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Monday - Aug. 14th 1899 - 43

One week ago we planned to visit
Tang-ai & live there for 2 or 3 weeks.
When, after a part of our bundles were
already loaded into the boat, we dis-
covered that little Gella Whitman had
measles & it is altogether probable
our children will have it too. So
Dr. McPherson thought we better come up
here to Kuk-chih - I am glad we
did for there have been many
people in from the country to see
me & I was able to have two men
go to the Hui-hui region which is
a very needy one. Mia-tai had
also found a large house in
Yon-Phou, a place where we have
long been unable to get a chapel.
Two interesting old men came up from
Chhiak-o - a village I visited last
Winter & an old man who was
more than 40 years in Honolulu
called to ask me to write to his
former Employer. He is a nice old
man - I was quite touched when
he said "let us pray as he was doing
& stood while he offered a simple
prayer. He lives away up beyond Tio Phanglety.

Mr. Sprick has gone up to 'Big King' 44
& probably to 'Tio-an' & 'Tang, Suan'.
Mrs. G. takes her meals here this
evening. Mr. Mackibin took supper
with us. Mr. & Mrs. are both working
on the Colloquial Genesis - I am
revising the translation of the story
of the Joseph. My Hebrew had
become very rusty, but enough of
it comes back to enable me to
compare the original. The Hebrew
& Chinese are much more alike
than are Hebrew & English or Greek &
Chinese -

Tuesday - Aug 15th

The mother is quite comfortable now.
Frankie is lame with a boil on
his knee - I put some of Mr. Truitt's
medicine upon it & it discharge
ed, so he is much better -

Wednesday.

We had a good prayer meeting
here in the evening. Five present
only but the time was all occupied.
Afterward we discussed some im-
portant mission matters.

Thursday Aug. 17th 94⁴¹

Mrs. Foster & Mrs. Gunkel
went to Finton shopping. among
other things brought back a Chi-
nese flower stand - It is hollow
underneath with open work - &
Clarence as he looked at it from
his high chair ^{asked} "Do maow
Keep birds in dat sing?"

A man called who had been
22 yrs in the U.S. & was
baptized in Dr. MacArthur's
Church, but I fear he has not
been very active as a Christian
for he has been within 6 miles
of us for 15 mos. & this is the first
we have heard of him - he had
trouble with some one there. Now
we have found him we hope he
may come regularly to service.
He speaks English well.

In the afternoon Mr. McKittum
laid out plans for the coming 12
months work with the class of
students.

Friday Aug 18th 1899 46

We sent home a number of letters.
I worked very steadily studying & writing
till 2 P.M. - & from 3 till five
P.M. studied again with my teacher.
We had company for supper -
Miss Black & Miss Harkness from
the E. P. Mission, & Miss St John,
Mrs. Grubick & Mr. McKibben -
had a pleasant time -

Saturday Aug. 19th -

Harmer to-day. My teacher has
gone home over Sunday. I have
been preparing for to-morrow
beside attending to some mission
difficulties -

It is two years to-day since my
father died - the greatest sorrow for
me that life has yet brought -
the world does not yet seem the
same as it did before. Yet I have
countless blessings for which to be
thankful & he is at rest - rest from
his labors & his works do follow him.

Mr. Grubick is back from the
country -

He found the people much ⁴⁷
stirred up over a case of perse-
cution at Tang Sui" He saw
the Mandarin, who admitted the
injustice & promised to make
reparation.

We went on to Braton by moon-
light.

Sunday Aug. 20th

We had quite a good congrega-
tion this morning. I led the

service took the first part of
the 116th Psalm for the opening.

Had Luke 15th Read, & I preached

from Is. 30:18 - God waiting to
be gracious - An waiting on

Him." Several strangers came &
sat through a part of the service.

After service I talked about the

girls school with A. Sui who
used to be in Mrs. Johnson's

school ^{or rather} listened to her ^{views} 50 years ago. Afternoon

Mamma had a good talk
with Mrs. Chhian, who was

a school mate of A. Sui & is
to be matron of the new school

She says she promised the Lord 48
to give back her first years wages
or that will be a great help -

Clarence + Frank went to church
seat quite still. Clarence started
off with a piece of rope + the bottom
of a broken vase. which I took away.
A little while ago Clarence came
in + said - "I saw a centipede
(Centipede) on dat tree" -
Monday - Aug 21 -

- This morning I was greatly shocked
in seeing for the first time
the death of Mrs. Van Kirk's death. So
terribly sudden - it was a terrible
blow - must have nearly killed Van
Kirk + they have five children +
motherless - How much depends on one
life - what an infinite blessing that
a mother's life be preserved for her
children - if it cannot be then
how much it means to have a
sainted memory of one who passed
away in full assurance of hope +
mourned here, expected there -

Tuesday - Aug. 22nd - 49

A surprise to-day in the shape of mail we did not expect for one or 2 days yet. 4 letters from Benton & 1 from Chicago. Glad to know that all are well at home. I had a good opportunity to talk with a man who came in to get a contribution for a new bridge - hope he will remember what we told him. He said he was "a sinner" & that the truth we told him opened & enlightened his heart. A-mi was less told how his wife had been sustained in the last years of her serious illness & last marks of suffering. A-Khine wrote her a letter comforting her & told her to be waiting for her at the gate of Skorn - added - if I go first I'll be waiting for you - A-Khine was suddenly taken with typhoid fever & died a fortnight earlier. When A-mi's wife heard of it she started up & said - "Then she has gone first I will be waiting for me at the gate."

Wednesday, Aug 23rd -

It being the 7th Anniversary of Mr & Mrs Grosbeck's wedding, they invited us to supper & to spend the evening - we had a very pleasant time. I worked at translation during the day.

Thursday - Aug 24th 50

Jay's birthday - We had a remembrance
from Barton in the shape of the
pictures of Anna's baptism which
we were very glad to get. We also
had letters from Mrs. Johnson Jr.
Dr. Scott - Mrs. A. Jr. sold all the
Dracon work she took home in
a very short time - Dr. J. comes
back as they planned in Sept.

I went to Inator & brought Dr. & Mrs.
Gross over to spend the day - I had
a profitable conversation with him
about his method of teaching - They
invite all who join the church
Each six mos. to come to his

Bible training class for at least
a month - This raises up a strong
church - He has also a class
of men studying to be preachers.
He recommends the books by
Kidner & Mr. Moody's Chicago
School. I had a visit from

a delegation of Phau Thai brethren
who have to cases on hand.
In the evening we had prayer
meeting at Mrs. Grosbeck's.

Friday Aug 2nd

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I did quite a little translating in Gen. 43rd - In the evening the boys & ourselves went to take supper at Dr. Lyall's had a very pleasant visit.

