly  
offered me for building ma-  
terial. if I had any use for  
them. We had a cool  
journey coming on the  
launch - This evening I  
called at Mr. McK's & saw  
Mr. Mrs. Grosbeck & Dr.

Carlin. Tuesday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> -

! Home mail per Doric  
card from Clara written  
the day before the letter but  
by the Grosbecks. letter  
from Mother & Mary Mary Mary

I have had several appoin- <sup>22</sup>  
tments to meet Mr. Gmstok  
I am impressed that he is  
a man of promise, likely  
to be fair minded & ~~that~~  
reasonable in his views -

Wednesday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> -

They left with Dr. Carlin  
for Ung-king to-day -

This was the day for Union  
Prayer meeting, but no one  
came over, it is rather  
windy - I sent a jar of  
Clara's jelly to Dr. Luyng to-  
day - This, Luyng acknowledged  
it & shows she feels his chance for  
life is a very slender one -

I have had Sunday col- 23  
loquies with the Chinese to-day,  
with Po-san about Tang Oū,  
Sio Thing about col/portage in  
Anatom at the Steamers landings,  
with Chin Siau about the poor  
leper at An Khe. & gave  
Yu Thong an hour showing  
him about Dodd's system  
of exercise; he is interested in  
something of the kind for the  
Schools.

Thursday, Nov. 11/11.

My visitors of yesterday have been  
here again to-day, also Lin Sien  
Chai. & Ngün Liang - The latter  
is just back from Lau Kung -  
his first visit for over 4 months.

Their case is not yet <sup>24</sup>  
settled but the Siss are in  
bad odor with the magis-  
trates. Who are now all tak-  
ing the same ground that  
Mr McKibbin I decided to  
to the justice of the case last  
April is to set our murder  
over against the other & make  
up in money the difference be-  
tween a Hadman & a com-  
mon farmer.

It is actually reported that  
Pew Mend is to be removed.  
a new man is learning the  
language. You-Meng has  
no influence now. Go si lit-

It is wonderful how the 25  
situation has changed since  
last Spring when our  
prayers have been answered.

There are some disquieting  
rumors from Jiu-Ping - our  
preachers are a little too ob-  
stinate & fear of the people  
are threatening to fight after  
harvest. Strange how the  
Chinese will pour out  
their lives & their money in  
these funds - & for their  
fellows - At Khek Khei they  
are spending \$80,000.00 for theaters  
this fall! -  
A - Phang, our watchman got

on the track of the Thiers to - 2.6  
day & M. A. with Mr. Ford & Mr.  
Thours came very near catching  
some of them. One was also caught  
who stole a Chronometer from  
the Commissioner of Customs -  
to-day Friday - Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> -

This forenoon I went to Snaton  
& did sundry errands. I found I  
must have some light flannel  
undershirts, nothing else will answer  
here with the changes & constantly  
perspiring. The "Colonel"  
Png-Kak-Cheng came back  
in the boat with me & we  
talked over Lau-King, latter's  
& various other subjects.

probably he was coming <sup>27</sup>  
to see what can be done  
to break up the rest of things  
over here.

Saturday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>

Just back from Pangliu.  
I set out at a little after  
7 o'clock & took the out-  
side passage. but the  
wind arose so the men  
were obliged to come back  
at noon. I walked back  
to Kuah chin with Ngiam  
Shan va Ho, who is back from  
Anam - we held a conference  
with King Kia the man  
who is at present blocking  
the way of settlement

He made a new propos - 28  
sition & promised to go  
over to-morrow & see  
about it. So I arranged to  
go again.

A-Hai's 3 boys are at home,  
they are all sailors &  
earn a total of fully 30-  
a month.

I met a young man dressed  
in foreign clothes, who has been  
to America & talks very  
good English. He is a  
Tang Air boy & they say  
has saved several thousand  
dollars. His mother & wife  
are there <sup>at Tang</sup>. He <sup>one</sup> told me he  
had been to Church in the U.S.

Sunday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> - 29

Warm - today - but sitting  
in the boat I found a light  
overcoat & shawl across  
my knees advisable -  
It was a busy day at  
Tang-shi - the two services  
were long & I talked over  
an hour at noon with  
the young man whom I  
met yesterday - he is a  
bright fellow - he has seen  
the folly of heathenism  
& knows a deal about  
the Gospel - I wish he might  
have a personal conviction

Conviction that he himself<sup>30</sup>  
needs the savior -

The matter of the door +  
hall took up some time.

The old woman who had  
made a fuss about it got  
an old man to come +  
interfere she had a fit.

Came near having a second.

It is certainly not plain  
sailing in this case -

Monday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> -

I gave nearly all day to  
preparing for my Jio Pheng  
trip. getting things about the

boat, finishing letters, cleaning <sup>31</sup>  
ing up at the house. Set  
thing accounts &c. The  
'Stones' from San F. came  
& with them some for me  
just in time for this journey.

Tuesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

This morning Miss St John  
set out for Sam Khai & Pa-  
Ning & Miss Scott's boat came  
back from Inq Phon - her steers-  
man looked quite a wreck,  
has had fever - he reported that  
Mrs. Kemp was ill & they  
had sent for Miss Scott  
to come up to the city &  
help take care of her for  
a little.

There is much sickness<sup>32</sup>  
in the country. I decided  
to give up my plan of visiting  
the city as I could send up  
Mr. Kemp's rifle & some fruit  
with Dr. Conslund's freight  
I walked to Han-u & took  
the boat. Our progress was  
slow we reached Bue  
Khai after dusk ~~moored~~ <sup>anchored</sup>  
at about 7 o'clock. The  
steersman planned to start  
at 1-00 A.M. when the  
moon ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> if possible  
to drop down to the coast  
go out & make a straight run  
for Ung Kug - reaching  
there at night.

Wednesday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 33

A violent East wind arose in the evening and we are still lying at anchor. It is the heaviest blow I ever encountered in this river. Blew like a typhoon during the night. Now it is raining.

I have plenty to do which myself occupied but fear I shall not get to L. P. Sua<sup>n</sup> for Sunday.

The storm was heavy all day so I stayed in the boat. gave the cook a Romanized Pilgrims Progress to read & the boatmen copies of Pek-sia-kui Chia<sup>n</sup>, the expose of the follies of idol.

ating, the history of many <sup>34</sup>  
popular gods.

Thursday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

Last night the wind was  
stronger yet - Bo-Sin says  
he never encountered at equal  
in the country - the mast cracked  
& raged ominously - The  
mat over the stern hatch  
blew away - fortunately it  
floated back - No assault-  
ing down to the sea but  
the distant roar of the  
makers is so loud I doubt  
if we get out to-day.

Bo-Sin's forehead is quite  
badly poisoned by the liquor  
on Sam Sing's trunk.

8:00 AM. Friday. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 35

Mr. Lavo had head wind & tide much of the day, so reached here late, cannot get to see the missionaries till to-morrow - shall press on to Lat Phu Sun<sup>n</sup> if possible. There is water apparently in the river & an East wind to-morrow would make quick time of it.

We passed a place back a little distance where a man & a woman were having the most frightful quarrel I ever listened to. There was

apparently some women 36  
used - sounded like blond -  
the language what was  
intelligible was awful -  
the woman seemed to be  
running away, kept saying  
"Chhain-a! Chhain-a-  
ai" Chhain-a!" - I have  
been reading & writing during  
the day. Saturday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

I went over to the Mission  
Compound that I helped  
buy 4 yrs ago & took break-  
fast. The Carlins & Gms-  
becks are well and are  
very comfortably settled -

There were some 30 <sup>37-</sup>  
rooms I remember they said  
when we bought the place  
Certainly Ji-hou was  
right when he said we  
"only paid for the land"

The devil overreached himself  
when he persuaded those  
people the place was  
haunted. Dr. C. has

changed some of the rooms  
so that they are very com-  
fortable & gotten to himself  
the reputation of being a  
great Huang Chi ex-  
pert as he has opened

doors so as to give a 3<sup>d</sup>  
direct view of the  
mountain beyond which  
is a very important factor  
in the balancing of their  
gravimetric influences -

He went down to the boat  
& took some liver pills  
to Sam Sing - who took  
Sunday doses gladly -

I gave the afternoon to pre-  
paring the S. S. lessons for  
next year & thinking up a  
sermon for next day. Dr. C.  
urged me to preach - I was  
unable to get away & was

glad to have the chance <sup>39</sup>  
to be there a Sunday.

