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5-30 P. M. Jan'y 18<sup>th</sup> 1898

On board Boat Grace flying down before a strong North Wind that made it very difficult for us to get out of the stream coming down from Phou Ling - I went on deck & managed the helm while all four men pulled & poled & struggled to get along while we were against the wind.

This morning I walked down from Hou Lou - I took a small boat down about 7 miles to where this boat waited for us. Poor Sam Song is sick again, had to take a chair this morning. At Phou Ling I looked at an old sugar house that we may be able to get. It is big enough to furnish chapel dispensary & house room. It may be awaiting us. It is on high ground near our old location while accessible, is a quiet location -

Wednesday Jan'y 19<sup>th</sup> 2

On board Launch Chang Sang  
We reached Si<sup>n</sup> Bue a mile from  
Lai-King at about 4 o'clock.

I walked in & met some 15 of the  
people there. We held a meeting  
& discussed the situation to some  
extent. The prospect is not pleasing.  
It is rumored they are preparing  
for war again. The Mandarin  
did not reply favorably to my  
letter - asserts that we have  
nothing to do with the case, but  
his assertion does not make it  
so. May the Lord preserve us  
from ever having another  
Chapel built on such a founda-  
tion as this. It is with intem-  
perate mortar.

Piro Merle is in the cabin here  
about 10 feet away - but we  
have not been holding any con-  
versation thus far. I have read &  
taken a nap - did not get back  
from the chapel till 11 o'clock &  
was awake at 3 o'clock again.  
The boatman could not find the  
way to Kien King over going to Chien  
Twait till this afternoon, but I  
told them to come out by Ket Yang.

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 3

This evening all the mission gathered at Mr. Ashmun's to practice singing for a new fair Entertainment that is to occur Sat. & P. M. Mr. & Mrs. Grosbeck are here: they sing nicely - They would like to have our house for the summer - & we shall be glad to have them - I have begun my Annual Report to Dr. Duncan - This forenoon was wholly taken up with Conference on Mission plans, Schools - & Lan-King - We sent a letter to the latter place that will perhaps make our people a bit cautious.

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>

Last day of the Chinese year - I have finished my Annual Report & repacked my books, which can suffer sadly from

indeed about...

taken up in getting the  
of this story and preparing a tele-  
gram for Consul McWade-  
Jas-Ping City <sup>and</sup> other Chapels  
houses looted. No official  
protection <sup>Test case.</sup> determined pressure  
imperative."

I sent copies of this to the  
two Consuls in port.

It seems that a placard

(Jan 20?)

was put up by a man who<sup>2</sup>  
was carrying a load of fish.  
The placard read - as an order  
to kill & plunder all Christians  
and destroy chapels - A headman  
of the large village of Song Kwan  
read it and said to "Bro-A-Kang"  
"Now you Christians will be punished  
Here is an Imperial Edict to ex-  
terminate you." That very night  
a crowd of roughs from his particu-  
lar part of the town came and  
plundered A-Sung's shop, A-Si's  
house and A-Tui's. Next day  
the women begged a military  
Mandarin who was passing to help  
them. He said he was a "stranger" not  
stationed there and could do nothing.  
His chain coolies pushed them away  
and then the report spread that  
the mandarins would do nothing so  
it was safe to rob the Christians

They plundered the Chapel and<sup>3</sup>  
later took away roof and floors.  
also the Jao Phing<sup>city</sup> Chapel, the new  
one they plundered. We do not  
yet know how many of the Chris-  
tians have lost their possessions.

We have been writing to Hong Kong  
& Canton - and this evening I had  
a telegram from Consul McWade  
asking for full particulars. It is  
now midnight - A Ngai just  
came back from the telegraph  
office - I wired "McWade  
Canton

at "Nui-pu-San" Pretended offi-  
cial proclamation posted. Read by  
Tong-Kwan Elder - Tuesday night  
His villagers looted their families  
Women begged passing Mandarin  
protect. No help. Coolies pushed  
away. This reported led to dis-  
mantling Nui-pu-San Jao Phing  
Chapels much looting.

Saturday - July 22<sup>nd</sup> 4

We had a service at 10 o'clock led by Po-San in which several took part & expressed thankfulness for the mercies of the past year. At 2 P.M.

We had a musical entertainment. The Chinese played on the guitar & some other of their own musical instruments. We foreigners sang

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

"Tramp, Tramp Tramp"

"John's Browns Body" without chorus - smiling & dropping a word at each repetition - & "Marching

"thru Georgia" Mr. & Mrs. Grubbe

sang "Steal Away" - & "Kingdom's Coming" as an encore - We

sang "Scotland's Burning" which pleased them hugely & was repeated.

The Chinese also saw <sup>the</sup> <sup>5</sup>  
very good prices, in which  
they had been trained taking  
the parts.

After this interesting gathering  
I went out to watch the sheep  
which was only partial view.

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mr. Grosbeck went to Pang-lin  
with me. We walked over from  
Kuah Chiu back. The at-  
tendance was large, very satis-  
factory & enjoyed themselves.  
I preached a short sermon in  
the forenoon and conducted the  
Communion Service. We reached  
here just at dark - a good  
substantial day's work -  
In the evening I conferred on  
the subject of asking for a  
man to come out & take charge  
of the school work.

Monday, Jan'y 24<sup>th</sup> 6

writing & general preparation for  
departure to the County occupied  
a part of the day. A large part  
of the forenoon I was with the other  
men of the mission considering  
some difficult questions on which  
we must write home.

Tuesday - Jan'y 25<sup>th</sup> -

The Groschecks Mr & Mrs. Ashmun & I  
were at the Dr's to dinner - My en-  
joyment of the meal was some-  
what impaired by the announce-  
ment of Po-Heng's awaiting me.  
He & Ngien Liang from Lai Kung  
had come down to report that  
all is peaceable on their side  
They had a copy of the Chas-  
Yaney Mandarin's report to  
the Pa-thai, in which he tells  
a surprising amount of the truth.

They say that toward the end of  
of a Magistrate's term when  
about to leave, he tells the  
truth about the cases in hand,  
or approximates it more  
closely than before. It seemed  
important to consider this. The  
Raps lay the case before our  
Council, so I decided to wait  
over a day also hoping to get  
home mail.

There was also  
an important question of the bound-  
ary between the Lai Phu Sua  
& Ng King fields to be considered  
with Mr. Grosbeck. He seems  
very fair minded & inclined to  
"forest reasonableness" in such  
matters. I heard from Kho Khui  
that they made their annual sub-  
scriptions for church work on  
Sunday - the men subscribed \$206  
& the women \$11 - Many have  
not yet responded.

7.30 Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> 8-

On native boat again + 4 miles  
this side of Khai Tang Kia -  
At over 0'clock we left the  
pier in Kak Chik came to  
the Chao Yang Canal, 10 miles,  
in an hour! 4 miles thro the  
canal consumed about 2 hours -  
A good East wind + favouring  
tide here brought us on our  
way famously.

This is Exodus-day: as I went  
down to the pier I saw the  
"Grace" starting out taking the  
Grossbecks to Ng King - The  
"Mercy", which is the boat Miss  
Scott uses, starting up the Kit-  
Le river - To-morrow Miss  
St John goes up to Peking in  
the "Grace" - Mr. McKibben  
sets out to-day or to-morrow.

for a fortnight's trip - after  
that he expects to open a  
class at Phoenix;  
just a little before leaving  
to-day I rec'd Bill of lading  
of some goods shipped from  
Tacoma which I had hoped to  
have on this.

Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Last night & early this morn-  
ing I gave a little time to  
studying the constellations  
with the aid of a book by  
Royal Hill. that I got just  
before going home & have only  
just found again. - It is very  
good in helping to distinguish  
the stars as they cross the  
meridian - Aldebaran & the  
Pleiades are easily found in  
the early evening now. Regulus  
the whole Sickle & some others  
in Leo & Virgo - after midnight.

This morning very early we <sup>10</sup>  
stopped at Khoi-Tang-Kia  
& they urged me to go ashore &  
visit a brother at Sin Sua Kia  
which I declined to do -

I took a chair this morning  
& this afternoon walked, in making  
calls, a distance equal to  
that for Si Be Phou-her -

The people have not gathered  
yet from surrounding villages  
but old Dziu Cheng Pen, 77 yrs  
old has walked nearly 20 miles  
to be here - We had a very good  
prayer meeting to-night -

Hong-An's 2<sup>nd</sup> son Chi-Pon  
is with me in Sam Sang's place.  
His father was the first mission-  
ary to visit this village; he  
was then located at Rui Su  
I wish the boy might become a Christian  
here.

Friday - July 28<sup>th</sup> "11

We began with five present this morning - no six. Gik-Lung was in with the news that his youngest son had taken \$37- from a cabinet and run away. Ai-Chia - the poor leper was present. He is in suspense over the fate of his paper at the Yamen.

We began our study with the 1<sup>st</sup> Psalm & Ps 119: 97 Ps.

Soon one or two dropped in and 14 from Khay-Thân & I-him appeared. All appeared interested. We had them read the first five Greater days. I hear that the mother of A. B. whom I baptized at Kao-Nain had a vision of heaven while sick & then

Became a worshipper -

This afternoon we had a part of each of the first 2 chapters of Lukes gospel - This evening I used the 4<sup>th</sup> of Zechariah in leading the prayer meetings.

Saturday - June 29<sup>th</sup>

We studied some passages relating to the value of Bible study in the forenoon. In the afternoon I arranged for a team going to Khai Tang Kien & set out for Kien Khan myself with cook & one man to carry bedding & provisions. We reached there a little after five o'clock. The people were very glad to see me & we had quite a pleasant evening. - Bak - Tai's husband & youngest boy, sleep at the Chapel so then 5 of us in the one room.