Frank & Clarence have had their heads clipped again & haven't much more hair than the baby.

Saturday - Aug 2^{6th} -

Up at 5-20 - breakfast at 6-20 - on steam launch at 7-30 - at Phai Phai by 10 A.M. - We walked a mile to Tân-Trí to confer about a case of a young woman who was insulted by a boy on her way from Church. Then back to the Chapel & after dinner & a rest we went in another direction walked several miles, made several pastoral calls in 3 villages & saw another difficulty settled - a lot of heathens had vowed to drive a Christian family out of the village - The day was uncommonly cool for August -

Sunday Aug. 27th - 52

A hot day & a busy one - 3 services
at 9 - 10 A.M. & 2 P.M. - all
well attended & the interest good -
The brethren raised over 6⁰⁰ toward
the funeral expenses of a poor
demented brother who died Saty -
This station is quite promising,
& has 3 outposts -

Monday Aug. 28th

We set out early this morning
for the funeral at 11 A.M. in our
a mile away. The brethren did
very well some walking a long
distance: they made special ef-
fort to come so the heathen might
see that we do not despise the
poor & the demented even.
It means a great deal to have a
large number at a funeral here.
Since we came back I have been
wringing & drying my clothes - the
third change is becoming soaked
with perspiration now - The affair
of Saty is not settled yet.

Tuesday - Aug 29th -

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Just as we had decided to make a declaration to the Kit Yang Magistrate & I had sent the men to find the former if ever in the case & be assured that he would testify to the standard, this man came in & said the way was open to settle. After long dickering over the way the money should be paid & the way it should be expended & the weight of the dollar - at last it was settled, a draft made on a drug firm was made out for \$66 - to use in mending roads & another for \$300⁰⁰ to be expended in rice to give away to the poor.

A heavy shower & east wind made it very cool when I reached Boston - all were well here: Clarence & Frank were shouting with glee to see Papa back.

We were surprised by a call from the English Consul this morn^{ing} - we called & did not see them. Milady was "dressing" - Mr. Mackintosh says that Dr. Gibson had been up with a request that he secure a paper from the Chas Yang Yamen for them. Consul Fraser needed it in the Chhin-Khai case. If they were going to ask favors of us they felt they should show at least ordinary civility & politeness - They were very pleasant - he has been long in China: she is a Foochow girl -

Friday Aug. 29th 1899.

Quite an exodus for Pui Yung; Mr. & Mrs. Yumbek & Miss St John left at noon. They & Mr. McKibben took tiffin with us. I had a very busy forenoon looking after needed repairs & writing letters. - Wednesday Aug 30th

A memorable forenoon - Mr. McKibben & I laid our plans for the coming school year before the two teachers {^{Mai Kai} Chiu - Siif} expecting considerable hesitation if not argument or opposition, as they involve changes that affect them both materially, but they accepted with very little suggestion - & that acceptable to us, all we had settled on - The change the Bible School to the new three storied building, where the students can have rooms for study by themselves. The primary school vacates that for the old girls school building & we shall take in only about half

the no. of small boys we had last year. The teacher brought up his list & checked off the names of the boys who were the most promising. He also said that he & his family could live in the building which will be much better; they can look now closely after the boys.

It is so difficult to make changes & the Chinese are so sensitive about anything that might be considered a reflection on their work that we dreaded the attempt of such a task in midsummer, but the way had been prepared for us & they had themselves come previously to some of the same conclusions we have reached.

When we were through with the matter settled I felt as if I had done a heavy days work. I had been spokesman & it was no small effort to present the different points so as to be forcible & not to antagonize these two men against us or against one another.

We had a good little prayer meeting in the evening, therefore enough to claim the promise. We also considered the program for our next Communion week of meetings.

Thursday - Aug. 31st

The culminating effect of being overheat Sunday & Monday & catching cold after having hair cut short on Tuesday was to keep me in bed with Catarrh & some fever. Mr. McKibbin was our own made final decision about Communion next week.

Friday - Sept. 1st -

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Many calls today. A lad from Chin-
Chuan Hui Lai Dist. came in on his
way to Singapore - We have advised him not
to go may help him a little if he decides
to return home. He says that the people
who have remained steadfast down there
have all escaped the plague - Those
who helped destroy the meeting place &
its contents, with a single exception, have
lost several from their households & they
asked their Buddhist god about it.
The medium replied that they had sinned
against the Almighty - (rather the ~~deity~~

Supreme Ruler) - Calls come twice
from "Ain-Le" where they have raised quite
a sum toward the salary of a preacher,
& the promise is good - from Khai-Tung
"Kia" & Kwan Poo, besides various business
calls & no less than sittings with Chinese
teachers - We also had calls from Mrs.
Wilson of Chung King & Miss Lay of
the Community here - also from Dr. & Mrs.
Candler of Bratom - Saturday Sept 2nd -

Today Miss Childen came down from
Pai Yang enthusiastic over its advantages
& much improved in health - We went to
Brampton with her in the afternoon -

I have been at work on my article for 4
the Conference on Schools - am much interested
in the subject.

Sunday - Sept 3rd to
Sunday Sept. 10th -

A quiet week at home, working every day with
my teacher & preparing for the article on
Schools - We had word from Mr. McKibbin
that he had a good day at Khet - Khai found
that the two men who were in the students
class last term are doing good work -
Twenty applied for baptism of whom eight
were received. Among them a school teach-
er who has rased out all the signs of
heathen worship from his school room.

We received two home mails, one with
10 letters for ourselves.

Further reports from Hany Si' were
the belief that there are some cannot
believe then they have already contributed
almost half enough to pay a teacher's salary
for a year - There is a little sign of
interest also at another place of the
same name, having 150,000 to 200,000
soals, not far from Imton - I have sent
a colporteur there - a brother from another
place has opened a little shop there.
We are getting on with preparations of
opening the schools -

On the 10th I preached from John 4:14
37-39 - had my good attention

Mr. Campbell came in the morning and ⁵
took his meals with us during ^{the day}
We enjoyed having extracts from his
home letters = Monday, Sept 11th -

I am on our small boat nearing the
town of Sat-Hain Phon, one of the large
places in this thickly populated region -
This is called Sat-Hain Phon creek - runs
from Sraton bay to Hai-Nam bay - about
8 miles - The town of Sun-Phoi has about
10,000 inhabitants. Ho-Phoi about 16,000.
Sat-Hain Phon has about 50,000 ^{villages}
is Bé-ga have 10,000 more ^{other}
are a number of smaller villages - that
make up more than 100,000 in all -
The only place of Christian worship is
a Presbyterian chapel near Sat-Hain
Phoi, with no preacher & scarcely any
congregation - We have a few who are
interested & hope to get a place for
meeting in soon. This is one of the
earliest places occupied & several
ordained preachers & teachers came
from here, but the best work all
died out. now we hope to see it revive -
& this beautiful valley be lighted all
along with the beacon fires of a living
hope not darkened by the smoke of these
flaming torches of heathenism.