Sunday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>

I spoke in the forenoon,  
Heb. VI: 18-19 - a text I had  
the Sunday before but elaborated  
for half an hour. Dr. C. follow-  
ed & preached some 25  
minutes following up the  
same theme - emphasizing  
the contrast between Christian  
hope & heathen hopelessness.  
He preaches very much  
like the Southern revivalist  
Scott Innet at Rockburg, Va.  
uses a great deal of voice  
& force. It interferes with

Characters of the tones. <sup>40</sup>  
as emotion tend to cir-  
cumplex modulations -  
which should be confined to  
Ē-siāng tones - but his  
vocabulary is good & matter  
well arranged - he seemed  
to lay hold of the attention  
of the people - they evidently  
saw he was in earnest -  
It is a good audience to  
speak to. There were some  
130 persons present, about  
half women - Some of the  
people interest me much -  
I spoke again in the  
afternoon. Dr. C. had a

Sore throat & only spoke <sup>21</sup>  
briefly. Two of his students  
spoke first -

I rec'd various & sundry  
compliments as to the  
clearness of my language,  
but do not know how much  
the truth impressed them,

Monday - Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>11</sup>/<sub>11</sub>

Cook still hors de combat,  
I finished the S.S. lessons  
& did a lot of Chinese  
conversing - I did my  
best to get off for Lun  
Shu-tuan but could not  
get the boatmen to move as  
the North wind blew strongly.

(Thursday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>)<sup>12</sup>

A chilly windy day on a  
"red-head" boat. two from  
Boston - they only made  
about 6 miles - it was a-  
gainst wind & current &  
course. I read quite in-  
tensively in the Outlook  
lent me by Mr. Grosbeck  
chiefly Dr. Abbott's "Theology  
of an Evolutionist" which  
is a strange mixture of  
notions. leads me to believe  
the more strongly that  
sin is primarily not  
indulgence but rebellion.

Sammy was very miserable all day.

Thursday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

He was so wretched all night vomiting repeatedly, that I decided to go back. The wind was blowing fiercely against us - The boatmen would not get up so I set the boat adrift & finally they awoke to the situation got up & began getting their breakfast.

We made quick work returning to meet my Kay by 11 o'clock. I thus unexpectedly accepted the

urgent invitation to Thanksgiving  
giving dinner. which was  
in the evening and very pleas-  
ant. a fine roast goose  
was the "piece de resistance".  
I had the privilege of supply-  
ing the potatoes, as they were  
out. & a jar of Clara's straw-  
berries.

I was quite in  
perplexity what to do but  
they urged me to take a small  
boy they have Ping King,  
son of a tho. Oh Miss F's  
old Coaly now their +  
a pillar in the church.  
with one boy studying to  
be a ch., so he must be

to the boat with me after 4.5  
Evening worship at the Chapel  
Sam-Sing came up with  
Dr. & Mrs. C.

Friday Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> 6/11

It had been as still Thurs.  
fore afternoon I hoped for  
good weather but again

the wind rose it was dif-  
ficult to make the boatmen  
rise tho. & it was after  
10 o'clock when we start-  
ed. I went up before break-

fast & saw Sam-Sing, who  
felt & slept - & visions yet.  
He had dreamed that

Some one was thrown 46  
ing cold water over him.  
but he was chilled & woke  
to find the North wind  
blowing - I left him my  
Actina which had helped  
him on the boat -

We had made some  
2 miles when the new  
boatman, quite a different  
fellow, was taken with  
a chill & a severe one. I  
never saw a man shake  
so badly. - Happily we  
were able to get another  
man to take his place and

plugged on: there is water <sup>47</sup>  
enough to float the boat now  
in nearly every place, not  
much dragging on the sand.

Saturday - Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

Still pushing on - literally  
as this poleing about up-  
stream. I gave a large  
portion of my time to prepar-  
ing a sermon from Luke  
7:23 -

My dosing with quinine  
& cayenne had a good  
effect - the man was  
feeling quite well and in-

Sisted upon working - <sup>418</sup>

We came within sight  
of the Chapel at 5 o'clock  
& I had all my belongings  
safely housed here in long.  
This is a fine imposing  
looking place now a

large new high building  
visible for a long dis-  
tance. The people

here gave me a kindly  
welcome I was very glad  
to get here

My wife is doing well, the  
little chap was seasick.

on the boat which worked 49  
a great deal, but he did not  
say anything to me about it.  
Heel his head over the side of  
the boat & suffered in silence  
with Spartan fortitude.

Sunday Novem. 28<sup>th</sup>

Truly the Church here is  
maim'd - from a score  
of discouraged people, some-  
times for hrs meeting in  
a shabby smoke chimney  
hall to a goodly congrega-  
tion in a spacious clean-  
well appointed chapel, is  
a cheering & notable

advance. There is a 50  
goodly sprinkling of men  
with titles & with literary ac-  
quirements. I was overrun  
with callers in my room  
which is at one side in a  
separate building. The most  
welcome was a <sup>home letter</sup> ~~man~~ who  
brought me my  
which were rather cheering -  
I was delighted to hear that  
the coughs were better &  
it makes me homesick  
Wend how the baby is de-  
veloping & so loudly all in  
the house - I do trust he  
has not had more attacks

like the former -

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I was relieved when  
that mother had secured a  
furnace & that Max was  
to stay with them.

I preached at the morning  
service & had some lib-  
erty - The P. Sch. was  
very good; there are many  
who are acquainted with  
the character & can read the  
papers. Pang-Sing seems  
to be doing well here -

I only wish Clara could  
be here to teach the women  
& lead the music.

Monday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 53

It being market day we  
had many called men  
who are now worshippers  
or members. I had a  
school teacher from Tio  
Ka. copy the next year  
Calendar & list of  
lessons. Tang Seng also help-  
ed check off the dates  
& decide regarding some of  
the Golden Texts. It in-  
volves quite a bit of labor  
to get the Chinese dates  
& the English exactly right  
both appear to some ex-  
tent on the Calendar.

Tuesday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - 54

While I was preparing to set out on a tour of pastoral visits - letters came from Ng-King with the deeds Dr. Carlin wishes recorded & also a loaf of bread - Sam Sung is better & able to do a little work already.

Our first visit was at Si-ka, where they have a weekly prayer meeting & with an attendance of 12 or thereabouts - some meetings might be a

school house.

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We went on to Tang Suan market & visited first an apothecary & then the local military magistrate, a bright young man, who has been friendly to the Church for some time.

Mr. Tang Seng, Tse Ka - a Lun Sin Sen & I, stayed at his school house, where there was quite a wonderful in the evening, &

Very good attention -

Wednesday - Dec 11<sup>th</sup> -

We visited 3 places on our way back to Tse Ka all new to me, where there

are church members 56  
or worshippers -

It is a beautiful valley  
and quite populous - you  
can have a new congrega-  
tion at Tang Swan. I would  
be a fine center -

I took a chair at Tirkha  
& reached the Chapel at

dusk. Thursday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> -

Jo Phay Chapel - I was  
delayed in starting as one  
of my chair horses met to  
beget a horse of opinion.

It is a beautiful valley & a  
fine view as we spring

around the hillside running  
down into the plain in which  
the District City lies.

I found Hák-Jen at the  
Chapel - Several of the brethren  
came in to evening worship -

Friday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hák-Jen I set out a little  
after nine to visit a family at  
Lín Khen, consisting of father &  
mother, son, daughter-in-law,  
& a little girl they named to be  
a daughter-in-law - They have  
a shop, a regular variety store  
The son A-Sin came to  
worship last year just after  
Chinese New Year & speaking

destroyed the family idols - 58  
within a fortnight his little  
girl, who had been ill, died -

Not long after a sister, who  
was married to an opium smoker  
as I did not support her, com-  
mitted suicide - then the neigh-  
bors made a great to-do.

This year a son 17 yrs old  
died, after a very short illness -  
He at first was angry at his  
brother for destroying the idols &  
prayed the gods to punish the  
eldest - but no harm came  
to him - so the boy decided  
that the idols after all were

worthless & became a Christian  
When he died, said "I am going  
to a place that of light" (King-  
King).