Sunday - Jan. 30 - 13

I slept fairly well for all the crowded condition of the room. The day has been a rather busy one - we had the pleasure of examining 3 Candidates for baptism - one a woman of about 40, who appears very well - an old man of 64 who was a believer long ago. Thus now come back - The third is Pak-han son of A-Keen - he was once in the boys school but was not a good scholar. He appears better now. I preached on the work of the Holy Spirit - had good attention. We observed the Lord's Supper & returned - This evening the subject was Zach III - the raiment of righteousness - Our \$110 - from men I subscribed her to-day - making 228 - in all, the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of self-support only.

Monday - Jan'y 31<sup>st</sup> 1898.  
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We have had about half a score in the class to-day - several came from K'ai-shan & L'ehun, one has stayed over night. There are two men here from Hui-lai district, one is a cripple - his back is bent almost double, but he has a good face & is intelligent. Ai-Chua the leper is regular in attendance. We had good lessons in Gen. I & II this forenoon & Luke after dinner. This evening Mr. Wilt on the subject of <sup>infirmities</sup> slight through the Lord Jesus. We have a good attendance in evening now. - The weather is fine & clear moonlight now. I got a good view of the constellation Cassiopeia just now.

Tuesday - Feb 1<sup>st</sup> -

Number attending smaller to-day but I think we shall have a longer class later on.

Tuesday - Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - 15 -

Home letters to-day. - written at Christmas time. I enjoyed them very, very much. The matter is so threatening it did not seem best to start for Kak Chieh <sup>at 11 AM</sup> went down this forenoon to try & find Dzū Sing. I had just time to cut out the pages of my journal & scribble off a few lines stating the situation to send by <sup>for the next steamer</sup> Linn. Maybe he prospered - Tho' numbers are few to-day, there is some encouragement. Dzū Cheng Peh's son is here and will stay for some days - The lad from Khai Thain is an earnest-minded honest little fellow. I had a most interesting conversation with him after class. He seems to have accepted the truth clearly & fully "seen through" heathenism. Unless

I am wholly mistaken he is <sup>No</sup>  
one of the Lord's chosen ones.

Ti<sup>r</sup>" Sin-Se" is now teacher; he  
has not wholly given up asking  
questions as of old at their Si<sup>r</sup>-  
To-day he asked: "Before the  
Lord had given permission to  
eat flesh, why should Abel have  
kept sheep - what reason in it?"

I could give him no better answer  
than that they were useful for  
providing clothing - Prov. 27:23,  
would be a safe reference -

He further inquired what it meant  
that Adam after the fall should  
eat bread in the sweat of his brow.

There was abundance of vegetable  
food on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Creative Day.

This was simply a failure to un-  
derstand the scope of the passage -

He is a very different man  
from what he was then. He is

seems well grounded in  
the faith - He told of several  
curious incidents -

A-Liap died at Tang Oi

He was alone & there was  
no one to bathe him as  
he felt death coming on -

It was reported that he had  
died at night - but the next  
morning he revived & said -

"Ah heaven is most beautiful. I  
went there but the Lord bade  
me go back and wash my  
feet & when I was clean to  
come back. I am going at  
noon" - He died at noon.

Ngiam Chông's son who died,  
passed away at early dawn.  
An old woman, a heather who  
had been turned out of her  
house by a refractory daughter -

in-law, & spent the night in the  
the-streets, said that when the  
cock crew she saw a chair  
pass by & saw what seemed  
a mass of fire that on a  
sudden shot up into the sky.

An old man near Kan Nin  
who never joined the Church,  
had only believed a short time,  
and his son said that he  
woke in the night to see the  
room all light & two tall  
persons dressed in glistering  
white standing one on either  
side the door.

A little boy at Tang Ling  
was sleeping in the bed with  
his grandmother - He woke  
& saw a hole of light about  
his head & cried out "Grand-  
mother - it is all light about  
your head - What does it mean?"

The Lord seems to vouch 19  
Safe more supernatural Evi-  
dences to help faith where  
the truth is less widely known,  
as miracles were common  
in the Apostolic age -

9.45 P.M.

This evening I took up the  
subject of Light again - The  
word of God a light, Jesus the  
light of the world - was his people  
the light of the world. I spoke  
of the contrast between light &  
darkness that it was supported  
by the miraculous visions  
seen at death by Christians  
& those with them - A Hong  
The preacher, told of his "outside  
grandmother" - mother's mother,  
who went back to heathenism  
after having once believed the  
truth & was bitter against her  
daughter for being a Christian.

After she had been very ill <sup>20</sup>  
for a long time she softened  
Jesus asked her daughter &  
others to pray for her. They  
thought she was dead & a  
nurse was watching the  
body when she suddenly threw  
herself on & seized her daugh-  
ter's arm. She said she was in  
great distress & must have change  
of clothing & a bed made else-  
where. She lived for a month &  
had several strange visions. Once  
she told her daughter she saw  
a brilliancy that dazzled her & a  
most beautiful garden unlike  
anything she ever saw also a  
person whose glory overwhelmed  
her. Later her daughter  
was watching by her side & saw  
a dark creature coming to the  
bed; she cried out "Lord Jesus

Lord! Lord Jesus save! The <sup>21</sup>  
object moved slowly out of  
the door seen by both mother  
& daughter - Thereafter no  
one else dared to watch by  
her side - When her last  
hour came she said she  
saw the beautiful garden  
again & the glorious King coming  
to bear her away.

One would be tempted to doubt  
or discount many of these stories,  
if there was not such a simi-  
larity ~~to them~~, nor they not so  
common & repeated in such  
uniformity & consistency of detail.

The appearances at death are  
all described as being two  
bright beings, tall in white  
shining garments & the woman  
is light while they are present.  
When they disappear the

Spinit is always found to <sup>22</sup>  
have left the body - or rather  
the body is found to be lifeless.

After service I held the  
nearest approach to an inquiry  
meeting I ever attempted here.

The two Hui Lái men expect  
to leave to-morrow & I wished  
to have a talk with them: they  
have learned not a little of the  
truth & appear sincere. We cannot

find that they have any lawsuit  
or anything of that kind on hand.

A Hang-father of the boy I  
talked with this afternoon al-  
so sat with them: he is a  
man who impresses me most  
favorably. It seems remarkable

that these men should have  
come thus from Hui Lái  
District where we tried in vain  
for years to get a foothold: they  
come from a village of several thousand.

Wednesday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 23

Rainy. Attendance to-day has been larger & a part of the time the day has seemed to be profitable. but it is forced upon me that the religion of this church is in danger of becoming as dead & formal as that of the coldest church at home that has settled on its lees. I hope they may be awakened.

Thursday. Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A-Lin came having found the fugitive & the funds: he also brought me some letters & some apples, a part of a shipment that came by the S.S. Tacoma. They are a rarity here. very toothsome.

We are continuing our study in Luke & in Genesis.

The brethren had some 24  
matters to talk over & were here  
till 11 o'clock.

Friday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>

To-day I have enjoyed the  
lessons. This morning we  
took the two Enoch's - one  
whose father built a city in  
his honor - but whose name  
would have perished from  
the earth had it not been  
for God's word. The other  
walked with God - not his own  
way nor the way of his genera-  
tion (cf Jude 14+15) but God's  
way. It was taken to His home.  
The figure of walking together  
is easily developed here and  
seemed to impress the Chinese.  
During the lesson a letter  
was brought in from the  
French print, a curious

mixture of palterings + 25  
impertinence, requesting me  
to settle the matter of the  
life of the man who was  
wounded in the fight 2 yrs  
ago. He accuses A-Tah of  
the murder. I am hoping  
this may be of great use in  
coming to an understanding  
of the case & getting the man  
buried, for they declared to  
the Mandarin that Chin-Sia  
was the murderer. a di-  
rect contradiction. his bomb-  
shell may prove a bonanza  
for us, but that is not certain  
as yet.

This P.M. we had a lesson in Luke  
II & to night a young brother  
led the prayer meeting using  
the last part of Matt II as  
his subject.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 26

Our school does not keep on Saturday (as well as other schools)

My time was largely given to writing. Towards evening I made

a call at Chhad Rue Na when I called on the brethren. Several

came over in the evening. We had a praise service sang

a number of hymns. A Hong read the last part of Is. II -

a significant prophecy. Some could but long for the time

when the idols could be flung to the moles & the bats.

Outside the poor perblind idolaters were beating gongs,

blowing horns & firing off crackers in honor of their

wooden gods. The 15<sup>th</sup> of the first moon of the Chinese year is Ngwan Siau

origin - night - "Night - 27

Spring", it might be called. A Hông made some very apt comments on the fact that the leather dwelling in spiritual darkness thus celebrate the night - I added a few words and regard to our being of the day & of the light - We had a special subject of prayer, as some bin had come in from Khai-Tang-Kiau with news of a village fight there over a leather celebration. The village is divided into two parts & ~~the~~ trouble has frequently arisen. This time it was from the making of a branch from a bangai tree which extends its arms out over the river.

to thus ward off evil 28  
influences that the river  
might exert. In the melee  
that followed some damage  
was done the chapel also -  
They came up to get a machine  
to go down. A Toan left  
at about 9 o'clock.

Sunday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

Off for Toa-Phin at 8-30.  
A-Dok & another brother also my  
cook went with me. We called  
on the old man Thim-Sik Lan  
again. We're well received.

Besides holding service &  
administering Communion  
we especially desired to have  
the old sister A-Dok reconciled  
to her daughter-in-law & family  
that she might come back &  
live with the family.

After some urging her daughter<sup>29</sup>  
in-law, herself a grandmother,  
told a Sok that her grand<sup>(asok's)</sup>son  
would come for her furniture  
the next day & bring it over  
where they would prepare a  
room for her to live in. The  
old lady was at first very scepti-  
cal as to being welcomed & said  
it was "ho-si" "good-to-death", which  
bit of irony was very amusing.  
She is very sharp for 91 - She com-  
plained that they did not speak to  
her when she was at their  
house last. When reminded that  
she was hard of hearing she said -  
"Yes, but if a person speaks  
you can see their lips move".  
She was greatly pleased with a cat-  
ton flannel jacket Mrs. Ashman  
gave her. She put it on fuzzy  
side out & walked out in the  
light to let it be seen till led

back by a. Jah, who remarked<sup>30</sup>  
on the bad form of a short  
white jacket over a long blue  
one.