4-35 P.M. Homecoming found - 6

It has been a very busy day & a pleasant one - We visited the shops of the young men who are interested - & one or two who middle-aged men as well - & several families - We had very good opportunities to talk with people - Spoke for some time with a woman whose husband was formerly an ordained preacher - has been dead for over 15 yrs -

I called on the Mandarin, one whom we met at Lian-King 2 yrs. ago. He is a very friendly little man, sorry to find him in poor health, blood in bad condition & his feet legs breaking out in open sores - He was very cordial personally - I hope he will attend to the case that is on his mind. Poor little man I felt very sorry for him.

Tuesday Sept. 12/99 -

This forenoon I went to Sinton and had two teeth "mended" by a Chinese tooth cobbler after attending to the mailing of a package of Dr. Brown's Tonic to London - A lady from Foochow who used to sell the work for Mrs. Ashmore sent for a hundred dollars worth (silver). I have had many Chinese called today -

Several men came from Stratton &
to whom I gave Christian books -
I was interested to hear from
Mr. Campbell that a Stratton
business man, "Ben", our grocer,
said that I had talked with
him on the subject of religion
but he said "I can't, be a Chris-
tian, for in my business I have
to tell lies". "The love of money
is a root of all evil" - I hope
Mr May be able to set the
matter before him so that he
may be willing to make lies
& tell the truth. Wednesday Sept. 13th -

We had the Union prayer meeting here
in the afternoon. I led & enjoyed the
meeting more than I usually do - three
men, Mr. Sutherland Dr. Macleagan
& ~~Walter~~ ^{Salsgill} came over.

Thursday, Sept. 14th
The day is brightened by letters from
home - the children from Chautauque &
Miss Rickett's letter also one from Mr.
Chas. F. Smith of New Britain - who has
given us some things -

Friday 15th, Sept 8

Mr. Mackintosh came back from
Thai Yang and was busy with
discussing many matters that
interest us. Saturday Sept 16th

Mr. Mackintosh promised to preach
in English in Toronto if I would
preach here in Chinese, so I gave most
of the forenoon to preparing a sermon
on Promises - also did some work
on my paper for the Conference.

Sunday - Sept 17th

I quite enjoyed preaching. Had some
liberty & was pleased to see that
some listened well - In the afternoon
I stayed at home & read most of the
time.

Monday Sept 18th

There are so many interruptions here
that the only way to finish my paper
was to go to the Island as I had ex-
pected to do before so I went in the
morning & had a good quiet cool
place to work. Had a fine bath
in the sea.

Tuesday. Sept 19th 9-

all day at work on my article about schools - the subject grows in importance as one pursues it the relation of schools & evangelizing, or evangelists, is one of great interest & most instructive. I wrote till I could write no more & slept in a long chair for about 2 hours. After supper worked for several hours.

Thursday - Sept. 20th

After a forenoon of work I came up with a fair mind & reached home in time for tiffin & finished my article of over 40 large pages. We had a good prayer meeting in the evening led by Mr. McKibben.

Thursday Sept 20th

We met at Mr. McKibben's home in the forenoon & had a most profitable as well as pleasant session in listening to papers from Mr. Grosbeck & Dr. Pixby - Mr. Grosbeck began

with an exposition of David's prayer¹⁰
in 1 Chronicles & gave also some
general observations on the prospects
of building up the Kingdom of God
in China. Mr. Campbell and some
others dissented from his views
We had a full frank & interesting
discussion - Dr. Dix by plans
to reopen her hospital for women
only at Kit-Yang.

In the evening we discussed some
matters of general missionary interest.

~~Friday. Sept. 22nd -~~

I should not omit the afternoon.
Mr. Campbell gave us a most interest-
ing account of his tour with Mr.
Whitman into Fokien & Kiang Si -
I read my paper on schools which
took an hour & thirty minutes, and
was very well received. They suggest-
ed that it should be printed.

Friday. Sept 22nd
I did not state that Mr. Mackintosh
was elected President & Mr. Grosbeck
Secretary of the Conference.

3. Mr. Whitman gave us a strong¹¹
paper on Industrial Missions, taking
the ground that missionaries had
no call to do anything of the
sort unless they were made
a part of the work of evangeli-
zation of the heathen. Miss
St. John discussed the question
of Bible women taking the
position that a minimum of paid
assistance is best.

The afternoon paper from Mr. Speicher
on a course of reading for nation-
helpers & Mr. McKibbin on the devo-
tional life of the missionary were
both devout & practical. We
held an evening meeting at our house
and besides the devotional service
prepared a letter to send home -
Saturday - Sept. 23rd

A large mail came in and we were
very much engaged with our letters
most of the forenoon & a part of the afternoon
I had a letter from the Mandarin at
Fat-Han-Pow which took some time

I had promised to preach at the¹²
Presbyterian Mission Sunday so
must give some time to pre-
paration.

Sunday Oct. 24

I kept quiet during the day and
went to Sorator in the afternoon

Clara & Frank. Mr. Whitman & his
Fry Spurgeon & Mr. McKibben met
also. I had some liberty in

speaking on II Peter I: 4 - Several
spoke of being edified.

Monday Oct. 25th -

The day was a busy one in hur-
rying up the preparation for
the school work and having the
buildings in readiness. Mamma

has the new girls school to
put in order and has most
excellent help in her matron
assistant matron and teacher.

Mr. McKibben & I decided to
make a change in the schools

and put the mens class in the
large 3 storied building and

the little boys school in the former
girls school. Their teacher is to give

a part of his time to the girls' 13
School. These are very radical
changes: we thought the Chinese
might not like them. They accepted
them however very pleasantly.

Tuesday - Sept. 26th

The 8 a.m. meeting was led by Mr.
McKibbin who had a good prayer-
meeting. At 10 o'clock the reports
of a reviving of the first station

ever opened, at Tattun Pon, that
had been in a comatose state
for 20 years, & of the buying of

a house in Yoa-Thou that had
been used as a home for a
Buddhist goddess, a house costing
over \$1000⁰⁰ that was sold us
for about \$300⁰⁰. These were of
great interest.

In the afternoon
we had a praise meeting. That was
enjoyed and J. hope was accepted
the praise.

Wednesday - Sept 27th

We had an early meeting at 6-30
that was found helpful. The
8-00 o'clock service also was good.
At 10 a.m. we had reports from

the students who were out ¹⁴
during the vacation. They have
done good work. At one place
several were baptized & 3 others
gave 3 times enough to pay the
main expenses.