This gave the neighbors  
still greater reason to smile, but

the family were unshaken: the

old father said, "If the whole

family dies to the last one, I shall do  
much the more worship God

Hak-kin & Tang-ling have

done good pastoral work there  
& helped them out of many

difficulties - They are

most hospitable - we sat in

the shop for a time, & were  
treated to tea & Chinese

Immered, ~~corumbol~~ <sup>60</sup> ~~and~~  
called *sua'cho*, an acid fruit  
not unpalatable - An elderly  
apothecary came & asked many  
questions about Western affairs.  
We had opportunity to speak to  
some of the neighbors: one  
boy of about 16 came along,  
who said he had smoked  
opium several years. I ask-  
ed him to explain the said

"Hair" sig" - "Fond of fun" -  
He is a bright little chap &  
it seems a terrible pity to  
see him going to destruction.

A neighboring shop-keeper  
listened attentively & finally  
admitted that he had

a passion for theatre-going <sup>is</sup>  
which he thought might in-  
terfere with his becoming a  
Christian -

We were conducted to their  
house a quarter of a mile or  
way to dinner - They  
had beef & chicken & a  
sort of steamed cakes, made  
of rice meal that is rather  
good. They had a dish of  
vegetables I did not try -

My comfort was somewhat  
disturbed by two goodly sized  
black pigs, quite family pets  
who insisted on coming

under the table & thither betwixt  
my feet under the trestle  
on which I sat - once both of  
them came together & turned  
so in making their exit that  
I was for a moment in peril  
of being upset: Mine host  
dusted out the rice bowls  
with a cloth that I could not  
identify fully - it might be a  
turban or might be a girdle  
when he later handed it  
to Hak Sen house as a  
towel I felt a little more  
sure of its final place in  
the family economy - But  
they were very kind & hos-  
pitable & a most interesting

family - the little girl, who 63  
was to have married the son  
who died is a nice child seem  
to have a good disposition -

She was able to take a  
boat back & had a good an-  
drom in the man this boy  
who own the craft - Hak-lee  
is very good in making the most  
of opportunities by the way.

Saturday - Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

We made a trip to Nam Sing  
in the forenoon when I re-  
newed Sunday old acquaintances  
& on the way back called at  
on new ones. A Long who was  
the first blower there has gone  
back to his former life.

In the afternoon we visited by  
The Mandarin, who demanded  
the full 8% of purchase  
price for registering deeds &  
would not take less as he  
had intimated to Dr. Carlin  
that he would do -

Sunday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>

We had a fairly good at-  
tendance at the preaching ser-  
vice & a crowd to see the  
baptism of 4 men & the  
two younger women of the  
household we visited on  
Friday. The water in the  
baptistry was but a little  
above my knees & it was

the most difficult baptism, 65  
I ever attempted. The commun-  
ion service in the afternoon  
was a very good one. I had  
opportunity to labor with a de-  
languent brother from Nain-  
Sing who was very promising  
at first but afterwards fell  
back. Bei-Song the fully  
who was prominent in per-  
secuting the Nain-Sing people  
at first is very friendly  
now. I met him Saturday  
on the road thither but did not  
have a chance to see him  
again. He was at the Kak Chick  
Hospital for some time  
was much pleased with the  
treatment there.

Monday. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 66

Chilly - we set out at a little  
after nine o'clock to walk  
to Khai. Then strike about  
Laiyong sent on by a Lin a  
Nain Ing bro. to see our pas-  
sage - Rain came on  
sudden -

but rapidly for us were here  
an inn & found shelter till  
the rain abated tho' the wind  
was high - Mr. Wirapad -  
sengers on a boat loaded  
with bundles of bamboo  
leaves such as are used  
for mats & rain hats - also  
a few cases of tobacco.

We were in close quarters - 67  
& obliged to wrap up in  
blankets on account of the cold,  
but I did not catch cold -  
All same here - I consulted with  
Tang Sing about Unasink -

Tuesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> -

A quiet day at the Chapel -  
made our call - rec'd books  
from Kok Chih - line from Mr.  
A Jr. & from the Dr. telling of  
The prospect of Russia, France  
& Germany occupying -  
Manchuria & Corea, Shantung,  
Fukien & Formosa - England  
where is she?

China is apparently paying 68  
a big price to take revenge on  
Japan. I often thought as  
I watched the Russian Admiral  
al on the steamer last March  
that it would be of surprising  
interest to know what instruc-  
tions & intimations had been  
given him & what was the  
part he expected to play  
out here. His exclusiveness  
& his attitude toward the  
English impressed me  
especially. His fleet in Nagasaki  
harbor impressed me as  
birds of ill omen for Japan.

Wednesday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - 69

This noon some of the  
 brethren came over had a  
 class at 3 o'clock  
 took up some passages  
 regarding the Bible - had  
 a good lesson - In the evening  
 we had a goodly attendance  
 began reading Romans - My  
 friend the old school teacher  
 from Song Kuan brought in  
 a bit of poetry he had com-  
 posed for my benefit -  
 I am wondering what he is  
 looking for -

Thursday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 70

I enjoyed my morning lesson on  
the meaning of Old & New Testaments  
(Covenants) & the question - Origin  
destiny & reason for Heaven Earth  
& Man the three entities in  
which Chinese philosophers base  
their thinking & their theories -

I finished up a letter home & sent  
to Aug Kug - made a call with  
Hak Sein at Tak-hik Nia - across  
the river Kat Kie Shan - We had  
about a 5000 at evening class &  
they seemed interested in the  
truth - My sorrowed heart gets  
waken little & I must on I hear  
lament for God - from nature.

Friday. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - 71

A busy day - Class in the  
forenoon in Genesis. afternoon  
in Luke's Gospel & this even-  
ing in Romans. I made some  
calls with Hak-Lang at  
Tong-Kuan a village near  
by where he has done  
some good work & where  
there are several members  
and attendants. The weather  
is delightful perfect Indian  
Summer weather much more  
agreeable than the North Wind  
that raged for so long.

Saturday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - 72

cooler - chilly North Wind again -

I work feeling quite used up  
& fearing I could not do much

in Chinese for the day. but

less had two long & inter-

esting sessions with the men:

1st a long call from one of them

afterward who is capable of ab-

senting a vast amount. This

evening I am just back from

prayer meeting. A. It's wife

is very anxious to be bap-

tized; her lower limbs are

wholly palsied & the problem

is a rather difficult one.

Sunday Dec<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 73

She was questioned early  
in the morning & showed  
very good evidence of being  
a true believer - Her hus-  
band had carried water  
& filled a large tub that  
is used for washing  
& he carried her in his  
arms further into the wa-  
ter - I stood at the side  
& baptized her - she was  
very happy to be able to  
join with us at Communion.

There were 13 other  
applicants. It took all  
the usual time for me

to Examine them. 74

We accepted 8 men and  
1 woman, the latter 82  
years old, formerly a devout  
Buddhist. She is most  
liberal in her giving has  
brought in \$6 - already with  
in the year which is as  
much as \$45 - for a woman  
at home.

We baptized  
in the stream about a quarter  
of a mile away, a quiet  
place. The attendance at  
Chapel was about 110 -

It was a full busy day  
for us - one woman was

Monday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 75

Classes all day - They began reciting what they had learned - rather slow at first, but they always improve -  
About noon I heard jingling bells & soon saw Stark being standing at the door with a huge wide brimmed straw hat on his head such as men wear who ride horseback. He had borrowed a pony from an acquaintance in the city & ridden out. He is a great fellow for making friends & gets on famously with people

Tuesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 76

A good attendance at  
class. They seemed to be  
really interested in the truth.  
We spent much of the time  
on the temptation in Gen III -  
the characteristics of the  
tempter - in the afternoon we  
studied Luke III - in the  
evening compared Rom I  
with the first 3 chapters  
of Genesis, using the diagram  
we had at Kimberly, which  
still proves useful - We  
have some blackboard work  
left.