I walked to Khai-Tang Kia<sup>4</sup>  
some 7 miles I should think  
but it may not have been over 5.  
Their fight was quitted for the  
day but not settled. We had  
a meeting in the evening & went  
to bed in the boat which started  
at about midnight.

Monday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> -

A strong wind opposed us so  
we did not get in early. I stopped  
near Bie Hue & took a chair to  
the steamer landing - My chair  
bears was the best and much  
more had in some time.  
On the steamer also I had a good

auditor: a business man who <sup>3.5</sup>  
now lives in Amoy. He has been  
over to hunt a good grass site.  
The Sungshin professor was  
with him but did not offer  
any remarks.

- At the Compound I was busy  
with sundry matters chiefly the  
latest Catholic development.

Tuesday. Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Mack. I got a letter written  
for Mr. Deby & I did some  
other things necessary to ~~finish~~  
preparing for return.

I have still another cook. Sam-  
Seng is not well yet & Cho-Pon  
thought it too hard work to  
tramp about the Country.

This man Siok-Kok used to  
work for the Scotts & left be-  
cause of a quarrel with  
A. Li. He is a good servant.

I did not get away till  
 the last steamer & the chair  
 I sent for was not there so I  
 walked into the city of Chao-Yang  
 two men from the steamer office  
 helped me with my blanket &  
 books I had along & got me a  
 chair. It is rather gruesome  
 riding through some of the dark  
 lanes of that city at night.

I waited till nearly nine for the  
 cook to do supper. did not get  
 a good night's rest.

Wednesday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

At Khoi-Yang-Kia we heard  
 that their case was settled.  
 I came to Si Be Phon & took  
 chair here. found both teachers  
 away - Si's gone home & Hoang  
 off at Si-Huan. where there are  
 numerous new believers.

There was a delegation <sup>33</sup>  
from Khai-Tang Kin very  
anxious to have the preacher  
go down & attend to having  
the opposite side mend the  
chapel. I finally consented  
to A Hong & A Dah going  
down. Class not much  
interfered with by this sort  
of thing. Thursday - Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

The two men come back  
with news that the affair  
was settled - the roof was to  
be mended & the people made  
Sunday presents to show their  
repentance - five crackers  
among them - at which I am  
much disgusted - the craze  
for foreign is great.

We have one very bright young man in the class. A Chin who I hope will be a preacher.

Friday - Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

Three men from Khai-Tang-Kia<sup>u</sup> came to pay their respects to me. They presented some oranges for which I took two - & gave them some books in turn.

A man came to see a story who professed to represent over 100 people from Ho-Pou-Li<sup>u</sup> & Hui<sup>u</sup> Kau, who had put away their idols & affiliated themselves with the Catholics, but the priest disowned them - they say they want to worship God. Attorney told them we could not open any place in their

village must be very <sup>35</sup> careful,  
still we could not shut our  
doors against them. The man  
stated that A-ming - the ring-  
leader of all the trouble of  
these past years, told them to  
come & worship here that  
the Catholics were bad men.  
He himself must go & find a  
lodgment elsewhere. He may  
repent yet.

Saturday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

We had a lesson in the forenoon.  
I did some work of composition  
but was interrupted more or less.  
A-hong went to see Fu-Sing  
about confessing his money before  
the Church. He decides that it  
is "better to follow conscience"  
for which I was very glad.

Sunday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - 36

I was off for Ki-Khair at  
7-20 - when three men baptized  
first time the ordinance was  
err. administered then, despite  
a smart rain there were several  
scores of people out to watch w.  
& a good sister tho' said many  
of them understood the meaning.  
A crowd came in during the  
brief Communion Service -  
Twenty minutes is short time  
to give the hand of fellowship  
& administer the Communion  
Even with a church of 8 members  
but it was done, "decently &  
in order" - My men back at  
Kho-Khai by 12-15 - when  
they had already been exam-  
ined by preacher & deacon.

Another man from Khan-Tham<sup>37</sup>-  
urgently asked to be baptized  
after all were seated a young  
man, Lui Chang, son of the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Son Gold Hain Laim the Patriarch  
came forward. They were bap-  
tized before a large crowd of  
spectators & then we  
then observed the Communion.

I had spoken briefly from  
the words "Abide in me  
& I in you", an epitome of  
the Christian living - We must  
be in Him our Redeemer, to be  
out of the world & out of sinners  
power. He must train us  
to renew & strengthen us, enable  
us to conquer here & make us  
fit to stand before the  
Eternal throne - These

two essentials are typified 38  
in the two ordinances - When  
baptized into Christ & tho' we  
come up out of the water we do  
not come out of him, but rise  
with him, in him - We par-  
take of the bread & wine, take  
Christ his flesh & blood into  
ourselves to become integral  
part of us -

Strange that people will now  
be bothering about the proper  
relation of the ordinance - &  
striving to separate them or  
reverse the order.

We held a short service in  
the evening.

Monday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>.

We hear that some at Khai-  
Yang Kia have joined the Catho-  
lics. We hope no trouble will  
arise at once.

I found myself rather used 39  
up - had a bad headache  
towards evening. The doctor  
called on me & sprayed for me,  
A Toan came in later I made  
a call discussing some church  
matters. I rec'd sad news  
in the morning. a boatman with  
a line from Miss St John asking  
to have the Bible woman A-Chia"  
sent to her at Chhiak-hian,  
as her helper A-Ka" was at  
home; her brother A-Tai died  
suddenly Sunday morning.  
Only last month he brought my  
mail to Kan stam town. I can  
hardly realize it.

Sunday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> -

I had a poor night but felt  
greatly depressed in spirit. got  
up late & all looked dark  
I looked over & sang a hymn.

book lying open & the 40  
word "Take thy Cross" came  
to me as the solution of my  
doubts & difficulties - When  
had two good lessons though  
a small class - The letter &  
the man with a curved spine  
have both been in - both were  
gamblers - & the latter smoked  
opium, made his money out of  
paper clothing used in worship-  
ing the dead - A-Hi Sh. who  
followed the same trade came  
in to-day. & this P.M. we  
had a number of callers  
from Chün tsi - The two  
teachers went to Chün hui  
hia - They did not meet a  
very hospitable reception & find  
the state of things not promising.  
A-Oi has gone back to opium.

Wednesday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 41

Very warm to-day - I have  
just had a call from the  
lifer & 6 of his 9 little boys.  
he has two married daughters  
& one small girl - I wish  
Mr. W. able to bring his  
obdurate old father to terms,  
but he is learning the lesson  
of faith & really seems to be  
a genuine believer. He is a man  
of more than average ability -  
This evening I spoke for a  
little time on Corey's text  
Is. 54:2 - The people are  
tired after a long day in the  
fields planting - black bread -  
yesterday two battles were in  
from 11<sup>th</sup> hour where a fight had  
been commenced the night be-  
fore. & there was danger of  
their "opening guns" soon.

The case was irrigating 42  
nights - or mongs. Several  
brothers also went to Chien-  
Khai to talk over the case of  
Bak-Tau's boy who was beaten.  
No report yet from either place.

Thursday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> -

A very heavy rain. bad for  
the fields of beans planted  
the past few days - Owing  
to the storm we have had  
a larger attendance at class.  
Dzun-Hong came up from Kak-  
Chieh. Got letters from home  
bristles sundry things from the  
Compound - a Postal from Benton  
with a bundle of papers & Mother's  
post-Christmas letter & a  
refreshing change from all this  
Chinese - The plague is hot at  
Chao Yang City, M. A. writes.

It is terrible to think <sup>42</sup>  
of a great wicked city like  
that "when the blessed seals  
that hold the pestilence broke"

Friday - Feb 18<sup>th</sup> -

Another letter from KakChieh  
says there were 70 deaths in  
one day at T'ic'Ji' city. They  
sent in word to me via Miss

St John not to go back via  
the city. The storm has been  
very heavy during the day  
& evening. & we could not get

the letter to Miss St. John very  
well hope to do so tomorrow.

I enjoyed the morning class.

Mr. Rod Gen IV. & had a long  
discussion of the eating of

blood, yesterday the eating of  
animals that died of disease  
came up. Both are intensely

Practical questions here. 43

Dead animals are always eaten  
& a large amount of the dis-  
ease prevalent comes from  
this cause. Dr. G. K. Lang  
said he prophesied one year  
when many animals died.  
"Next year sickness will abound"  
— & it was the case.

A-Hông says that many Christians  
have given up eating blood be-  
cause of the prominence given  
to the blood of the Saviour in  
the Gospels — then again many  
have defended the practice by  
quoting Peter's vision — I took  
the ground that the Covenant  
with Noah was still binding —  
"Clean" & "unclean" — there only re-  
ferred to the Mosaic Covenant  
or ritual. I think it would be  
easy to cultivate a conscience on this.

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Saturday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

A busy forenoon packing & getting off to Le Be Phou. Capt Thomas C. was not there so we hired another boat & made for Kien Sui - then came on to Sin Khai.

My cook gave me a little of his personal history in the evening. He used to be a smuggler of opium <sup>(sold for making powder)</sup> & salt peter following in his father's footsteps - then he had a share in a gambling house - was about to enlist as a soldier when the officer who was to take him, fell sick - then he came to Dr. Scott's to work. became Cook & admired the doctrine. He left there because of some trouble with another servant went to Shanghai, but his

people there were all in the U.S.  
opium business he did not like  
it. He is about the best  
man for country travel I  
have had.

Sunday - Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>

On the boat. I just went on  
shore with a Nigō, who was  
hired by an acquaintance to  
whom he has been wont  
to preach at P'ho-Lung. We had  
very good audience in a  
Carpenter shop, must have  
talked for an hour.