In the afternoon we had the
recology of the 3 months - 11 had
passed from us. We had their
names written on a black cloth,
a cross on one side & crown
on the other. with passages of scripture
"If any man will come after me let
him deny himself & take up his cross
daily & follow me" on one side -
the promise of a "Crown of life" on
the other - Above "They rest from their
labors & their works do follow
them" - the whole verse - After each
name was written - "Gone" - Returned
home" - & the date. The most
interesting was the account of U-
Khue's life. One brother whom
I baptized Christmas day, was 20

Pappy on his death bed that 15
he laughed aloud several times,
which impressed his old heathen
mother very much. also a neighbor
whose son is a Christian much a-
gainst her will, came to ask about
this said - "Well, perhaps there is
a heavin. after all."

Thursday - Sept. 28th

We had an excellent prayer meeting in
the morning, more of an experience meet-
ing than I ever heard before other.
My teacher Anthony told how he first
worshipped because he was told he
could get well of a serious illness &
had gradually come into the light.

There was a business meeting meeting
in the forenoon & a missionary service
at 3 o'clock - Miss Meta Focken
one of our neighbors in the Community
was at these two meetings -

Friday Sept 29th

I preached on the morning in the 2nd
of Malachi - on giving at least a tithe.
They gave good attention & I know of one
who determined to follow the rule.

at noon Mr. Paton gave us an address ¹⁶
on the duties & privileges of the
School teacher that was ^{good} & well
appreciated. - At 3 P. M. I gave them
an account of the first day of our
Conference & a part of my paper -
Mr. had quite a large audience -
Saturday - Sept 30th -

At breakfast Mr. spoke of the need
for a chapel at Ka-Yin for the Huk-
Ka work - & remembering that Mr.
McKittan had said that it was
difficult to get people to give unless
there was a definite object, thought
this might be the present object.
Mr. spent a few minutes in
prayer over it & spoke to Mr. Mc-
Kittan who was to lead the 8 o'clock
service. He told of our second
day's Conference & gave the substance
of his paper on "Personal Devotion".
He said we wished to have General
Conventions - at least one a year and
they had no chapel at Ka Yin.
We should help build them one

There were better speeches made '7
more enthusiasm kindled over this
than over anything we have seen.
All rose to signify their wish to help.
I had a very busy forenoon & we
had a meeting that lasted from 2
till half past six in the afternoon.
Over 40 candidates were examined
after a number of items of church
business were transacted -

Sunday Oct 1st -

There was a splendid congregation
of men, 300 or 400 at least & about 200
women & girls - Twenty one were accepted
for baptism at the 8 a.m. service.
The preacher at the 10 o'clock meeting
in his sermon gave a resume of
the week's work, which was strong
proof that the Chinese appreciated
& profited by it. Miss Focken
was at this service. Mrs. Dr. Payne
also came up to witness the baptism.
Before the Communion service in
the afternoon there was an animated
discussion as to whether we better take
subscriptions for Ka-Yin or not.

It was undertaken - Long Henry 17¹/₂
made a good address - Mr. McKibben
& I spoke also - & headed the
list: some spoke up, "I will give 5⁰⁰/₁₀₀,"
"I two" - "I a dollar" & one man
who has grown rich in Annam
came up to the front & said to
the one who was taking names
"I will give a hundred (in) to silver"
Collectors went about with pencil
and paper - it was a sight always
to be remembered in connection
with our chapel - and almost every
body subscribed - While we began
the Communion service Elder
Hua-him went out to reckon up
the amounts & in a few moments we
were able to announce that our
#533 - had been subscribed!

This was a surprise to all & led us
to hope that we can build a
good house there -

The rest of the day was a very
busy one - meeting till after 9 o'clock
& people coming to study after
that - to further arrange for coming months

Monday - Oct 2nd -

18-

There was much to oversee in getting the changes made for beginning school - moving the Boys primary dept to the old Girls school building & the men's class to the 3rd story building they ^{the small boys formerly} occupied - I had also a great number of matters to decide with the native preachers & brethren from the country - All are anxious for a brother at Chao Yang who has been imprisoned.

Tuesday Oct. 3rd -

We began holding Morning Prayers at 8-30 with a new arrangement of seats how quite a roomful - Mr. McKibben alternate in reading the service - We opened the Men's class at 9 - Mr. Met. will take them, the advanced division in Blakeslee's "Apostolic Church" & the chain teacher at the same hour teach the Gospel of Matthew. In the afternoon I will take them all in the book of Genesis or if I am away he will teach Old Testament Introduction, Analysis of the books etc.

Wednesday Oct. 4th -

19

I am glad to find that nearly all the men can read the new version of the Pentateuch in easy classical. It is an excellent translation. Bishop Scherischewsky is a Jew so he is well versed in Hebrew.

- We had a good prayer meeting at our house -

Thursday Oct 5th -

The people who subscribed for the Ka-yin chapel are paying up rapidly -

I am very busy with my work in the class and making out my accounts for the year.

Friday Oct. 6th -

The Chinese students show a good interest in going out to the neighboring chapels for the Sunday. After the Friday afternoon class we decide who shall go to the different places.

Saturday Oct 7th

We are having beautiful water, only not enough rain for the rice - every where people are trading water wheels to pump up water - We hoped to have our home mail by Thursday but no steamer -

Sunday Oct 8th

Mail came also Mr. & Mrs. Kemp and two children Mildred & Donald - I was

at Kiaah-chiu when they came - I ²⁻¹⁹
went down in the house boat before day-
light, having gone to the boat in the ev-
ening - We had a very good day at
a newly built house which we can
use as a place of worship -

Monday - Oct 9th

We had ~~no~~ recitations in the morning
but do not expect much of an ad-
vance lesson as some are not
back till late - I had a review with
them. We have a good class of men -
hope for good preachers from them -
One has been called to a church but
it seemed best for him to stay as
he goes in to preach for them about
every other Sunday -

Tuesday Oct. 10th

Mr. Whitman is back & quite sur-
prised to hear of the movement to
help them - Mr. & Mrs. Speicher
came down from Kit-yang with
their children, Mr. & Mrs. Goodrich
so come in the evening - We met
at the ladies house to consider
mission matters - I was elected
Secretary & read letters from Bos-
ton that concerned us all.

Wednesday - Oct. 11 21

Three meetings & my visitation kept me very busy during the entire day. I was put on a Committee to draft a letter to the Executive Committee - also on a Committee to arrange for an Associational meeting at Kit Yang in January & another to prepare a letter giving the promising openings in our work to scatter among our Churches at home -

Thursday Oct. 12th

Another very busy day - writing almost all the afternoon & half the evening; it was about midnight when we went to bed.