Wednesday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 77

- While I was explaining  
the beginning of sacrifices  
& their distinction in con-  
nection with Gen IV - when  
a man came with meat &  
horse mail from Ung-  
King - 2 weeks since the mail  
reached Kak-Chieh - I was  
delighted to get it & so that  
the children were so much  
better - sorry mother had such  
a time getting help at home -  
hope new ways have open-  
ed since. My letters  
from the Compound are

I felt an unusual uneasiness 78  
about the house boat  
when they started back from  
Wing-King & was relieved after he-  
ing here a week not to get  
any bad news - but it was  
only delayed - one of the boat-  
men fell overboard & sank  
they did not recover the body.

It is very sad. Lan King  
is again in a critical con-  
dition. I trust it may not  
be troubling us further.  
They must settle it in  
some way. The Arranger is  
coming along to settle a

old feudal fights - v 79  
they better get in as good  
shape as possible.

Hain-Khai is getting badly  
demoralized - & anti-Christian  
feeling at Pu-Ning is high.  
This is due to the E.P. trouble  
with the Eight Villages.

Miss St. John had gone off to  
Canton with Dr. Bixby, the  
latter quite used up nervously.  
No news from the political  
news later than Dec 12<sup>th</sup> -

In the afternoon we had  
a good lesson in Luke IV.  
They brought up the question

of the Lord's Coming - 80

In the evening we studied  
the Christian's armor -

Thursday Dec. 81 -

King - La. about the best  
member of the class was  
not in last evening & today  
said he was with several  
acquaintances at a drug shop  
they asked him how it  
was he was reading at  
his age (42) & he said  
"I've been born again as  
a child now" - He  
read the first chapters  
of Genesis to them & they

admitted there was some 81  
thing they did not have in  
their books.

Hak-Ien mentioned an  
instance of how even a Chi-  
nese man may get into trouble  
in his own language

A man sued another for  
robbing treasure that had been  
buried in a grave several points  
in his indictment wherein  
he had been "oppressed" by the  
defendant but instead of writing  
the word Khut 屈 he wrote  
the word for chiq 掘 Kut - & the

Magistrate said - "Good 82  
I take you on the wording  
of your indictment - now  
show how the defendant  
has dup you - the poor  
fellow was in a bad box.

I enjoyed the lesson, you  
to say it - better than  
any yet: the Chinese seemed  
to do so. it is interesting to  
see how pleased they are  
to get hold of a truth new  
to them - Tang being fairly  
chuckled over a new view  
he got of Noah's work.

as a preacher - but 83  
far better is the really  
heartfelt appreciation they  
show of the scripture as it  
unfolds - it is a pleasure to  
teach them - We went  
out it being Market day  
sold a few books preaching  
in the market place. one  
young man came back to the  
Chapel & listened a long time.  
After our lesson in Luke V.  
old a Chui-Poh said he  
wanted to make me his  
house worth 8- to the church  
& would like to have us go over  
to Sing spray - Hak Lung

Sung Sang Peh and met 84  
Mr Sang "There is rest for  
the weary & "There is a  
Happy Land" - I offered  
prayer - It was my own  
impression that the old  
brother is 70 & heard the gospel  
a year or more ago & in my  
prayer mentioned his having  
heard the gospel at "over  
'years of age" - at which he  
promptly corrected the mis-  
statement - "over 70" - he  
was not going to have the  
Lord misinformed on so  
important a subject.

We stepped into a Car-St  
renter's shop next door  
preached for half an hour.  
Stak-Sin is certainly a  
good gospel preacher.

Friday - Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

Today he went to visit  
the woman who was ex-  
cluded last Sunday. &  
succeeded in persuading  
to come to church - It  
was well he went as the  
Catholics had been after  
her & might easily have  
persuaded her to go  
with them - He also bot

a man over from Pek-86  
Hil-ma to the class -  
He began the history of Abra-  
ham this A.M. & had  
Luke II in the afternoon -

They do very well - We meet  
again on the subject of the  
Sabbath. It came to me

suddenly - what an awful  
parallel there is between God's  
work & Satan's - working through  
man. On the Sixth Day God  
Created man & placed him in  
Paradise with every blessing  
low could bestow & life  
afford. Then he rested on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
day beholding his work that it was good

Man on the Sixth day 87  
laid hold upon God manifest  
in the flesh nailed him to the  
Cross nailed him in his agony  
rejoiced when he was laid  
lifeless in the Tomb - Then  
they rested on the Seventh day  
from all their works - Surely  
that Jewish Sabbath was  
the Devil's day as no day  
had been before or will be  
again - But the next  
day - was the Lord's day his  
day of triumph & of rest -  
"Love's redeeming work was done -"  
How can we go back com-  
memorate the day of Satan's

triumph. He has corrupted <sup>ss</sup>  
the whole race & the world  
light hath in him. so he cor-  
rupted the seventh day by the  
supted <sup>& mockery of rest</sup>  
awful sacrilege. he prompted  
on that day - But he who  
has promised to make all  
things new - has given us a  
new Sabbath his day.

Saturday - Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> -

This has been a beautifully clear  
mild ~~star~~ day; the night was  
the coldest since I came, but  
after the sun came out the  
air grew mild - Hak Sin  
set out for the City to-day  
& I hope he may be able to

to get Dr. Carlin's deeds  
recorded - We had a very <sup>89</sup>  
good lesson on Abraham -  
the Covenant & the trial of  
his faith. It seems strange  
that as soon as men become  
wise they must reject that  
as an outgrowth of the hea-  
then practise of sacrificing  
children. It is such a grand

example of the faith God  
desires to see, that trusts Him  
believers He will open a way  
where none is visible.

After prayer meeting I finished  
up my letter to the children -

The weekly prayer meet<sup>g</sup> 9<sup>o</sup>  
ing is on Saturday - We took  
Rev. VIII as the topic -

Sunday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

It was a chill blustering  
morning & the people came  
later than usual - We practiced  
singing for a little while - I  
have the little M. H. organ  
along & have tried playing  
the air for some of the  
times & helped them approach  
little nearer the originals -  
they really sing Old Hundred  
now with scarcely a slur -

We began service at about 9:11 o'clock. By singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" - chosen by the Tir Cha - teacher - who also lead in prayer - numerous requests for prayer had been made she recounted them all pass over - I also offered a brief prayer including this - it was from the woman who was excluded the week before whose face looked really happy as she rose to make her confession & request - She also brought her son with her to church - The service was unique -

Consisting wholly of reading &  
Scripture recitals by the class.  
Two young men Khi Hin &  
Dang Sun had Luke II. Colloquial  
version & showed wonderful im-  
provement over their attempts  
the Monday previous.

Then Sing-lai gave the ac-  
count of the Creation week ex-  
plaining the diagram -  
next was Khi-hin's dis-  
course on the Fall & the  
gospel in Genesis III - A. It,  
one of the oldest members gave  
us Cain & Abel with lessons  
therefrom. The teacher Lien,  
who used to be a heavy opium smoker,

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followed with a full account  
of Noah & the Deluge -  
Sung. He then volunteered the  
9<sup>th</sup> of Genesis - he made a  
strong point on the Rainbow  
as a proof of God's exist-  
ence & goodness & the ac-  
curacy of his Book.

Old Sing Sang, Pch from Jio-  
Pheng city got so warmed up  
over Abraham's faith in obeying  
God's command & believing that  
if he offered his only son God  
would raise him from the dead,  
that he started off into quite  
too long a sermon & I was  
obliged to rise & prepare to  
announce a hymn. He said

a few more sentences 94  
so as to "save his face"  
& give the impression that  
he was about to stop any  
way & gracefully retired.  
The service was long  
but the people gave closest  
attention & showed deep interest.

At the afternoon service  
two deacons were chosen  
A-Sit who is to keep the  
accounts & Kuan Peh  
who is to receive & dis-  
I went to the Market  
place with two of the  
brethren & did a little preach-  
ing but the wind was high and

the people very busy. 95  
They were getting ready for  
the Jang Choik. Winter  
Solstice Feast.