I took a chair to the chapel  
as the bridge is down  
it was not certain about the  
ford being passable - one  
of the chair bears came  
to the service & the other be-  
longed to me on the way back  
he finally asked if a thing  
could be said - on which sub-  
ject the Scripture is Rabbily definite.

We had a good congregation 46  
at Chui-ché. It is a rather  
crack church, scattered & not  
much strong material in it,  
but a-o-i & a In can both  
preach. The people seemed  
glad to see me. Poor old  
Niu Ché is quite inconsola-  
ble her only son has died & their  
house was burned just before.  
News from Kan him is en-  
couraging. A-mi's note & a  
letter saying that his wife was going  
then to be with him. Miss St. J.  
left a note at the chapel saying  
that the congregations had  
much larger there and the  
opportunities for preaching were  
excellent where she visited.

Monday - Feb 1st  
at Chui-ché. Last night the  
boat moved only about 4 miles  
from here - as the crew flies -  
but my horse not moved with

Corvine directness. My first [ ]  
made him. I<sup>u</sup>, when I had  
a visit with a "Fu hia", who  
came down to the boat with  
his little boy, 7 yrs old. I was  
glad to have the chance to  
see him again and cheer him  
up a little. His younger brother  
Hok-ang, succumbed to the se-  
ductions of the gamblers & went to  
Siam to hide his face for a  
time. Now he has promised to  
come back.

We dropped down to Kiu-Sü  
where the "Peace" was moored  
Miss St-John had left for  
Kwan-Pou - so I had no  
trouble in loading my bag-  
gage into the boat. Great  
preparations were making for  
theatres & tidal processions  
were proceeding on all sides.

I tried two photographs <sup>45</sup>  
but fear they are not a success.  
We then came down to Khai-  
Tang-Kia, where I had a  
short farewell meeting with  
the brethren. From thence  
we came up another stream  
to a dam & changed cars for  
Lin Sua-Kia, where there are  
two church members & several  
other believers. Anathiam  
is having a hard time by  
reason of thieves tearing up  
his roof. Some of the others  
have been troubled, a number  
have been frightened away.  
Two of the latter class brought  
me over here; they seemed to be  
quite convinced of the truth.  
The traveling was frightful  
muddy & slippery - then in turn-  
ing a short corner in the village

beside a small pond the 49  
lead bearer was pushed too  
far ahead, by the man at the  
rear not springing about, &  
slipped down into the water, so  
down came the chair - no  
harm done to man or pas-  
senger not even a crack in  
our few dozen eggs the good  
people had insisted on my  
taking in a small basket.

This is the third fall within  
a year, while riding in chairs -  
It has been a rather remark-  
able day, several hard showers  
& some fine rain, but I  
have not been out in this  
circuit of 25 miles touching  
3 of our stations thro' places  
where church members reside.  
On waking I felt very Monday-  
ish, but I feel less so to night.  
To-morrow hope to make Kwan Pon  
& Smiton.

Tuesday Feb. 29<sup>th</sup><sup>50</sup>

Although we set out a little before 7 o'clock we did not catch the morning launch, which had missed there in her favor & reached Kwan Pou before 10 A.M.

This gave me some time there. A P<sup>r</sup> had been at Kam-Khoi when they felt like sheep without a shepherd. He thinks there is hope of reviving there.

We came down on the P.M. launch. I had a good talk with the steersman & going below found a Ngo driving the gospel at a young Buddhist priest. A Ngo was quite exuberant. Said nobody had opposed their preaching. He found it a hard trip carrying

the luggage over the Long 51  
hill & all the 11 or 12 miles.  
but he had plenty of strength  
left for preaching. I have  
hope he may develop into  
a useful helper yet. Coming  
across in the boat from Sinton  
he talked almost unceasingly  
to a most unresponsive hearer.

Wednesday - Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

In the forenoon Dr. Scott  
sent down the furniture  
& books that we left with  
them when we went home.  
Much of my time &  
thought was given to  
writing a letter to the  
French priest, a delicate  
undertaking. Leaving the evening

meeting fell to me. I spoke<sup>52</sup>  
of some of the points that came  
up in our class work. Dr. A.  
 spoke interestingly of the effect  
Bible teaching is having upon  
the students now in his class -  
both he & Mr. A. Jr. of new  
openings at different points.  
The prospects at Yoa-Sua &  
at An-Teh on the Island of  
Naniva are hopeful. Mr. Mc-  
Kibbin has just visited the  
latter place. Am-pou, ~~...~~  
& Nam-Ling have united in  
calling Chhai-Tsi as pastor,  
a great advance for 3 of our  
weakest stations.

I met Mr. McKim on the first  
first time since his return.  
I am glad to hear Dr. Layne is  
gaining half a pound a day.

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Thursday Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Val. VIII  
19.1

On board the boat "Peace"  
after knocking about the bay in  
a North wind all the afternoon.  
Things have been tumbling  
about & I was a bit seasick.  
We are only at Chi-King - I  
might have stayed at K. C.  
till to-morrow just as well.

Mr. A. Jr. has a good  
plan made for a new chapel  
which would seat over 500.  
They were fully that number  
in & about the chapel last  
Communion Sunday.

Friday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> -

A bright beautiful morning.  
We are waiting for the tide at  
Kwan Poi. I am sending boy back  
with letters - he meets me at Shan Shan

9-20 P.M.

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Near Lan Kug - a magnificent evening - moon & stars resplendent. I had a short visit with Mr. McKibben at Han Tai - his class is small in number but good material I judge - His report of the American people in Namoa is most interesting. The leading man there is one who became a believer through Kung-fun's living near by & telling him of the truth (Kim Pheng's son). This man Mr. McK. says is the best specimen he has met of a pious heathen. He is a native doctor & has been accustomed to treat the poor & furnish them medicine gratis - He is also a

skilled gnomancer. That 3-  
in this served the poor with-  
out pay. His income from  
this is said to be some \$200.  
Annually, but he has given  
it all up. brought his com-  
pass, books, idols & ancestral  
tablets all as a proof of his  
sincerity. He made as though  
work of it as did the Ephesian  
necromancers.

Saturday - Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

At Lian-King - For several days  
I have felt worried about  
the old man A-Niam who  
is in prison. yesterday wrote  
to Dr. A. about him & conferred  
with Mr. McKibben also. To-  
day they tell me he is ill  
in prison. his son is just back.

from visiting him. We at 5  
once arranged to have him &  
Nguyễn Liang go down with  
a man, Lak-lâ, who had a boat  
all head to go to the neighbor-  
hood of Phau-Thai. They should  
get to Kak Chich to-night &  
have a message before the Man-  
darin Monday. From a message  
reported to be the jailor's - this  
would seem to be hope of the  
Mandarin's letting the old man  
out. Capt Png-Meng-Hong is  
Ler. & the outlook for a set-  
tlement appears brighter than  
before. L<sub>o</sub> Sin Ler is in trouble  
in several other places besides  
being blamed by the Sixes  
Ler. We had a goodly number  
in this afternoon 14 names on  
my list & several others coming

They shake the custom in to  
heather worship, that one man  
of years of position goes by himself  
before others to burn incense  
stake blood also (pig blood)  
this is called sacrifice to ancestors.

In P'ho Ling there is a custom  
of having 3 representations of a  
clan or family - the most aged  
is called - Chok Ch'iang - the most  
wealthy influential. Chok H'ie  
the highest in literary rank  
Chok K'ui - each sacrifices  
individually -

Sunday - Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

My mind has been so much  
taken up with the situation here  
& the probable outcome of the  
sickness at P'ho Lin to enjoy the  
services very much.

Po-Heng & Tir S.I. spoke at  
at the forenoon service - The  
P.M. lesson was the first part  
of Mt. XXVII - In the evening  
we had a Bible Reading on  
Prayer - persistence in prayer -

Monday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

We had a good class morning  
table room. ~~the~~ then was a large  
crowd also in afternoon -  
I tried to take some ~~the~~ with me  
as witnesses of the ~~my~~ unseen,  
but otherwise but the letter for  
action all founded so poorly in

10 P.M. Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> -

William's children are very  
much exercised over the prospect  
of his being seriously ill in prison.  
We decided to come down to day  
we can avoid not far from the prison  
it is very cold.

Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-

We reached Kak Chik "Tsi<sup>u</sup> Li"  
in the middle of the afternoon  
having had a heavy East  
wind much of the time.

I sent in for Lim Siu Chai  
who came out and consulted  
about the Yamen affairs.

He opposed strongly the idea  
of my going in to the city.

The plague is bad there.

Thursday - March 3<sup>rd</sup>

We came out in the evening  
but only reached the point  
West of Kak Chik. There we  
lay at anchor till morning  
and then came in. The  
wind blew fiercely all night  
but abated by morning. I  
slept very little.

I found that Pó-Heng & 9-  
A-Bin had gone to Trú Lí.  
I kept busy in the Compound  
during the day.

Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>

Off at noon for Tân Khai-  
Slow sailing crossing up the  
bay. We lay at anchor several  
hours; then an East wind came  
up & we sailed <sup>Saturday</sup> <sup>March</sup> <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> till late  
at night. In the <sup>Early</sup> <sup>Morning</sup>  
we were at Phan Thui or but  
a little below. A North wind  
kept us beating most of the  
day. We reached Tân-Khai in  
the afternoon. A-Pé is there  
and seems to be having a good  
influence. We had quite a gathering  
there in the evening - several of  
the neighbors were in playing on

Native stringed instruments. 10  
to a fife. They were trying to  
accompany some hymns -  
They were much interested in  
the small M. & H. organ.  
Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>

The little room was filled  
at the morning service. There  
is a monument there in the  
village itself and in the sur-  
rounding towns. They took  
up a collection as is the cus-  
tom everywhere also made the  
beginning of a subscription to-  
ward the salary of a man to  
shepherd the flock. They last  
year raised some \$90 - toward  
a building & they seem to hold  
themselves ready to pay that  
as soon as the time is ready  
for such a monument.