Friday - Oct 12th

The Grosbeaks left in the early morning & the Speichers at noon. We closed up our business in the forenoon -

We discussed a telegram from the Roomist decided it meant that Miss St John was definitely appointed to live at Kit Yang, till the new house is built to live in the Marsh Cottage - Mr. Campbell came at noon, much delighted at the prospect for chapel

He proposes to erect a tablet ²²
with the names of the Contributing
Chapels cut upon it. Saturday. Oct. 14.

Whearily to finish packing my trunk for my journey
Off at 6.30 to catch the 1st launch to

Chau Yang, so as to get the forenoon boat
to Hwa Pheng. On the former boat was elderly
man with whom I had an interesting conversation
& on the latter a man from the Chinese
Customs Station at Hwa Pheng, both accepted
books. The launch from Hwa Pheng

stopped for me at Khoi Tang - Kia" so I
had a very easy journey - & a cordial
welcome from the brethren.

Sunday Oct 15th

We gave nearly all the time from 9 till
11 o'clock to examining 10 men and

2 women of 59 & 76 yrs. who asked for
baptism. The men ranged from 19 to 75 yrs
of age. We had good baptismal service.

A large number of the village people
came out to watch & were very quiet.

They seem to know that we mean to do
them good - My old acquaintance from

Hai Son; Lai Sun Sa who was in my class
last Winter -

I went to bed in a boat that we hired for 3
days. It was a beautiful moonlight night.

Monday - Oct. 16th

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Woke up at 7 am - 5th after a restless night. Here I had the pleasure of worshipping for the first time in a loft over a little store whose owner has become a very active Christian: his younger brother was the one of 10 yrs just baptized. A new member from Kho-Ling was there with a letter from Thong their teacher saying that their enemies had attacked & wounded seriously a young man who has become a Christian - I promised to go there in about a fortnight. I went to Chuih Lian had a very good day visiting & preaching. I was glad to hear that A-D who recently died, not having joined the church because he sometimes gambled, had a very remarkable experience at his death - He had wholly given up idolatry & was good to his mother, wife and children - He had wonderful visions of heaven, of God on His throne and of the Lord Jesus, reached up his hands to seize the "precious things" that were being given him - He was at first distressed but prayed very earnestly for forgiveness. I suppose the Lord is very lenient with one of these people who really give up idols & trust His mercy.

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Turning back I made a number of
calls & had a room filled with men to
meet with over the little shop in the
evening - again went to sleep in the boat.
Tuesday Oct 17th

Hada cooler quieter night with fewer
mosquitoes. From Sin-Khai I rode to
Yish-Sü & called on A-Sü, thence to
Chui-Ché ("Water-village"): met a num-
ber of the Christians, & took my lunch there.
From there I went to Cham-Ling & after a
short visit went to Kü-Sü. Took my
boat after having evening worship at the
Chapel.

Wednesday - Oct 18th

At Hua-Shing in the early morning I
called at Taiy-chong-lai Yamen and
saw his son, a fine young man. The
stern-wheeler Ngian ("Righteousness &
Peace") was out of repair so I hired
a small boat & came down to
Chao Yang City faster than if I had
come on the steamer - had a chance
to meet a business man of Hua
Shing, who came down on the little boat.
at the city I went to the Yamen & visited the
brother who was put in prison. The poor fellow

had his hands chained behind him - ²⁵
but I could see a great difference between
his expression and that of the criminals
in the "cage" with him - He had been
telling them of the gospel. We hope his
bonds, like Paul's, may be blessed
to the furtherance of the gospel -
I had time to talk for a little with
the Interpreter who has been friendly to us in
the past & to catch the last boat for mor-
row - all were well at home - we had
prayer meeting at our house.

Thursday - Oct. 19th -

I was obliged to give nearly all the day
to preparing a letter for the Consul at
Canton, who did not pay attention to our
request for helping A-thu-i out of prison.
We decided to ask for 3 cases to be settled.
A Ti was raided & driven from his village
last year. Chin chhan place of meeting was
looted in the winter. A-thu-i was unjustly
imprisoned last month - We asked for a
proclamation announcing the freedom of
Christians from assessments for idol
worship - which we need very much.

Friday - Oct 19th -

After a busy forenoon I had tiffin at 11-15 went to Sinton to make arrangements for sending a lot of drawn work to Chicago by the Empress Line, before going to Kit-yang, where I had a pleasant visit with the Speichers & then took his boat for Phou-hing.

Saturday - Oct 21st -

A young man from Ai-Chhân who has a trouble with his uncle met me at Kit-yang & came up on the boat. I went to the house that is being fitted up at Ai-Chhân, a house the heathens do not dare live in because they believe it haunted - We had worship there & I set out for Hôn-hôn-Ti stopping at the Presbyterian chapel in Kue-Pue to see what could be done to settle the uncle & nephew case and then on to Hôn-hôn-Ti, a beautifully located village, where we now have a clean room for worship. We preached in the village of Hôi-pa-an & had a good hearing. then met with the believers there is a little mud-brick house where they hold evening worship.

They came over to Hoi-Lon-Ti for the evening prayer meeting. Three applied for baptism.

Sunday Oct 22nd

We had "early worship" at H. L. Ti - & then went 4 miles to Kho-Ling when there were 9 who asked for baptism, all but two were received. It is a fine large house when they meet, would seat over 200 people with little change. It is beautifully situated among the rice fields not a stone's throw from a stream when I had the privilege of baptizing six men & one woman, but for a large company of heathen who know little or nothing of the Gospel.

We then went to Nam-tam where a chapel has been located for many years, observed the Communion & gave the right hand of fellowship to 3 men & 2 women to fellowship as well as to the seven received by baptism. A far richer day than I anticipated. It was dark when I reached my temporary home very late when I got to "bed" as the Hue "Sua" brethren went over again & listened for fully an hour & a half to the native preachers myself.

Monday at 23 I was so tired after the long days work & travel coming after many weeks of steady strain that I felt the safest course was to lie in bed for the day fearing illness if I did not.

Tuesday - Oct 24th - 28

Much of the day was given to writing. The preacher went out to a neighboring village Thong Ke - & we had a number of visitors in the evening, & during the day also. A brother said of the near village Sin-Lian, "They are too proud & wicked. There will not be any Christians from Sin-Lian." I told him he should ^{not} harbor such a thought. No hearts were too hard for the Lord to melt. Certainly there will be Christians in Sin-Lian - That evening 4 young men came in & sat for a long time listening to the gospel. One is a tailor whom I met before when he was making a coat for a ^{tin}.

Just after they left in came three men from Kho-Ling, saying that a younger brother of the men who made the trouble had caught up a little boy, son of a Christian young man, & thrown him down violently so he was badly bruised. I advised them to take the child to the magistrate to have him examined.