Monday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> -  
He had a class in the  
forenoon. studied the Jaberna  
de - Sing Sa (Milord Sing)  
with home. Thursday & did  
not return till Sunday.  
He had read the story of  
Joseph & gave it to us  
very fully. Especially the  
first few chapters -  
His had quite a breezy time  
at home: his old mother

had heard of his being 96  
baptism & was wild with  
rage - cried, raved: would not  
eat - sent for him & fairly  
danced she was so angry  
when she got a chance to  
berate him - "You did not  
ask me" she said - (he is only

49) It was well enough to  
go & worship & read books -  
but to let them put you  
under water in the river!  
"You never know such a fool  
before & see." He managed  
to calm her down so she  
would take her rice again.

but she still took every 97  
available opportunity to pitch  
into him & assert her maternal  
right to vent her displeasure  
in the large stock of abus-  
ive language at her command.  
He took it very well -

He had a call from a Yamen  
agent an elderly man whom  
he rebuffed to quit opium.

In the afternoon I read a  
bit of Chinese history. The  
story of Han Pan Kong  
& the Crocodile. with Tang  
Deuy & conferred with  
him on church matters.

As we finished it was growing 98  
dark the old Tractor MOK,  
from Song Keun came in soon  
greeted him. he admitted that  
he was still scribbling two an-  
cient tablets his Mother's - father's -  
but wished to be taught regarding  
it. Asking the Lord for help I  
set forth the folly of it from

Why for the living seek the dead?  
Then I took him to the Rev. Sun  
and set forth what manner God  
had wrought for Israel & how badly  
they deserted him, like a very  
unfaithful wife - He is a jealous  
God" - This took hold of  
the man - "A-h-h" he said.  
Can I see! - I see!" Chinese ideas  
are very strict in theory at least  
here & the Old Testament language  
thus impresses them powerfully

Tuesday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1897

The old man was around this morning to see about making me a present of some sweet potato pellets. He was not going to share in the pork offering in worship to-day. This afternoon he came in & said "I've put them away - let them all go - now I want the Lord to protect me that the spirits of my ancestors do not 'seek' me" I had quite a talk with him on the way of salvation and the need of trusting wholly in the Saviour - simply let him go his heathenism would not save him. For other callers came in who asked

to see the type master  
used - I overheard the old  
man say to Tang being  
"T'it - Kiu - a!" "Gained Sal-  
vation - Let us hope he may  
if he has not already - If  
has at any rate cut loose from  
heathenism so far as he  
we's light it seems -

He declared himself deeply  
impressed by the Scriptural  
comparison of the idolater with  
an unfaithful wife -

If those who stumble at the  
declaration that Jehovah is a  
jealous God" could come  
face to face with heathen-  
ism they would see the  
force of the doctrine.

I had a long call both  
in forenoon & in the afternoon  
from a young man who is  
in business here a worshiper

His home is near Phai Thai - 3.

The two salt Revenue men who came to-day were good listeners & took books with them.

The old teacher was at Wirshik to-night again.

My man again disappointed by the Mandarin. cannot get the deeds stamped till his messenger gets back from Ng Kug.

I had boat engaged & good packed, but shall wait now for a weeks work hereabouts if nothing prevents before going down to Sraator.

Wednesday - Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

Market day - Tangsing & I went to the market & did a little work. but it is too much of a variety fair to be good working ground.

One son of Belial tried to 4  
break up our hearing but only  
raised a laugh several times and  
finally left us the field - I had  
a long conversation with an  
old sinner 83 yrs old who  
was inclined to mock - hope  
some of the truth will stick.

This afternoon a pair of Chin  
Pine, where Dr. Carlin visited  
years ago, came in with a  
man from Kuan Pi in Fokien  
Province, Tioan district. He  
says a number of people  
there want to worship the  
True God & he bought two  
dollars worth of books to  
take there. Next week Tang  
sent some of the brethren  
plan to go in and visit  
them.

Thursday - Dec 23<sup>d</sup> 5

We walked to Chick Peah in the forenoon over a hilly road; the distance is about 3 miles. through a sparsely settled country - we saw one gray fox in the path ahead of us.

Sing. Ia. who was baptized on the 12<sup>th</sup> received us hospitably; he has a spacious room, where I trust he will soon be having weekly prayer meeting. His sons are rather promising young fellows. We did not see the rest of the family. The old mother has not yet recovered fully from her fit of rage at his baptism; she has calmed down but suffered severely from stomach ache after her prolonged fast & fit of anger - It is to be

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hoped she will soon be willing  
to listen to reason & the truth.  
There are several believers at  
the village. They took me to  
call upon a young man  
who is a bad opium smoker.  
He talks of going to break off  
the habit but I do not feel  
very hopeful. He is too  
much like Pal'katin - yet  
he may be in earnest.

We set out after noon for <sup>Pi</sup>  
Ka - cutting at 3 different  
places on the way. Now  
it is the well to-do as well  
as the poor, the gentry of the  
region as well as the humblest  
who receive us.

At <sup>Pi</sup>-Ka they gave us a  
most hospitable welcome in

their large school house we  
were very comfortably entertained.  
The three Chinese with me were  
invited to one of their houses  
to eat. They had prepared a  
boiled food & rice for me.

In the evening the place was  
crowded: some half a crowd of  
Christian believers or attendants  
at worship. today the very least-  
said about the table  
I feel sure they are believers,  
tho' some have not yet professed  
Christ publicly or sought baptism.  
The room was packed full of  
men & boys standing -  
We sang several hymns -  
prayer was offered after Pang  
Sung had read the first  
part of Luke XVIII. & after  
singing again I read the first

part of Luke VIII & spoke 8-  
of the Lord marvelous power  
in raising the dead - the wonder  
that he with such power should  
allow himself to be murdered,  
his love for us thus proven,  
the glory of his resurrection  
& the certainty that the hour  
will come when all the  
dead shall hear his voice  
& come forth to meet him,  
no longer a humble man  
but the God of glory come to  
judge mankind - They gave  
very good attention - after  
two others offered prayer  
he sang "Nothing but the blood  
of Jesus" & another hymn, "One  
time there is above all other  
Wells deserves the name of friend  
I believe it was, we closed

the service - I talked with 9  
some of them personally after  
ward. The ex opium smoking  
teacher Lin is preparing to  
go to Kak Chieh to read for 3 mos.  
& a son of a prominent man in  
the village is going also to be  
cured of opium - one of the  
men who was baptized recently  
expects to go to be present at  
Communion - he was in our  
Class last week & is diligently  
reading the New Testament in  
his leisure moments now.  
I advised them to provide them-  
selves with copies of the Gospel of  
Luke to read on the way to smelter  
as they will be several days on the  
boat.

Friday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

They gave me the upper story  
of the building for a sleeping &  
parlor. It was originally

a rather fine place. the floor<sup>10</sup>  
was ~~poor~~<sup>laid</sup> with tiles over the  
board, not an improvement from  
one point of view - the front  
was also built for comfort in  
warm weather & nearly all  
the shutters were of open work  
& did not wholly shut off the cool  
North wind - I wrapped up  
warmly & did not mind the  
breeze. My dreams were not very  
pleasant, perhaps the image of  
Confucius near the head of my  
bed may have been displeased  
at such foreign invasion.

This morning I set out  
at a little before 10 & came  
up against a blustering North  
Wind to Jio Sheng City, have  
made a few calls with Hakk-  
See this afternoon & now am

going down to lead the "11  
prayer meeting. Christmas  
Eve - my first away from  
my own people - here I have  
not had a word of conversation  
with any but Chinese for  
nearly a month -

Saturday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

Merry Christmas - my first  
Christmas away from home  
and all friends of like speech.

A beautiful day, like Indian  
summer weather. We had a

short service in the forenoon -  
the evening before we read Luke II  
& I took II Cor IX: 15 as a  
text & gave a short expositi-  
tion of Christmas, its cele-  
bration & true import.

in the forenoon & had the 12  
2<sup>nd</sup> of Matthew & any several hymns  
& several prayers were offered.  
As some were present who were  
not in the evening before I repeated  
the substance of what was said  
with additions -

Two men from the Ng Ky  
Church were with us & they  
went with Hak-Sin & myself  
to visit a literary graduate  
at Tin-Lan a short distance  
from the city. He was at home  
a small neat & self-respecting  
man. his appearance quite  
in his favor. His room too  
was the neatest & most taste-  
fully adorned I have  
been in. He had a visitor

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an elderly man who remained  
& also talked with us. The con-  
versation was at first largely  
on what was foreigners eat, how  
near our children & the like.