In the afternoon we 11  
met over in the other part  
of the village where the services  
used to be held. I told them  
about Carey's wonderful ser-  
mon & the result of a wide  
plan for the spread of God's  
Kingdom. In the morning  
I spoke of the flood sets les-  
sons. Monday Mich 7<sup>th</sup> -

Sunday evening we had some very  
good listeners - A P<sup>r</sup> told a  
most remarkable story for  
medium out of whom the demon  
was cast at Kwan Pon -  
He came on to Lam Kuy - I  
was greeted by two men  
who were released from prison  
the day before. 4 men from  
side 1 a beggar who was  
caught with the net was set free

Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> - 12-

This morning I was up at about 4 o'clock & finished up a lot of letters to send down by the steersman to Kat-Chieh.

The class has not been large to-day. The younger men are at work in the fields. There are several elderly men who show an increasing interest in the Word. Capt. Png ming Hông was at the Chapel this noon. He has succeeded in getting a formal written invitation from the Sixes to arbitrate this case. The Hours gave him one yesterday. He is looking about for prominent men representatives of the people here to act in settling the difficulties. The Sixes are still troublesome

They <sup>last</sup> imitated the historic 13  
son of the piper. Stole a pig  
far away they run in a boat.  
At first the owner was for-  
giving chase, but others re-  
strained him, lest a fight  
ensue. Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>

Still cloudy. In the forenoon I  
worked on my lessons in Gene-  
sis. Had a short interview with  
my teacher & one of an hour  
with Ngou Lân, in which I  
tried to get some of the history  
of this case. He says that in  
the beginning the medium  
who interpreted for Buddha  
(Hit Chou) said "yet seven  
years & great calamity will come."  
Home mail to-day, which  
I was glad to get - 150 - Lin  
came back sick with a cold.

Thursday March 10<sup>14</sup>

A little sunshine - weather  
very changeable - Colds & fever  
are prevalent - steersman is laid  
up with cold & preacher is also.  
A Bui come back this P. M.  
with news that his father is  
worse - I am going down in  
the morning via Phai Thai.

This afternoon they told me the  
most astonishing story of the  
outbreak of demon worship &  
mad performances of mediums  
that preceded and brot on  
this state of war between  
the two sides of the village.  
We have had quite interesting  
classes - morning afternoon &  
Evening - One of the boatmen  
tells me he hopes to be a Christian.

Friday Mch 11<sup>th</sup> 15

Off at 5-45, walked 3 miles  
to the foot of the Pagoda & took  
a boat for Phai Thai. A young  
wood carrier went down with  
us & was a very good listener -  
At Phai Thai I waited for the  
up boat & intercepted my  
boatman who was on board.

A Bié & came down on the  
P. M. launch had some good  
listeners among the passengers.  
A Bié was able to get over to  
Mr. Lié to see his poor old  
father to-night -

The Kemps and her in our  
house so I am staying at Dr. Lié's  
the room I occupied last summer.

Saturday Mch 12<sup>th</sup>

Busy with Chinese all the  
day -

Four years ago less 4  
 weeks Miss Durward saw  
 us off on the "Haitan" &  
 to-day I went on board  
 the "Haitan" bade good bye  
 to her & her husband as she  
 set out for home with her  
 two children. Dr. & Mrs. Crow-  
 land & their two children were  
 also starting off - she has  
 been in quite poor health  
 so they must leave. He feels  
 much averse to leaving the  
 city work evidently.

I went to Inator & saw a  
 Khim for a few moments  
 relative to A. Niam's being  
 released for a time either  
 to be cured or to be relieved  
 of the stigma of dying in jail -  
 He promised to talk with the Mandarin.

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 17

a dull cloudy day - I have attended two services here taught Sunday School class in the afternoon, first time I have been here a Sunday since Communion. Should not have stayed here to-day had the stewardman been well so I could get to Tang-ai. The House boat came in late last night.

Monday - March 14<sup>th</sup>

A sunny day - Chi Pou's brother appeared this morning. The fourth assistant since Sam-ling was taken on. A-Bie came in from Ni-Le with news that his father was a little better & the Mandarin would reply to my letter probably to-day.

Tuesday - March 15<sup>th</sup> 18

Another bright day. I have been working on preparation for going away, overhauling books & papers, writing letters & some packing. Parred A Hi Oh was in to-day. His son has run away to Sumatra. Bon. Sin is better.

Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>

A very homesick feeling comes over me when I think of home after getting Clara's letter to-day. I think the Emperor of China is just off here & I not going home by her. But I must stand by now & do all I can in finishing up this work & plans laid. It is going to be a hard tug - but must be borne. We have been planning for

More Calporture work '9  
the coming summer and  
to have more reading rooms  
in the County - we hope to have  
one at Pho-Ling -

Prayer-meeting to-night  
at Dr. Ashmun's -

Yesterday I wrote a birthday  
letter to Helen & today one  
to Jay on receiving his first  
written letter.

A letter from  
Dr. Partridge gives almost no  
hope of his returning - Ruth  
is at the Newton Center Home

helping - Thursday - March 17<sup>th</sup> -

To-day besides letter writing,  
I have done a little packing  
& arranged an outline for  
Communion week when  
the services will fall times  
they say. Dr. A. I will be away  
in July & in Oct. so they put the

burden on us now. 20  
The Community Love Con-  
tributed funds to make a  
present to Dr. Layng. Some  
silken has been bought.  
flour stand. stand I believe,  
\$125. in money remains.

Friday. Mch 18<sup>th</sup>.

A-Bis called again to-day, has  
since gone to see his father.  
A man from the Chao Yang  
Yamen also come to collect  
a fee for services rendered  
last year. Sir Kok also  
come. He talks of going there.  
The plague was very bad in  
Pai-Li last week. Wednesday  
& Thursday over a hundred deaths  
each day. The Mandarin  
has ordered all the streets to

Cleaned - No animals an<sup>21</sup>  
killed then not even fish ex-  
posed for sale - The Mandarin  
is fasting & orders all to fol-  
low his example - He has  
vowed to give up 10 years  
of his life if the God will  
stop the plague - He goes  
away next month acc. to  
some reports - It seems he  
has no literary degree - the  
Tai. Thai has reported un-  
favorably to his trying for  
the second degree. Kiu jin  
Jong Sun was in to-day  
he is to be married to-mor-  
row to a woman who was  
an attendant at an E.P. chapel.  
She went to Kit Yang to-day &  
they are to be married to-  
morrow. He is keeping Mr.  
Sketcher.

Saturday March 19. 22

I have been studying the Sabbath question with reference to discussing it at Communion time.

I sent off quite a bit of Home mail to-day - There worked on an article that is on the stocks - There is quite a bit of cleaning up to do preparing for departure.

This evening I talked with Dr. A. about the summer work for the students - There are those who will be available for my field probably -

A Ho - Pho Ling, Mai-Hiang  
Tie-Li - Lün Sin-ki<sup>2</sup> Ho Pheng<sup>2</sup>  
which will make nine men counting A-Hong a good force.

23  
Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

A year ago I was coming down the coast from Shanghai - a strange year it has been. God has been very merciful to me through it all. What will it be in a year from this time?

To-day I have stayed here in the Compound again. The teacher from Tze-Kai preached & did fairly, rather a heavy discourse. The S. Sch. is quite well attended but is not very lively.

Monday, Mch 21<sup>st</sup>.

This evening Mr. Kemp & Mrs. at Mr. Ashmore Jr.'s took supper. Dr. & Mrs. A. also - Mr. Kemp came up this morning. He was kept in H.K. by a tooth

Prices in Hong Kong are <sup>24</sup>  
frightfully high now - Hark's  
wife & the two children paid  
\$17<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per day at the Windsor.  
He could get nothing short of  
about \$10 - The old landlord  
told him that he made  
\$15,000.00 there in 3 mos. last  
fall. I have been overhaul-  
ing books again fumigating  
both them & the book cases -

Tuesday, Mich 22<sup>nd</sup>

Very chilly for this season of  
the year - I have been fur-  
ther preparing for Communion  
am getting something ready on the  
Sabbath question and prepar-  
ing to have a synopsis of reports  
to be written out & give in con-  
fret from the main facts regarding  
membership, attendance, & helpers  
at each station.

Wednesday Mich 23<sup>rd</sup> 25

10.30-8.7m

Doubtless at this moment  
the favored ones are shaking  
the "mailed fist" of Prince  
Henry over across the bay  
in the German Consulate -  
where an after dinner reception  
is given in his honor. None  
of the missionaries are invited  
so far as we know. He  
telegraphed from Hong Kong  
that he did not care to meet  
any but Mr. & Mrs. Hursloof  
at dinner - which should be  
enough to set them up for  
life. 10 yrs. ago she was a  
pilot's daughter not in  
society at all. If Mrs. Allum  
were only here her triumph would  
be complete - The Chinese have  
turned out in force and much

impressed by the bulk <sup>26</sup>  
of the "gufion" which is much  
larger than any war vessel  
that has previously visited the  
port.

I have been working on prepara-  
tion for Communion & done some  
reading. We had a good prayer  
meeting at Mr. McKibben's -

Thursday, Mich 24<sup>th</sup>

Most of my time to-day has  
been given to clearing up  
things here. I want to have every-  
thing done that can be finished  
before Communion week.

A letter came from the priest  
again, a very disagreeable one.  
Then later came one from  
Clara which has brightened  
the whole day. Talking of dear

little Jay's experience in <sup>27</sup>  
giving his heart to the Lord  
& saying "I feel Jesus in my  
heart" - Bless the precious  
Lamb - who knows the Shepherd  
& Bishop of his soul - may he  
ever have that blessed conscious-  
ness & grow thereby - This is  
what we have always desired  
of God for the children that  
in early youth they might  
know the Saviour -

Friday Mich 25<sup>th</sup>

The reports of the plague are  
disquieting - we are a little  
anxious about having a  
large gathering at Com-  
munion time - especially from  
the city. I have written some  
on Romans to-day.