Wednesday - Oct 25th -

This involved a great deal of trouble and meant a day at the Yamen, much of it very disagreeable. The Pa. Ning Yamen is notable for being unfriendly to foreigners & Christianity. But I was enabled to get

the goodwill of some of the men and 29
one of them asked for a copy of the New
the Old Testament, when I told them
I would send them some books -

It is a great proceeding to examine wounds.
The retainers must all be in array & each must
have a fee. The men about the Yamen are
the hardest looking lot I have seen any-
where. One especially seemed to have the
least trace of humanity left in his face
of any man I ever saw. But I hope
that some even of these may be saved -

The men in the Interpreter's room were
very decent, invited me to eat with them
so I had a bowl of rice, pork, fish,
bean-curd & greens for my dinner & very sa-
vory it was. It was a curious contrast.
The three preachers & I sat about a
table & grace was said by one of them; just
over the table was an idol shrine -

I rode to Kain Khai, had worship in
the new chapel before taking boat for
Kityang -

Thursday Oct 25th -

This morning I found Mr. Spieker
was in trouble over a case with the
Catholics, but the Mandarin has called
one of the City Council to settle the
affair & a friend of our Sui Chai
to talk with the French Priest - He
came down on the steam with me.

Friday Oct. 27th -

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My cold has interfered seriously with my work to-day, but there has been opportunity to help in directing the work of some of the native helpers - This afternoon I have enjoyed reading *Mama* read from Dr. A. J. Pearson's life of George Muller. Saturday Oct. 28th

I did not get about till late in the forenoon but feel much better this evening - I had a call from Hak-tein who is going to his home & help care for his sick mother for a little time & he hopes to prepare a room for worship in his village. He used to be a most devout Buddhist & persecuted his eldest brother, who first became a Christian, most bitterly. *Mama* went to Kak-chieh with the Matron of the girls school this afternoon and had opportunities she enjoyed very much for talking with the women & girls there -

Sunday - Oct. 29th 1899 -

This morning Hak-tein was in early to see if I was better - he gave tribulation to preach to-day. Mall went at the morning service here - I spoke of my trip to the country illustrating Eph. 3:20. *Mama* went to Kak-chieh with several Chinese women & found quite a congregation there. Chhin sui and several from Tathau-pou went down there.

Monday. Oct 30th

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This morning we went out to meet the Scots but they were not on the steamer, neither did our long looked for home letters come by that ship - It was not till noon a slow Japanese vessel came in with a big mail for us the first in 3 weeks - We had good letters from our dear ones at Burton, & from Mr. Beaman in California, Mr. McKibbin & Mr. Thos. Manua. Frank I went to Burton this afternoon - The wars were very high - We had a pleasant visit.

Tuesday Oct 31st -

One year ago we were just coming down to Hong Kong. How much has happened since then many things that give us reason for special thankfulness to God for his goodness - new reasons every day. To-day I have been working on my reports yet & arranging some mission matters - A delegation visited me this morning regarding a trouble with a church member over a house & this evening a man is in to report that the heathen propose to compel him to pay toward theater rather idolatrous ceremonies - I plan to visit his village Friday -

Wednesday - Nov. 1st -

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This morning early Mama went out in the boat to meet Dr & Miss Scott who came in the "Shales" - I took Frank & Clarence down to the pier to meet them. Two young ladies going to Amoy came ashore & breakfasted with us, a Mrs. Dwyer returning & Miss Brint coming out for the first time. It has been a very busy day for me, finishing my report & getting letters written & besides a number of Chinese affairs to listen & decide upon. Dr. & Miss Scott took tiffin and supper with us in the evening we had a good prayer meeting. I was obliged to go to see Mr. Lay the acting Commissioner of Customs after meeting. He had been drawn into correspondence with the Mandarin at Sathau-pou over an affair concerning one of our people. He was very pleasant & promised to write a reply that should be helpful to us.

Thursday, Nov. 2nd 1899.

The forenoon was a very busy one packed full of preparing letters & attending to other duties. I left at noon for Brattore. Coming up here to Keoan Pou I steered the launch a part of the way up the bay. It is a twin screw boat & the propeller on the starboard side is larger than the other so the boat was off the "Sophia".

Villages, ¹⁰⁰⁰ Tang Khe, ¹⁰⁰⁰ Lon Ting, ²⁵⁰ Khai Thien ³⁴
²⁰⁰ Chien Sim Ue, ³⁰⁰ Phi Chai Che, ²⁰⁰ Chu Chih Bian,
⁵⁰⁰ Kua Bi Khe, ³⁰⁰ Loh Wa Cho, ²⁰⁰ E Lian, ²⁰⁰

This is a region quite untouched, probably
no one has ever been to preach in the majority
of them, - unless it be the French Catholics to visit the Kak-chi to
preach to them? Perhaps this man A-ji
in whose house we are staying will be
able to do this - or his son who is now a
teacher in our Primary school - I shall
consider the matter with Mr. Whitman when I
get back to Kak-chi - 6.20 P. M.

We went out preaching in the village -
the people argue more stoutly for their
Heathenism than in any place I have
visited in a long time - We visited the
Head man who has determined to
compel the Christians to pay for their
then celebrations. He is a very obstinate
pagan & insists that the fees are small
& should be paid according to their ideas,
but he listened to a good bit of gospel
truth and was quite pleasant when
we came away. Another piece in
A-Toan came to-day so we have had
a good force - They gave me a small
room to myself - about 8 ft square with
Earth floor - It was horrible for it was the best.

It was the nearest to being in the pig pen ³⁴
that I have been as the pig was about
5 feet from my door the odor was
the same as five feet from a home
pigsty. Saturday eve. 17th -

This has been a day of travel & visit
my first at Sin Pou Ji, when I saw
an old woman of 70 torn quite blind
~~at~~ but seems a sincere believer; is
the mother of Noi Hue whom I baptized
last month. At Chhiah Liam I found our
good old sister at the chapel with a
very bad scrofulous neck & face for
she will not last long she seems
quite anxious over the family's future
& I am inclined to think if her daughter
termin law marries at once a good
man it will be better for the family
tho according to our ideas it would
be paying more respect to the dead
to wait - It would be a serious mat-
ter here for a young widow with
little children to be left without
any one to look after them they need
some one to care for the establishment
I called & Nam Si came on to Chui Che.