Hak-kin gave a protracted disses-  
tion on the latter topic - not from  
experience, but from the books of  
another bachelor, Dr. Haber - The  
prospect for any but secular con-  
versation did not seem bright, but  
turned on their admission that  
high moral instruction is wasted  
on the multitude of mankind; they  
go to sleep under it. I ventured  
a description of our Lord's method  
of adapting the deepest truths  
to simple mind by means of  
parables - Finding that he  
was interested by the psalm  
of the Sower I then gave a  
summary of the conversation.

at the Will of Samana - This  
began at the beginning and  
from you I ~~will~~ gave the  
origin of "Heaven - Earth - Man"  
& the beginning of sin - It would  
a new & delightful experience  
to be able to interest a man  
of affairs whose head is  
full of the wisdom of the  
Sages & his heart mapped up  
in worldly cares, with these  
concrete presentations of di-  
vine truth - He was really  
an interested listener & took  
in the unfolding of the  
Gospel in the prophecies in  
Gen. III, more clearly than I an-  
ticipated - I felt very thankful  
to have so good a hearing -  
In the afternoon I returned  
to La Thuilleries - arriving  
at about 6 o'clock

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Sunday Dec. 26th

The morning Congregation was a good one. I say Sunday read the first half of Matt 24 & spoke at length upon the prophecies. I took "Hear & earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away" as a text & spoke thereon. I am more & more impressed with the value of impressing the fact that Christianity is a prophetic religion & the prophetic religion. Confucianism especially has no word for the future is wholly anchored to the past & present. The S. S. lesson was the last half of the same chapter. Hak Sen came down from Jio Pheng at evening & I decided to let him stay up at the city & not go to Hak Chick.

We had a short meeting in  
Evening - all good news  
Monday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Set out at 10.45 & took  
carrion at T'K-H'ch-M'ia  
with one of our hospitable  
attendants, who is a man of  
scholarly attainments & suffic-  
ient property to have a  
p'erson shop - they are the  
important establishments.

We called at Sim Poi also  
where there are several attend-  
ants & paid on for the hills -

The ascent is "over 3000 steps"  
they say, a part of the way quite  
steep - It is a good half hour  
steady walking. The view is  
grand from the summit & we  
can see our "L'au Sh'ui Sun"  
Chapel 12 miles away most  
distinctly.

Mr. Mrs. Hospitably entertained  
by an old man Au-Mo Peh  
(Black-Hair Uncle) who has  
a little variety store, a dyestock  
& other property, to which he is  
adding a new Ancestral Hall  
wherein Mr. Mrs. entertained.

Wonder that the truth would  
so lay hold of him that he  
would decide to make a  
Chapel of this - I had a very  
good talk with him & his  
son - one who smokes opium.

Tuesday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

It was a cool morning. We  
got an early breakfast & were  
off by 7 o'clock - It is a  
very interesting country in  
the highlands. There are over  
1000 families scattered about

in the villages. I wish I  
had a man who could give his  
time to that particular locality.  
The descent is more gradual on  
this side. One of my chairs  
broke & gave out so that I was  
obliged to walk much of the  
distance. It was nearly 2

o'clock when we reached the  
Hu City house. Mrs. Kemp &  
Ling Hing had left for  
Lun. Ng in the forenoon.

Mrs. Kemp is not looking  
very strong; she expects to  
go home with the Scatts.

Dr. & Mrs. Crowland called  
& he vaccinated the baby.

I went back with Dr. C.  
& had a very pleasant visit  
at their home. Called to see  
at a new book shop he has. Es

Established on the main St. 19  
Mrs Ricketts is at the City now.  
They secured me a boat &  
I got started before nine o'clock.

Wednesday Dec 9th

At Snanton before daylight. I  
had a fairly good night's rest  
rolled up in blankets on the boat,  
which was small but very satis-  
factory made a good passage.  
I stopped on my way home  
to have my hair cut by the  
E.P. brother who does that work,  
as it was unreasonably long.  
I reached the Compound at  
7-30 & breakfasted with the  
Ashmores, attended service at  
8<sup>30</sup> & then got my mail  
which was most refreshing, the  
first for weeks - two letters  
from T. Burton & from  
Watermill also one from Remondell.

I was besieged by <sup>many</sup> ~~the~~ 20  
people including the poor  
deper who cannot get his  
share of the inheritance -

Thursday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>

Three services as usual -  
The time is chiefly given to  
hearing reports from the country  
There is a great deal of busi-  
ness of various sorts &  
The weather is mild.

Friday - Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

People are coming in in larger  
numbers. I saw the students  
approaching at the same ser-  
vice - Li-Ku - Dzu-Kui, a  
Kut-Lên young man & Ma-  
Huang, brother of Ma-Ku -  
They are rather bright men.  
The reports from the country are hopeful.

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Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> <sup>(21)</sup>

I planned to have a few  
hours in the forenoon for work  
on my sermon, but had  
numerous calls - among them  
one from some Hai King people.

The afternoon was taken up  
with Church business meeting -  
over 30 applicants for baptism.

In the evening I managed to  
get some time & had a teacher  
to help me for 3 hours -

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sixteen candidates were ad-  
mitted at the 8 a.m. service  
& baptized after the 10 o'clock  
service was over.

Chien Siu presided at that  
service & did excellently.

There were a goodly number  
of the congregation spoke of  
their own causes for Thanksgiving

or the news from their chapel<sup>22</sup>  
or made requests for prayer.  
A number of prayers were of-  
fered. Sing Inisi, Elder  
Po-Jani's son read the chapter  
from the New Testament & inter-  
polated his services as prelu-  
de. He had arrayed himself  
in a gorgeous satin waistcoat  
& put on a pair of smoked  
glasses to add to his effec-  
tiveness. Being short of stature  
he provided a stool to stand  
upon & a baton to beat  
time withal. I was not  
aware of his elaborate prep-  
arations beforehand & did  
not think it worth while to  
notice them, but it was  
to me highly entertaining. I  
was glad to see it did  
not detract from the general  
effect of the exercises.

I spoke from Matt. VII: 28-9 23  
Three heads - 1 The Seribes & their  
teaching - 2 The Lord's teaching  
& its power - 3 - How may one  
teaching be with power -

I only used a portion of  
what I had prepared: It was  
11 o'clock when I began to  
speak & a half hour was  
all it I felt to speak.

My main points were that  
the office of the Seribes was  
important men like Ezra  
useful - They failed by leaving  
the word of God for traditions  
living selfish inconsistent  
lives - The Lord was  
filled with the Holy Spirit  
refused earthly authority when  
Satan offered it to him,  
wounded the word then  
afterward with divine power.

We must not take this as 24  
a slur on learning - we need  
to read & study, especially as  
they are now being called to  
more permanent pastorate.  
they must keep adding to their  
stock of learning & command  
of the Scriptures. But to have  
power we must be filled  
with the Spirit, or come  
satan & exact the Word.

I illustrated by the effect  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment  
on the old teacher at  
Lai-Phe Sua, which seemed  
to interest them.

The Communion was  
a good service. M. A. Jr.  
gave the hand of fellowship.  
Dr. A. spoke on Union with  
Christ typified by the Supper  
& the partaking of him having  
been foreshadowed in the

prints. cutting of the animals 25  
brought for sacrifice.

Mr. McKibben spoke of  
the need of giving to help the  
poor.

I had Chinese visitors  
till dark. A large delega-  
tion from Lau-Kay came  
to invite me to visit them.

I agreed to call at the end  
of the month & a month later  
to have a class there if prac-  
ticable. Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

A lot of news read in the  
forenoon besides getting off  
home letters. In the afternoon

Liu Siu-Chai was here & we  
discussed the possibility of ad-  
justing the case of our poor  
leprose brother at Au Khe.  
He thinks it may possibly  
be done. It was quite

10999 damp during the day.

Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 1886

I employed considerable time to day in clearing up a lot of books that were in the outer room. A Kha will take charge of them hereafter. I have some more work to do in that line as the worms are doing some damage.

This afternoon was Union meeting - MCK of Prager - I led the meeting at Mr. A's house - Read II Chum -  
XX - Rev. v: 8 & XI: 15-18.

The meeting was very good - Mr. Gibson spoke exceptionally well of the present situation & its remedy.

Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 1886

A busy forenoon closing up preparations for going to the country - I went to the hospital to pay a bill for medicine

sent to her "Phu Sua" + Hoang 27

stop a visit to the opium patient who is apparently over the worst of his pains - I found Dr. Scott laboring with poor old A-Hi's Pak. His son A-Khong died not long since & everybody joined hands to keep the widow & grandchildren out of the clutches of the old virago of a mother and a lively time they had of it. She is even more now than she was some years ago when I went down with "Speed" to prevent her from binding this widow's feet. Her husband was then living but had no power in the matter - She has sent the old man up to get our grandchild & to get the large bed quilt her son owned to put in the pawn shop for a while

If it lies there a sufficient <sup>28</sup>  
length of time, all deadly in-  
fluenza will be absorbed & they  
will redeem use it. It made  
no difference that the grand children  
might not be saved during  
the time. No all opposed it  
& urged the old man to use  
authority, but he piteously as-  
serted "bô Khian" - neither  
authority nor force - he is  
completely reduced to most  
abject submission -

I took native boat at Sinton  
which came right through the  
Chao Yang Canal -

Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>

We had foul weather last  
night a cold rain & North  
Wind so we could not reach  
Kui sui early. I tried to get  
a sedan chair to go across

to Astak's house and at 29  
tend the wedding, but no  
chair could be found in 4  
villages. It is a great day for  
weddings & all chairs are in  
demand to carry brides.

I visited a little while at  
Khoi Sang Kia" & walked  
over to Kho Khoi, some 8 miles.  
At Sang Toa Pi I called on  
the Christians. It is 4 yrs since  
Lak-han was about to com-  
mit suicide but was dis-  
suaded & became a Christian.

At his room I had an in-  
commonly good opportunity  
to talk with three young men  
who called. They were on from  
Sung Phon to see the theatre.

All is much as usual here. I  
went to Chuan Pui Na. To the  
prayer meeting to night.  
"Pe Chia" is in fact he is living in Egypt.

Pherrah's hand is heavy upon 30  
him. Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>

He has been here at prayer  
meeting again to night - I have  
just had a call from the leper.  
Tomorrow A-Sam is returning his  
sorrows in trying to get back  
his Sim-pi. Dr. A. thinks the  
Chinese can deeply appreciate  
the statement "They were a grief  
to Isaac & Rebecca".

To-day we made a round of  
pastoral calls - first at Khou  
Thân 3 miles away; there are  
about a score coming from that  
village & despite Catholic op-  
position they are doing well.  
They were most hospitable & we  
had a good visit - a Hong  
Jonghua my cook went with me.  
We eat dinner there & walked  
3 miles more to Toa Phou,  
first visited old A-Sok Che.  
She is 91 years old & still walks  
a mile to Sunday service regularly.

The poor old soul is rather 31  
deaf & blinded by Cataract so  
her left eye is sightless, but  
the right eye is bright yet.  
Her tongue is active. She  
led us to the house where she  
eats & sleeps - two wretched rooms,  
black & filthy - furnished with  
indecentible cobwebs. There  
is plenty of furniture about  
but not all whole & not a sug-  
gestion of the least comfort.  
The roof leaks badly & she had  
a lot of discarded bamboo  
hats on top of the bedstead  
which keep most of the rain off  
her poor old body. She  
seems to be subsisting chiefly  
on charity. Mr. Gurn had a little  
money and she wished "ten thousand  
blessings" on us till we were out  
of hearing. She was in trouble  
because she did not see how she  
could get to heaven, but she remains

based enough of the parable <sup>32</sup>  
of the Rich man & Lazarus to  
get some comfort from being  
reminded that Lazarus was  
as poor as she & man helpless:  
He was carried by the angels  
to be "Comforted" - Now that  
her mind is fishing a little  
she gets some mixed ideas - she  
told us she was praying to the  
"Heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus, the  
Holy Spirit & Khim Thang La"  
The last is a mythical personage  
who is supposed to be the guide  
of departing spirits - I heard  
her saying while A-Hang offered  
prayer, "Heavenly Father, let my  
child <sup>(son)</sup> come back & take care  
of me." Her daughters too are all  
dead. I have written to Kuk Chieh  
to have her grandsons stir  
up about her case & think how  
long she can be more comfortable.  
We called on her daughter in law

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grandson in a neighboring  
village. They did not seem  
elated at my saying I had visited  
the old grandmother.

We called on a well to do man  
Thim-tek-han, who told Ma  
Hiang that he had heard me  
preach in his street over day would  
like me to call - We found  
him cordial & had some con-  
versation. but Ah-Hing unwisely  
brought up a matter of matrimo-  
nial business between two  
men who were present & they  
got into an endless wrangle.  
Horrors on my well call again.

Saturday Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup> -

Father's birthday - & it may be he  
met a member of the Kho-Khai  
Church, as Bro. Liang-Sit, the  
3<sup>rd</sup> son of the Patriarch Han-han  
died in the afternoon. He has been  
sick a long time & was reduced to  
a skeleton. He passed away peacefully - said "I am at peace" & the

Heavenly Father had accepted me <sup>34</sup>

I called after we came back  
from visiting. Toward evening  
I had a very good opportunity  
to talk to some of his neighbors.  
Very sorry I did not get to see  
him before he died. Intended to  
do so but the day slipped away  
before I was there he had left  
us.

It is gratifying to see  
proof that the Christians are will-  
ing to put aside old customs  
for the sake of the Lord's cause.  
A Doan said that it would be  
contrary to Chinese usage for him  
to go away from home immedi-  
ately upon his brother's death  
but he would nurse that to go to  
"Khoi-Tang Kia" to preach the  
next day. A-Hong arranged to  
go to "Ken-Khai" to preach & then  
a little carpenter to go to Tou Phin.  
We visited a number of new belie-  
vers & attendants in Chuan-Bue-Kia  
& Liang-Hy. At the latter place

is an old man over 80, who used to be a Colonel & fought against the Tai-Ping rebels. We first visited the house & saw his wife who is also a believer: she is old & looks almost bloodless. We found the old man sitting in the sunshine before the door of his other dwelling. He is a man of powerful frame & looks fresher in the face than many men less than 60, but shows his years when he rises to walk. His hearing is perfect & speech clear, but his eyes wobble.

With his white beard he is a venerable figure & still carries himself with the air of a Commander.

At Liang-Hui the ruins of the shops destroyed in the fights of last summer are a sorry sight.

The great market is divided now & they are building a lot of shops on the South side of the stream -

Sunday, Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup> 36

There were fully 200 present at the morning service. over 20 from Khan-Shan the place revisited Friday. They were in a grateful frame of mind & brought a fowl & a lot of oranges to present to me. The former I declined & accepted only a few of the latter.

Yik Lany I did the preaching. He expounded the conversion of Paul Acts IX & the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> vs. of Romans I "From faith to faith" being the theme. We held communion in the afternoon. I do not feel satisfied at all with the state of things spiritually at Kho-Kho; they were humble & trustful when in danger last spring; but they soon lapse into a Lao dream state. A Hong came back from Kien-Khon just in time to welcome a small boy - he had two little girls before.

Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> 37

In a native boat at the "Chin".

We came up from Si Be Pho  
this P.M. I called on the Chris-  
tians here, only saw the sister who  
was the first. All in the village  
Her boys are now Christians but  
one is in Sumatra, one is a carpenter  
& one had not come from the field.

The old father went home 2  
yrs ago, died peaceful & happy.  
He used to be a sort of temple-  
keeper before he became a Chris-  
tian. The son who is at  
home is to marry a daughter  
of the man who died Saturday.

I stayed till noon to-day  
to be present when he was  
put into the coffin ("jip bit"  
"Enter wood") which is only  
second in prominence to  
burial itself. It was a  
wonder scene - The family  
were in sack cloth caps & some  
had coats of the same.