I am sending a Ngõ out <sup>18</sup>  
to tell the congregations  
not to come in to Communion  
via Tê-Lê city. I am  
not going in to Khai Tang  
Kian. This evening <sup>7:15</sup> P.M. S.S.  
came in. I have studied Ro-  
mans with him till I am  
very tired & sleepy.

Saturday - March 26<sup>th</sup>  
He put several hours more  
on the Romans & wrestled with  
some knotty passages.

I have nearly everything  
done now in the house &  
some things packed.

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Windy this morning so I  
did not go to Tangliu.  
It has been a beautiful day.  
I have attended the meetings

I done some reading. 14  
I walked over the plateau  
for the first time since I  
came out last year. It br'nt  
up many memories.

Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> -

A mild & beautiful day. I have  
worked over Tomans, both fore-  
noon and afternoon. Besides  
attending to sundry matters here  
at the house -

Gambling is a terrible curse  
here. To-day a man came  
down here, whose brother has a  
business in Siam & forwards money  
for Chinese there. This man  
had over \$500 - sent to distribute  
& hired a man to take it.

This unhappy individual was  
the victim of gambling house  
steerers & all the money was

lost or stolen -

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It is a very serious matter -  
it is a capital offence to fail  
in the forwarding of money  
thus intrusted so they  
must make it up, and it  
is next to impossible to  
get any justice from Chi-  
nese Courts. They want us  
to help them, but we cannot  
well take a part in the case.  
I am very sorry for A-Si  
the broker, he is a very  
good fellow & is taking an  
active part in Church matters  
in Siam we hear.

Tuesday - Feb 29<sup>th</sup>

The usual prayer meeting  
at 8 a.m. - Exam. of students  
class at 10 a.m. & Sermon  
at 3 p.m. The exercises

Very good. We had a visit <sup>21</sup>  
from a Mr. Fraser an Ameri-  
can Scotch man or Scotch Yankee,  
who is on his way home.  
He has been in the Dutch Ref-  
ormed Mission at Amoy.  
I took him about the  
Compound.

Wednesday - Mch 30<sup>th</sup>

Home mail, a good letter  
from Clem giving very interesting  
items about the children &  
some of their queer sayings.

We have had a pleasant day  
here tho' quiet - Dr. A. gave  
a talk on prophecy at 8 A.M.  
We heard some reports at  
10 - & had a prayer meeting  
at 3 P.M. The Am. Thel. chapel  
was raided & a man who is  
charged with abetting the rangers

Has been here to-day to see <sup>22</sup>  
about patching up peace -  
He will get fair treatment here  
but the Catholics, whose  
Chapel was also raided,  
demand \$2000<sup>00</sup> -

We are much concerned over  
the telegraphic news that  
the war prospect is so  
imminent at home -

Thursday - Mch 31<sup>st</sup>

Morn - services have passed  
off quietly - This evening I  
gave a little talk on rail-  
roads & told them of our  
narrow escape 3 yrs ago at  
Kalispell - There is a bad  
complication at Trophing  
City where some men  
used Dr. Carlin's Cure.

before the Mandarin<sup>23</sup>

in young  
Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> -

Good services forenoon &  
afternoon. Pang Sing Tak

has been up here quite  
a time I sent off a letter to  
Dr. Carlin early in the morning -

We had a good address by  
Chiang Sui on the pastor's  
work & needed fitness there-  
for. In the afternoon Mr.  
McKibben spoke of the  
sheep whom to shepherd them.

After the forenoon service  
Hua-hua & Chhai-ki  
were elected to be ordained.

Four years ago we were  
blocked by some of the

Young men who were <sup>34</sup>  
ambitious. This time  
all went smoothly. 1898

Saturday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Busy with the Chinese all  
day. He had on 4000  
presents for baptism, in  
the day. A Mr. a former  
servant, a man from  
Singapore who belonged to  
the Eng. Pres. Church there.  
He was advised to go &  
ask these E.P. missionaries  
if they would baptize <sup>him</sup>.  
He belonged to the sea and  
elderly man from there who  
had several sons was here  
but decided to wait.

1898

Home on farlough  
1898

Frator China - Nov. 11/98

It was my intention to start for  
the country in the afternoon. At  
noon notice came that a lot of  
boxes from San Francisco were  
being landed addressed care of Mr. Mc-  
Kittin - He was away & no one  
was on hand to attend to them  
but myself - so I decided to wait  
over till Saty morning - An  
evening freight has been in some  
time - The rocking horse came in  
good condition as well as other  
properties -

Saturday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> -

We took the 8-30 a.m. launch  
for Siu Siu - On board I met a  
man from that city who insisted  
that a notable scoundrel was  
attending our Kho-Khai church -  
Hugon met this party's name  
Tang Thau. Sat. - I tried crossing

the country on my wheel & I  
got to the main road with but  
one accident, took a header into  
a man's garden & took away some  
of the soil with me. It was perhaps  
fortunate as it made me more  
cautious & caution is essential on  
these narrow paths - One cannot  
make very good time but I gained  
about an hour on the chain -  
Cross time to Hua Pheng bridge.  
As my boat had not arrived I rode  
to Hap Suan a concrete walk all  
through the rice fields - In the town  
I met the sexton of the Kho-Khoi  
Church who led me to a place  
where I found A-dah. He  
was surprised that I had heard  
of a man whom the officials  
want being at Kho-Khoi  
and expressed the opinion that  
the man was innocuous.

They found a guide for me<sup>3</sup>  
& I came on to Khai Tang  
Kia - a foreigner with a bicycle  
Created unbounded enthusiasm in  
the streets of Hanoi & a large  
crowd followed us out & howled  
with delight to see me ride off  
on the wheel -

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

We had a good congregation, en-  
ough to comfortably fill the room  
this station was only opened  
last year. We gave more time  
than usual to examining the  
candidates for two reasons,  
to be sure where they stand &  
to let the new teachers know  
what is expected - it is  
now instructor than a lesson.  
We had a good session

Three men one 65, one 46, one <sup>4</sup>  
43. The first named was the  
first of the whole village to hear  
the gospel - The others are from  
the neighboring village of Sin Sui  
Kia - I am very sorry to hear  
that the first hearer from that  
village lost his money \$1700<sup>00</sup>  
which was in a Kettle in his  
house & was taken by a thief -  
He has gone to Amman to  
earn more.

Monday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

Two of the brethren set out with  
me to visit Su-Au Chien  
where there are 20, or 30 new  
houses - They received us hospita-  
bly and they seem very well  
disposed - it is an interesting

fact that the first beam 5  
was a little boy A-Jong, whose  
father is a Professor of German  
(Frang Shui). He went to Kho Khui  
and brought the news of the  
truth he heard to his people.

The men taken back in a  
little boat, wide but not broad.  
ing more than 3 or 4 inches  
of water. They put an arm chair  
in the boat for me to sit in.

Thursday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

We visited a new hamlet at  
Ting Pak Oi, a large village where  
I had a good opportunity to  
peek from his doorway to  
the curious crowd on the  
street - then to Mr. Eng  
where a rich dignitary had

issued his decree that  
any people who become Chris-  
tians will be driven from the  
village. He belongs to the  
Eng family who are many,  
several thousands, the Christians  
are of the Eng family less  
than 100 in number. They  
have already suffered much,  
been beaten severely, especially  
one man and one woman.  
They appear very well and  
now most cordial in their  
hospitality. The women are  
unusually intelligent persons  
and seem to understand  
that through much tribu-  
lation we must enter into  
the Kingdom of God.

I had a good audience in  
the courtyard before dinner  
largely from the Eng family.  
At first they were curious and  
argumentative later some listen-  
ed well. One elderly man after  
I had told the story of the  
Crucifixion and was speaking  
directly to others on other subjects  
asked - "And when this Jesus  
died, what then?" The re-  
sponse ascension & future com-  
ing of our Lord held his at-  
tention till the end - He came  
again to get his bamboo hat  
after dinner & said - "Yes this  
doctrine is good, but if a man  
has any trouble, <sup>is injured by another</sup> will you avenge  
him" - "No" I said - "that

is not ours to do, 'Vengeance is  
mine. I will repay with the  
Lord' is the teaching of our Holy  
Book." The most interesting  
person I fell was a woman of  
61 yrs. with unbound feet,  
a slave who has evidently  
had a hard life of it - She  
listened most attentively and  
said repeatedly - "The Heavenly  
Father - I've been seeking  
him for more than ten years"  
I told her how to pray in  
the name of Jesus - and she  
said she could remember the  
few sentences - She kept saying  
"How can I reach the Heavenly  
Father?" One of the brethren  
who came with me also talked  
with her for some time and  
she seemed to comprehend the truth

that God did not want our  
offerings such as are made to  
their gods, but to be worshipped  
in sincerity and in truth -

There is considerable bad  
feeling yet among the enemies  
of the Christians, yet many of  
the people are well disposed -

The leaders among the Christians  
first heard the truth in Seiam  
and there are many of the Eij  
family who have been in  
Seiam also and know that  
our church has a good repu-  
tation there.

I rode through a part of the  
village on the wheel and  
greatly delighted the people -  
On leaving I talked to them

of the supreme importance of <sup>10</sup>  
the truth we came to preach  
and that it was useless as  
well as wrong for them to op-  
pose it -

The road back was narrow &  
rough - two of the brethren whom  
we visited helped me along  
so I rode the wheel when  
it would have been impossible  
to ride alone -

After worship in the evening I took  
the boat and went to bed com-  
fortably there - They are anxious  
to have a class in January  
I hope to go then - One of the  
most serious of the new learners  
has been an opium smoker a  
gambler and a thief - he seems  
earnestly desirous of leading  
a new life -

11 A.M Wednesday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 11

On the little steamer loaded for  
Saratov. It was raining early  
this morning or I might have  
been home some hours ago.