Sunday Nov. 5th

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We have a goodly congregation to-day
coming from within a radius of 5
miles - representing other congregations.
They like to come where there is a
crowd & where the Lord's Supper is
to be observed. We had an early
service at which Daniel VII was read -
At 10-40 we had 3 short sermons,
two by members of the Church here
& one by myself. Texts John XIV: 27-
XIV 3 & 7 - & my own II Cor. XIV: 4 & II
Tim. II: 8. There were quite a number of
new learners present. All the time be-
tween services is quite filled with
Exchanging greetings with the Christians
Some of whom I meet only once or twice
a year - at times not so often. There
are some good faithful souls here.
After Communion service I called
on a brother at another village &
came to Nam Lung, preached to a
crowd at one village & came up to
"Kw-tom" where we have a meeting
place & where two preachers A-Pi & Tin are
met from An Chên -

Monday - Nov 6th - 36

The ride this morning was "over the hills & far away" about 11 miles in all - & over quite a steep range of hills - when you get a beautiful view of the wide spreading fields of rice and sugar cane - The color is changing from green to yellow - it is most interesting to watch the varying shades - Happily for the people the sky is clouded else it would be bad for the crops there has been so little rain. One cannot but feel sad thinking how ^{few} will give thanks to the God who is giving all this bountiful harvest. I called at Li Bai Kien & conversed with a local scholar Donk ten & came on to Khi Ling where I have eaten my dinner - Tuesday Evening - Nov. 7th -

at an Chân - Yesterday afternoon to Hou hôn Ti I had quite a company to meet with in the evening. This morning a literary doctor, father-in-law of the man whose child was injured came & it was late in the afternoon before I could get away. There were 5 or 6 young school teachers here who are interested in the truth.

New Volume -

Thursday Nov. 9th -

In the afternoon evening my time was largely taken up with writing & conferring about mission matters - did not find any mail from home land - Clarence is not very well - Frank & the baby are growing.

Friday Nov. 10th

I had the class for the day to relieve Mr. McKibben who needed time for finishing his accounts, & enjoyed the lesson. The morning was on Thessalonians & in the afternoon the S.S. lesson was Paul at Thessalonica Acts XVII 1-15. There were about 20 in the class now. The time between class hours was filled by writing going to tutor, having a long conference with Drs. Gibson & MacLagan about the performances of their preacher at Kwei-pai. John attended Chinese prayer meeting & arranged for leaving home in the morning. Saturday Nov 11th

A warm sunny like day - I had a pleasant trip in the launch - Jê-Tek came up, one of the students. He is very much liked at Khek-Khai, & comes up about every 2nd or 3rd Sunday to preach for them. The

man they called for the year is ²
needed for a newer field on the Island
of Hamao.

I had a very pleasant
half day with Mr. Speicher. We de-
cided it is probably best to postpone
the general meeting till Spring. There is
a fair prospect of having a new chapel
by that time & the weather will be milder.

I rec'd a pleasant letter from the
literary graduate whom I met the
Tuesday before. He says the doctrine of
"Faith, hope - love" he listened to he
believes "deep in his heart" - I hope he

may really know what this means
in accepting Jesus as his Savior -

^{Sunday Nov. 12th}
I came over to Lan Kung in a small
boat - it was a magnificent moonlight
night - I rolled myself up in my bed-
ding & slept the 2 hours of the journey
which was well as they kept me
up till midnight talking over
Church matters - Ngan Liang told
me an interesting bit of official gossip.
The Presbytery tried to visit a house
in P'u Ning city & then to buy land

outside the north gate & failed to ac-³
complish anything notwithstanding they
fought it through the Courts with the
English Consul at their backs - The people
& officials, especially the Prefect who
belongs to the Lee clan who are strong in
Pai-Ning, united to keep them out -
Prefect Lee has just completed his term
of service (of himself) here - They like to get
as many banners as possible presented to
them on leaving a place & he used the present
Pai-Ning Magistrate to persuade the people
of that City to present a banner & a
presentation tablet - The latter was a board
one quarter with letters carved & gilded -

"Righteous Doctrine Wins (the) People"
Si-min Kai (un-tit khui-min)
& the Banner "Grace As Numerous Crocodiles"

Centuries ago the story goes, that one
Hang Si-min Kong was Prefect here &
by an edict read to the Crocodiles
that infested the river at Chau-
Chow the reptiles were scared away -

The interpretation, therefore is - Christianity⁴
is an unrighteous barbarian doctrine,
unacceptible to the people & destine
them as was the Crocodiles: by ~~the~~ presenting
the opening of a Christian Chapel in
Peking the Prefect Lee was as great &
gracious a benefactor as was Hang
Bin Kong. This is instruction,
showing the wisdom of the Chinese
against Christianity and the un wisdom
of attempting to open a place to the
gospel by force.

We have had quite good ser-
vices today, but there has been a
great falling away since the crowds
were coming 2 yrs ago - now their
Case is settled they show little ap-
petite for spiritual food - but a
Prophet is said we shall see
brighter days. Monday, Nov. 13th -

Heavy rain prevents my leaving I am studying
the hymn book to get more familiar with
some of the characters & with a view to mission.

Ngün-liang tells me that a military officer not in good standing was sent to this region with a force of soldiers to keep order, but was given no funds to pay his men, was told he must "rustle" as the cattle do on the Island. He planned a scheme with the head man of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (merchants guild) & A-Khim, that the latter should advance \$120,000⁰⁰ & then that on each dollar's worth of rice, sugar & bran cake that passed through the port should be exacted a toll of 10 cash, a little more than one cent - & this should go to A-Khim. This would be over 1% on the whole ~~on~~ on the bulk of the trade of the port, & in a few years would amount to an immense sum, which would come out of the profits of dealers and farmers in the country. They were incensed and complained, some at the Viceroy's Court in Canton. A bigger officer yet who has been made a sort of general police officer of the whole Province heard of this. Now his daughter was married into the Png-family & A-Khim used to be very friendly with a former Tai-thai-Tseng, a relation of the Marquis Tseng.

and of the great Seng Kwo Fang -
He was a bitter enemy of the Pong family
ly & did all he could to injure them
while here - He is dead but his friend
A-Khim is not - and Kang-Bui-Shai
sees a chance to get money & avenge
his daughters - husband's family, so
he says to A-Khim "My expenses
are greater than his, if you can get
12 myriads ^(1,200,000) of dollars for him, get
500 myriads ^(5,000,000,000) for me"
So the poor man is likely to be plucked
clean. Possibly Jardine & Matheson
for whom he is Comptroller may be
able to do something for him, but
he will find his hobnobbing with
Mandarins a costly luxury. I wish
his misfortunes might make him more
wady to listen to the gospel -

Friday - Nov. 14th

Off for Kit Yang at 9.0. clock & by the after
noon launch to Snalin - There were some men
on the steamer who showed some interest in
the truth & I enjoyed talking & teaching to them -
It is always pleasant to get home - I found
all quite well - my clocks & other things from
New York have come safely & quickly -
Mr. McKibbin came on to discuss Mission matters.

Wednesday Nov. 15th

A Home mail surprised us with two letters from the children - I had a number of Chinese visitors as usual many accounts to take reports to hear and questions to discuss. In the afternoon went to town & got a number of our goods that came from San Francisco. Deciding to go to Fooking in the morning made the day very busy.