The body was dressed in the 38  
best clothing the man owned -  
with new hat & shoes - a white  
cloth was over the face and a  
long strip of red satine over the  
body - The coffin was lined  
with paper - long strips that  
could be put over the body  
when in the coffin -

The women were all weeping  
& crying 'Ua - Pe - a - Ua  
Pe - a / My - Father - ah - i -

We held a short service -  
sang a hymn, <sup>a song</sup> <sup>kinda part</sup>  
of the Cor. with brief comments -  
another hymn was sung &  
each of us offered prayer -  
They began weeping again the  
two men began preparing the  
body by tying strands of hemp  
about the head, waist &  
feet by which they lifted it  
into the coffin - when this  
was being done the line  
put on, then the weeping

became general & genuine - 39  
The brothers, all broke down  
& cried for real grief - but  
with all the sadness of the scene  
it was a comfort to know that  
the most of these people do not  
sorrow as those who have no  
hope - yet death is terrible - the  
thought came to me as I stood  
there with their cries ringing in  
my ears - what it must  
be like to all the weeping, wailing  
for the dead that is constantly  
going up from all over this  
earth - that it had come to  
the ears of him whom our  
first parents brought all this  
sorrow upon the race - I then  
in His mercy He manifested his  
plan for destroying him that  
hath the power of death - to  
bless the world - the Lord wept at the  
gore of his wounds - he could see  
there a deeper depth than could any one

else who ever stood beside a <sup>40</sup>  
wound made grave. The Kuan what  
it must cost to make resurrection  
possible. Such scenes impress  
one with the appropriateness of the  
collocation in the passage we read  
at worship this evening - "And there  
shall be no more death neither  
sorrow nor crying" -

at Ninh Khon June 11<sup>th</sup>  
ville Chiu Che. I walked down  
from Kho Khai & took boat  
at Si-Ba Rhon for Chié where  
I made some pastoral visits  
in the forenoon & went up to Si  
Khai by water thence to Chié  
Ché, where we have a place for  
ship, to A Hah's valleys, Form  
Lian & to Giék-Lü. We reached  
the boat at a little after  
dusk. a round of about 7 miles.  
The boat started out towards  
Kan Nam -

Wednesday June 12<sup>41</sup>

Before daylight we were busying  
ourselves for a boat to go up  
stream from Kien Yhian & by

7 o'clock we had belongings  
all packed & transferred -

It is a beautiful stream lined  
with bamboo grows much  
of the way. I enjoyed the trip  
greatly. At noon the sun was

very hot so I put on thin  
coat & held an umbrella over  
my head with one hand, using

knife & fork alternately with  
the other. At Khat Rang

Suan there is a dam & we changed  
to a still shallower boat & came

to within a very short distance of  
the boat chapel. Here I was

delighted to get mail from Boston  
with four home letters -

Thursday June 13 - 47

I was not so much pleased to see Po-Heng come in to-day with a young man from L'ai King. The Mandarin has broken faith with them again regarding the release of men. They wanted me to go down & interview his Excellency, but I declined. I could not feel that it was right to leave this long neglected flock, from whom come the L'ai King case kept me last summer, to attempt such a doubtful venture; instead wrote a letter to Dr. A. with a form for a letter to the Mandarin in case Dr. A. would not go in also gave Po-Heng Chinese draft of letter. He expects to be there at K.C. to-morrow.

I visited the Christians at Thong K'ai to-day & preached in their streets in two places -

Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> 42<sup>1/2</sup>

This morning I called to see  
Hak Ji's mother; it is remark-  
able how she has changed; she  
is genuinely converted & a warm-  
hearted Christian. She told me  
how she was sick for days,  
severe pain & could not eat.

Then she saw <sup>in a dream</sup> two bright  
beings dressed in shining white  
robes who invited her to go with  
them. She asked one of the  
beings if God's angels wore  
white robes. She was led  
by her vision to pray earnestly  
to God & her pain ceased. She  
recovered & was a converted  
woman. She says "The Lord  
taught me."

Her grandson Tak Cheung  
of a "Khu" sect a native doctor  
too went with me to visit.

old T'xui Cheng Ah 76 yrs <sup>43</sup>  
old. who lives about 5 miles  
away - a most faithful old brother  
Tak Cheung figured up that the  
old man had in the 22 years  
he has been coming to worship  
at Kan Nam walked over 1800  
leagues - about as far as from  
Hong Kong to Vancouver.

The old man is distressed that  
his family do not worship  
with him. A son of his daughter  
is bringing new milk every day  
& is showing some interest in the  
truth. I had some good listen-  
ers among his neighbors too.

One of them at first asked if  
it was not a good thing to  
join the Russian Church.

We also visited Hak Ji's sister  
who is quite sick - she is the  
only Christian in a very wicked  
heathen village - They had

never been visited by a foreigner  
the excitement was great. The  
youngsters were nearly beside  
themselves. I tried them with  
Calendars, but no one would buy.  
After we got a little out from  
the village, they wanted to look  
at the Calendars again & in a  
few moments we sold all  
we had. Several leaflets & books.  
Everybody seemed to have money.

There was a light rain coming  
back, but no wind. I felt  
rather tired after the 12 miles  
or more of walking & talking -  
lay down & slept soundly for  
an hour or half. This evening  
we had two boys here from  
Buen Chich Khe, with whom  
I have been talking since worship.  
They seem inclined to the truth.  
came to admit sin & need of  
forgiveness -

Saturday - Jan'y 15<sup>th</sup> 45

A quiet day here. I did a little work  
conversing with visitors. I found  
that the two boys had run a-  
way because they had pil-  
fered some sugar cane; the father  
came to find them.

A-mi came in the afternoon; he  
reports things much scattered at Nam-  
Khai - A Hong, son of old Pih  
Pih came in; he was excluded from  
the Church.

Sunday Jan'y 16<sup>th</sup>

I had an early call from an  
E. P. Bro. Lak Sin-De<sup>n</sup> - a doctor who  
lives at Thon-Kan. with him came  
A. Hong & two of his fellow vil-  
lagers - After early worship  
we examined one candidate.

A-Bi, a strong, solidly built  
young man of 28. whom I had  
the privilege of baptizing in the  
large pool outside the village.  
A large crowd gathered and

behaved very well - This is 46  
the seventh time I have baptized  
since coming back. 33 candidates.  
nearly as many more have been bap-  
tized by others, who belong to chapels  
in my field - but this is a very small  
number for a million & a half or  
two millions of people to furnish in  
three fourths of a year.

We had a good day taken all  
in all. Before Communion & before  
giving the hand of fellowship to  
A Ku & to A Heng a Thon  
Kou man who used to be an  
attendant here, (was brought in  
by old A Ngo Che' one of Clara's  
pupils in the B. N. Class,) &  
went to Siam where he was  
baptized & brought a letter  
from Dr. Adamson - before  
receiving these, we went over the  
Church roll, dismissed - ex-  
cluded two men, one for idolatry  
one for opium smoking

+ "Looking at Hills" - Geo. 47  
maney - hunting good lucky  
spots for graves - Two more  
needed admonition - That leaves  
the roll apparently clean -

In the evening I read several  
passages to impress the lost  
condition of the unbelievers and  
the duty laid upon us of urging  
salvation upon them. We sang  
a number of Gospel Hymns  
& after prayer I conferred with  
A. Mi & Pak Chiang about the  
latter going to Nam Khai as  
a doctor again & I would help  
him a little if he would assist  
in keeping up the Sunday ser-  
vices & holding things together  
there until better times may  
come for them. <sup>He agrees to</sup> try for a month.

Monday - June 17<sup>th</sup>

A Sui & Siu Lian are to be married  
I am to perform the ceremony  
before leaving this morning.

The bride was not to be found, and  
 scampered off to some neighbors home  
 so the ceremony did not come off -  
 A-mi came on first to their  
 Carr to visit the family of old  
 Jiu Peh - then we preached for  
 some time at the large village  
 of Kho-Ling - at Got Pa Market  
 We did a little - but not very satis-  
 factory work. We were both fati-  
 gued with the long days work  
 yesterday - We visited much of  
 the afternoon & called on some  
 of the people - This evening  
 we had half a score here & a  
 good meeting - a Thong says that  
 after his mother's death his  
 younger sister over near Mi-Cu  
 sought a medium to call up their  
 mother - but she did not come -  
 The medium says - "I cannot  
 reach her - I see her a fair off  
 in beautiful garments & persons  
 attending her - but I cannot  
 go there - He says that Tang Ling  
 used to be a violent enemy of the truth  
 but speak to him & several years -"