I come through the city to-  
day and am glad to find  
that early in the morning be-  
fore the street are crowded I  
could ride almost all the way  
from our chapel to the wharf.

We had a good prayer meeting  
at our house in the evening -

Thursday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday evening after meeting  
a delegation of men from

Kho-Khoi came in and  
they did not get away till

eleven o'clock. Again there  
were a great many things

to consult Mr. Mr. & Mrs. <sup>12</sup>  
Ashmore Jr. were over here all  
the evening consulting about the  
new girls school and other things  
of that sort - The poor leper  
from An Khe who was im-  
prisoned last year come again  
to see if I could help him.

Friday - Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

It is quite warm to-day. We  
are getting ready to go to the  
Country. Clara Frank & the baby  
a going with me to Lan Kng.  
where a number are waiting  
to be baptized. Last Sunday  
there were baptisms at 3 places  
besides Khor-Tang Kia. Mr. Spucher  
at Ket-yang. Mr. McKittrick at Guthi.  
Lain & Mr. Ashmore at Chung-hin, alto-  
gether baptized 28 - with my 3-31 in  
all - the first time we had so many diff places

At Lian King - Saturday - Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> -

The Children were greatly interested in the <sup>strange</sup> sights and sounds yesterday. In starting the house boat off the mud the men made such a noise tugging & pushing & shouting that they were frightened & sought refuge in the cabin. Whence they watched proceeding exclaiming at the men jumping into the water.

We had a good trip and were at Kit-San before they anchored for the night. & reached Lian-King by breakfast time - We had a pleasant time with the people there and found the candidates for baptism very satisfactory. Ten men were examined nearly all in middle life or older and a fine solid lot of men too.

Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 14

After the early service, at  
9:00 A.M. We examined  
another man, a young man  
from the neighboring village  
of Kho-Khoi a very large cluster  
of villages indeed. We questioned  
him closely the blunder in some  
answers yet seemed sincere and  
and a genuine believer. Then  
the church voted on the condi-  
dates - I spoke at the regular  
service on the true Christian  
joy - after dwelling on the need  
of thankfulness - this was a  
special thanksgiving service.  
The baptism at noon was  
witnessed by a large crowd, not  
as quiet well behaved as at  
Khoi Tong Kien, still they did

quite well for raw leather <sup>15</sup>  
who had never witnessed the Cer-  
mony before.

Forty two communicants - the  
first Communion service there  
as well - Miss St John

was present & played the organ  
which helped the singing very much.

In the evening we read the Sunday  
School lesson John 13:1-20 -

I spoke as impressively as I  
could on their duty toward

their former enemies of the

"Sixes"; the people they have  
been fighting for years. They

must pray for their Comrades

use every effort to reach them

them. She nodded assent

with apparently deep apprecia-

tion of their duty.

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

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Before daylight the boatmen were  
up & brought us into a stream above  
Kit Yang city whence we could  
take a small boat pass under  
a bridge and get to the steam  
launch - the city extends from  
the north to the South River  
We were on the South. the <sup>landing</sup> steaming  
ton chapel was on the north -  
Frankie & Clarence were quite  
restless on the journey down.

We were delighted to get our  
letters from home written  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - After this  
we hope it will not seem such  
a long time of waiting -

Tuesday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> -

The north wind was very strong  
& the waves high so I did

not go on the early launch  
took the noon boat back to  
Kit-yang. I had a most interesting  
trip. A young student just re-  
turning from the Examinations  
at the Prefectural City asked me  
to sit and converse with him.  
At first I thought his main  
object was to show how  
much more he knew of Chinese  
books than I. but later on he  
gave me opportunity to tell him  
not a little about American  
customs and to preach the  
gospel to him. He gave me  
his name and said he would  
write me said - "You can teach  
me your doctrine & I will teach  
you our Classics - we can com-  
pare them -" I should like

very much to know such a  
young man for a personal  
teacher and would take him  
at his word. He has heard much  
of Christian teaching and seems  
to be much concerned for the  
welfare of his country. He said:  
"If China accepts Christianity,  
Yamens prosper, Japan will  
be easily destroyed by us?"

I showed him the Lord's prayer  
and told him that if China  
were really Christian she would  
be above such conduct and  
would labor for the prosperity  
of Japan. This was an entirely  
new view, but it laid hold  
of him strongly.

I hope to keep track of him  
in the future.

Wednesday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 19.

The sailed rowed to Pho-hung-  
or rather the boat came up within  
a mile & a half - I went in  
on my wheel which brought  
a large audience to our  
place, the little shop we  
have rented there, I had  
our good hearer who promised  
to consider the matter seriously  
& come to service. I also  
was invited to call on a  
Chinese gentleman next door  
who professes to approve highly  
of Christianity.

In the evening the native  
priestess came down and  
we consulted with reference to  
the houses now available in this city.

Thursday - Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 20

To-day I went to Hôn-Lôn-Ti,  
and found the road an ex-  
cellent bicycle path a large  
portion of the way. In no place  
did I need walk more than a  
few rods. We had some good  
opportunities to preach to  
small groups of people.

I am very glad I went as there  
is a most interesting movement  
at the village of Bua-Chi-Khe  
where we have several blind  
who in times past suffered  
severe persecution at the hand  
of their fellow villagers.

Now the village proposes to  
become Christian & have  
organized a chapel. They

Invited the brother who acts<sup>21</sup>  
as pastor at Hsin Lou<sup>21</sup> and  
the brother in whose home the  
Chui-che church meets to  
come and preach for them  
a week ago last Sunday. The  
house was crowded.

They have been fighting,  
a dispute over their water privilege,  
with a neighboring village and  
want to have the case set-  
tled. It may be they expect  
foreign help if they profess  
Christianity but it looks as if  
possibly they had found their  
own gods of no avail and  
decided to try a Christian guide  
to help them out of difficulty.  
Two of the brethren will go next  
Sunday & report. tomorrow Tuesday.

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

We visited the village of Au-Chhan, where an aged woman and her crippled son were the first believers, the fruit of a street sermon from Tang-ting who is now pastor at "Lai Thi Sua". Several young men are now coming to worship every Sunday. The mother of one of them is bitterly opposed to their quitting work on Sunday & scoffs at the idea of becoming a Christian. The father is milder and more accessible - His mother, 80 yrs old, is willing to listen. After I had talked to her for some time she began to cry & said - she was afraid to think that "sons & grandsons

will not in the days to come <sup>23</sup>  
see each other" - I do not  
know just how far she com-  
prehended the truths about the  
future. We urged her believing  
grandson to impress upon her  
that if they all trusted in the  
Savior they would see one  
another forever. We also di-  
rected them further to meet, the  
free believers, every evening &  
read the gospels, sing & pray to-  
gether.

In the afternoon I went  
to the city & did some preaching  
by the way at the meeting  
place went to see the front  
of the house now of Paul for  
went & had conferences with the

Native helpers - They have 2<sup>d</sup>  
developed a little jealousy and  
ill feeling that I regret to see.  
I was obliged to give the whole  
evening to one of them who  
is not popular tho he seems  
a faithful worker. I referred  
him to Paul's injunctions to  
the Ephesians that "speaking  
the truth in love" they grow  
up in all things - "Truthing  
in love - loving in truth"  
was one of Dr. Gordon's  
scriptural antitheses -

Saturday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

We faced a strong north wind  
in crossing the fields to visit  
Angua (Red Hill) - when  
we found the mother and young-  
est brother of two of our preachers.  
She is not a church member

it. She says however that 25  
she has wholly forsaken idols  
and prays to God every day and  
gives thanks at meal times. She  
is the one who less than seven  
years ago tried to kill the second  
son because he emptied the  
ashes out of two urns that had  
long been worshipped in the  
family. The youngest son & a  
friend of his listened very well  
while I spoke to them on the  
Crucifixion - Some one had  
put up two pictures, one of the  
Crucifixion and one of the res-  
urrection on either side of  
a public room belonging to  
their branch of the family -  
They form a striking contrast  
to a large picture of one of

the Sage - Kwang-Iâ - a  
mighty man of high renown  
in his day. The picture is al-  
most life size, a very good  
drawing represents him in  
ample robes sitting apparently  
on the chair of office & be-  
hind an attendant of finer  
countenance with a savage  
looking spear in his hand -  
On the table below the pic-  
ture is a receptacle for in-  
cense which was burned to  
the shade of Confucius -

We visited the village of Khek  
Pou some  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles away when  
I am glad to find the father  
and mother of a former  
pupil, a Sak, now Dr. Birby's

helper at Kit Yang, are now<sup>27</sup>  
friendly. they used to roile  
and make it very unpleasant  
for him. They have abandoned  
idols: The father seems quite con-  
firmed in the faith, the mother  
says she believes "2 or 3 tenths": the  
rewards & tribution of the future  
she does not yet feel sure about.

We visited Tai Ming on our  
way to Tam Khai & made  
them a pastoral call, drank  
tea and labored with the  
people who came in -

I quite enjoyed the walk.

probably about 8 miles in all.  
The boat did not arrive till  
about 9 o'clock delayed by  
the tide - Our boatmen cut an  
ugly gash on his shin with  
a broken piece of a bowl  
that was in the water.

Nani Khai - Sunday to 27<sup>th</sup> <sup>28</sup>  
Matters here are not flourishing,  
the congregation has fallen off  
and the interest has generally  
waned. They show some  
zeal for building a new  
house and that, which once  
threatened to split them may  
now prove a blessing.

I had our especially good  
leaver this afternoon at the  
close of our small Sunday  
School. I dwelt especially  
upon the future as declared  
in Ps. XXI-11. The truths  
seemed more than usually  
vivid to me and the Lord  
especially near.

This forenoon I spoke on II Cor.  
VIII 18-9 - following a misser-  
mon on the Parable of the Wedding Feast.

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

At Kit-yang I looked over  
the new building Mr. Speicher  
is putting up & also visited  
his school and preaching place  
in the city. We were very late  
arriving in Snator & had rough  
passage across the bay all  
well here at home.

Tuesday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> -

Mr. Brockman come to-day &  
have taken him about among  
the schools & to the E.P. Mission.

His ship did not go to-day &  
he is staying over night with us.

Wednesday - Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> -

Dr. & Mr. Ashmore were here  
at tiffin with Mr. Brockman  
we had a pleasant company  
I have sent men in to ar-  
range for putting a house at  
Pu-ching City -

Thursday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

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This has been a day of letter writing and mission conversations. We are having to get all we can sent home by Mrs. Campbell. We were invited to Stratton to meet Mr. Cornell. This evening I have been conferring with Mr. Ashmore Jr. about the 2 new buildings.

Friday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The builder was here again today. We have about decided to let Tz-nou have the school building & Chip-seng the chapel. The Campbells left today and we finished up a lot of mail. Prepared sundry parcels for sending home by them.

Sat. - Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I did not go to the country - decided to remain over Sunday at the Compound for the first time since we came back.

Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> -

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It is no small undertaking to keep Frank + Clarence from breaking up the intent of the congregation in the sermon. The little fellows find it very tiresome. We had a home mail with good news from the children -

Monday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

I arranged to send a man to Kho-Khoi + Khoi Tung Kio + had a messenger from Ou King. It is not certain we can get the house there. The land lord must ask his brother.

Tuesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> -

The Contractor's man was over again we gave him the contract for the new Chapel - Ti-hou is to build the Gato School house -

I did not notice the fact that we had our first evening company on Monday. Mrs. McKibben, Mrs. Mrs. Speicher + Dr. Birby were our guests at supper + for the evening - We indulged in Habana black gammon

Wednesday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 31

A lot of people came to see me about troubles in the country so I did not get away till after 4 o'clock & the boat did not start till dark.

Thursday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

I rode about 16 miles off the way on my wheel - but the boat some 4 hours - I had a rather pleasant visit with Mr. Kemp. wrote in the afternoon - enjoyed a chat with my old helper Lengthen in the evening. Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

I let my cook take the chain & go on with the 3 men who carried my baggage & went along on the wheel till the chain broke - then I walked - the cook & the men did not wait so I walked on till about 2-30 P.M. & stopped over night at

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Phu-Khoi - The old man Ou-Mo-Phu  
who entertained me before, insisted on  
my remaining as his guest. He is  
very friendly but his sons are not.  
They are fitting up their Ancestral Hall  
for worship.

Saturday - Dec 10<sup>th</sup> -  
I had an excellent opportunity to  
meet a young man with whom I  
walked just after the wheel broke  
down & sent it back to the city &  
after leaving Phu-Khoi as well as  
while there had a good hearing -  
Coming down the hill just after  
we got a view of the Chapel in the  
distance I met Khe-Lin from  
Lai-Phu-Suan, who came to meet me  
& bro't my umbrella. We made  
several calls on the way I was  
tired & took it leisurely - it is  
about 17 miles from Phu-Khoi  
to the chapel the 17 odd miles

the day before with a pull of 600 33  
step now up a hill in the hot  
sun had been a tiresome jaunt -

The people were all delighted to see  
me had feared that I must have  
perished among the hills - They were  
just back from a wedding at Chick Peah.  
Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> -

There is a good congregation here  
quite filling the house - The dele-  
gation from "Ngipi" are a well  
appearing set of men - who seem  
desirous of being connected with us  
here. I spoke in the forenoon on  
the High point questioning Jesus  
about his "disciples & his doctrine"  
In the afternoon I did not go out,  
caught cold the day before  
by not changing my damp cloth-  
ing on my arrival -  
Wrote Mr. Gurbuck in the P.M.

Monday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - 34

Stayed in bed all day - sent my  
letter to Ng King by A Sing.

Tuesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

Another day in bed - cold a little  
better but night sweats not wholly  
overcome.

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

A Sing back from Ng King  
with letter from Mr. Goukuk.  
who still seems to look forward  
to planting a station at Tugpi.  
I sat up a little while in the  
evening.

Thursday - Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

We had an interesting service  
in the afternoon. One of the Deacons  
A-St. has adopted a son & daughter  
a young married couple. They  
used to attend worship last year  
& then was adopted by a heathen  
in the neighborhood, who had  
lost a son, & wanted a son for  
himself or husband for his son's

Midway. This went on very well 35  
till the father got angry & turned the  
young man out of doors - the wife  
belonged legally to him she determined  
to marry her off - he could get  
over a hundred dollars for her.  
Her womanliness & refusal for the  
husband she had accepted killed  
& she refused to be thus disposed of  
but they hung her up by her  
hands & threatened her till she yielded  
& they took her to a wife-broker's  
house whence she ran to the  
Chapel & plead with the preacher  
wife & Deacon's mother to save her.  
The preacher took the matter in hand  
raised \$103.00. which by much  
urging & diplomacy they succeed-  
ed in persuading the inhuman  
father-in-law to accept -  
The Deacon took them to assist in  
his household till they could find  
some childless couple to take  
them - No one was found &

The Deacon finally decided to risk <sup>36</sup>  
them himself. His wife is a cripple  
whose limbs wholly pained & his moth-  
er aged. Then the young man was  
persuaded that he would have a  
hard time & demurred so the plan  
nearly fell through. The Dea. became  
disgusted & backed down. Then the  
boy saw he had lost a good  
lover & came around. We succeed-  
ed in convincing the Deacon that  
now he was more sure of their  
fidelity than if they had not  
gone thro' this experience of demurring  
& coming around again.

We had a service in the after-  
noon in which all parties con-  
cerned were asked if they were  
"millin'" & like Baskin they were.

We read several passages of  
Scripture (Matt II:31-4 Rom VIII:7-11) then  
prayer.

The young couple continued to me  
to the preacher & to their new father-  
then he said, "You have not done  
you whole duty. You should salute  
my reasonable mother." He

at once came up curtains said  
"A. Mã" ("Grandmother") she said  
"A. Nôn" ("Child") with no little feeling.  
The young people are both attending  
Chapel our hope will be some use-  
ful Christians; she is an uncommon-  
ly bright girl & she may yet wake  
up & make an efficient man.

Friday - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> -

No chair could be found so I could  
not go to the District City, stayed here  
at the Chapel.

Saturday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

Set out at 11 o'clock reached  
the City at about 3 P.M. made  
a call in the evening had a number  
in attending worship.

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

We gave the whole hour & a half of  
the morning service to examining  
eight candidates of whom seven  
were received. We had a good baptis-  
mal service in the stream out-  
side the city wall. Several hundreds  
stood about & watched us.

The last one baptized was 38  
a man 81 yrs. old - He had been  
very anxious to be baptized but  
fell & was laid up in bed for  
several days so he was not ex-  
pected till he walked into the  
Chapel.

We Elected a deacon in the after-  
noon - A Si of Si<sup>n</sup> Khe whose  
wife & father I baptized last  
year. They are a most interesting  
family, all in the church: they have  
worship in their shop every night.  
The mother is quite radiant over  
a remarkable answer to prayer -  
she had visiting a sick woman  
at the next village returned at  
dusk there is a narrow bridge  
to cross & she said "I was afraid  
to cross, feet bound, feared I  
should fall & there was no  
one to help me - nothing to do  
save pray to the Lord & I  
prayed & surely Father said

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Some one to lend me across the  
bridge - suddenly some stood be-  
side me said "A - in' k'ia ai" Khan  
liu." "ma'am I will lend you" -  
He took hold of my wrist led  
me across. - How was he dressed?

"He had a long robe - not a  
sleek tunic like ours - a long  
robe - bluish - it was dusk" -  
Did you see his face - "No I did  
not much dare to look at his  
face - he was tall very tall -

When we crossed I turned to  
thank him and he was gone.  
I look up, looked down no one on  
the path anywhere - a little boy  
came along said - "strange I saw  
two persons coming across the  
bridge now there is only one.  
Then I was sure - it was very  
lucky because the Lord had  
heard my prayer sent this angel  
to lend me across the bridge

My daughter-in-law would not believe it said I was King (out of my senses) but I was not there it was say. I've been happy by day happy by night because the heavenly Father heard my prayer & sent his Angel to lead me across the bridge. Wait the Jehovah Angel or one of the spirits sent forth to minister unto them that are the heirs of salvation?

In the evening a young Pres. preacher and a bright young man who obtained the first Literary Degree when he was 20 yrs old & is now a worshiper in the Church member - met at the Chapel on Sat. a good service together with our attendants.  
Monday - Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

We came down to "Lun Shin Sui" in the early part of the day. began class with two young men in the afternoon - Sunday Dec 20<sup>th</sup>  
A few more to study, man taking up Genesis & Mark, Luke in the evening

Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

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After class in the P.M. I was coming back from the river when my want to mail a letter was met by a letter that a dumb man had brought from The <sup>de</sup> <sup>le</sup>. He impressed upon the people by signs that I must at once rush off to Kak-Chieh. The letter

contained news of a new outbreak at Kho-Khoi, a bad fight with the Catholics. I decided to wait till after Sunday. There was no

Chair available but will make only a few days difference. It seemed best not to give up my

work here for a doubtful advantage there so I wrote a letter to Mr. McKibbin to send to class for a messenger to take early in the morning.

Thursday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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The Tong Choik - Feast of the Winter Solstice - We had a quiet day at the Chapel - I enjoyed the lessons.

Friday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The weather continued mild & cloudy. We had a small but interesting class. Two of the members told me this morning they wish to go to Kank-chih after Chinese New Year and study there. I am very glad for this because we need workers in this region very much. A P<sup>o</sup> who was adopted by A. It is coming regularly now. I have hopes he may develop into a scholar. There is more of him than I at first supposed. He is a H<sup>o</sup> K<sup>o</sup> K<sup>o</sup> man need men who can use both dialects. The County classes I have held thus far have arranged about our new helper for each place where classes have been opened - four up to the present date - not counting this one.