Thursday Nov. 16th

My first experience in traveling on the launches outside the harbor. We had a good trip on the Nam Hai. Dr. Pyall was on board.

I find Mrs. Gonschke at home Mrs. G. went down on the steamer this P. M. The house is all torn up being repaired. This evening I enjoyed meeting with the people. They have an evening Bible Class - There are 10 outstations & over 400 members here when there were practically no outstations and a small handful of believers. They are a hearty people & there is genuine new life in a great many.

Friday Nov. 17th

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Mr. Gmsbeck will take the bicycle sent out from New York last year; the pedals only reached here last week - It is a fine machine. My departure on the boat was delayed somewhat for we must needs have a clearing out of the boat. The thifty "boat-lord" had taken on a man to help him push the boat who had in charge some 4 sacks & 6 baskets of salt - about half a ton, which they planned to smuggle up the river by virtue of having me on board -

We stopped for the night in the mouth of a little tributary stream near the boatman's home. The man who stayed on board told us that they catch fish by poisoning them. There is a tree which produces a most pungent berry which they grind mix with earth & mingle with the water of the stream. The fish die and float to the surface. If the fish are properly cleaned they are not poisonous.

This tree bears most fruit when not very large - it grows so large a man cannot span it - more than 6 feet in circumference. The leaves are oval about as large as the palm of the hand the boy says. The fruit is a triple kernel with a husk or bark about it - is white & so poisonous that the men who grind it must stop their noses & protect their arms & legs: if the body is exposed to any of the flying particles blisters or boils will be caused - a little of it could be eaten by man without fatal result but it is well nigh impossible to swallow it: much would cause death.

Saturday Nov. 1st.

This is a beautiful day, tho' the North wind was bleak at dawn & it looked as if we might not get to church in time to-morrow - Now at evening we are meeting many bamboo rafts loaded with baskets & other articles made of bamboo & wood - fruit, roofing tiles and other articles of merchandise coming down from the "Lai Phi Sue" market. They went up, loaded with salted fish, yesterday & tramped in the night -

Sunday, Nov. 19th

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A beautiful day but a small congregation. Had my coming been known it would have been larger, but it is a much better means of getting at the real state of the field to go when you are not expected, the faithful will be present. I changed my text after seeing the situation & asked Abing to read the 6th of Daniel - then I spoke on the example of Daniel - "Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee" - The Christian life is an every day matter not sporadic. Acting preached an excellent sermon from Cal III:4. If he fully realized it & has perceived in his own experience all he said regarding the folly of things earthly, it means much. For it is only a year ago, just a year ago that he was at Kho-Khoi and consenting at the very least, to their fighting the Catholic party. It was giving nearly all his time to earthly affairs. I feel very thankful in looking back to see how those troubled

have quieted down & this man whom I
no feared we must dismiss is showing
a much more truly devout & humble
spirit - so far as we can see -

We made several calls after service &
preached a little in the market, but
the people here are not inclined to lis-
ten as much as in other places -

This evening after worship they told
of several wild animals that have
been killing pigs & wounding children
in this region - There had been one near the
place where we moored Friday night -
We thought it strange that the boatman
got down in one of the divisions of the boat
& covered himself in with board that
form the deck - but he evidently was
afraid the beast if prey might come
but he did not think it worth while
to warn us. A snake did come a-
board while in a bamboo hut - a & my
cook took the hat up to put it on &
dropped it in a hurry - the snake glided
into the water and swam away
Monday - Nov. 20th -

We made a detour of about 10 miles among

the hills revisited the villages of ¹²
"Phên-lê" ("Level fields") and "Chieh Piah"
making pastoral calls & doing some preach-
ing - We have some good members up
in these valleys, Sing-lâ, a man I bap-
tized 2 years ago gave me a nice # anyshain
Compass his father used. It is in perfect
condition & much prettier than the one
I have at home. He has some ele-
gant black & gilt lacquered furniture
in a room that we would not think
hardly fit for a stable it is so dark
& grimy. We had an interesting talk
with one of the Literary graduates of
his town -

The last few days I have read through
all the minor prophets and am im-
pressed with the prophecies which
are referred to as fulfilled in the New
Testament & by inference how glorious
will be the revealing of those yet un-
fulfilled.

I must not forget to note some of the things seen
to-day - There are a number of small fruits among
the hills I never saw before, one looks like a blueberry,
the bush like a buckleyew, but it has a large pit, tastes
acrid - another is a small soft berry black inside
& a transparent outer substance like an artificial
berry, very beautiful to see & pleasant to the taste -

This is called "Kho-pa-chi" There is 13
a To-ni that grows upon a low bush
& looks like a thorn apple in shape. It
has a soft pulp of beautiful color deep red
& many small seeds therein, is very sweet in
flavor. - Tuesday Nov. 21st -

We are just back from a pastoral
visit when we preached to several
people - I was interested in hearing of
some of the people here who did bus-
iness one Sunday. The market days
are the 3rd, 6th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 19th &
23rd, 26th, 29th, what they call a "3rd, 6th, 9th
market" - Two months ago the 6th & 13th
fell on Sunday - They kept the 6th but
the 13th came just before a festival and it
is always a busy day. So they thought
they could not lose that, too. One young
man began to get his cakes of branched
Kady & the ^{leather} neighbors began to talk - "What?
Hornet day - You going to do business 7th
day?" Then he set out & two more began
to follow his example, one to sell fish
& one to sell fruit - He went a little way
& ran into a company of the brethren from
another village & had to look the other way
to avoid them. He was unhappy all day!

Ah, "he said," wouldn't do that again '4
if I could make \$10- in a day - If man
just steals something it's quick done,
but this was like bring a thief all
day: a brother who has a little shop
opened his shutters that day, as several had
agreed to bring in money, but he said
he was "ashamed all day" - "Ashamed
before whom?" my teacher asked - He
said before the men of the world before
the brethren - "None yet" - A-Hong said -
The Lord almighty. Suppose no brethren
none of the brethren saw you, you sinned
against God, broke His day of rest - that's
the serious part of it."

This morning I had a pleasant surprise
in finding that the preacher Tangsing
is back from Rak-chick bringing me
a letter from Mama, some things I
asked to have sent & some other things
out of the home stores, olives & tinned soups
& from Ng-King a letter and a loaf of
bread - Wednesday, Nov. 22nd - 4-40 PM

I have just been talking with an old man
of over 70 who 12 yrs ago seemed to believe
but was dragged back into heathenism.
The truth seems to take hold of him

The promise to pray for help and ¹⁵
forgiveness, did pray with me a few
words - He is rather childish and
weak but the Lord is pleased to reveal
himself to babes & in weakness perfect
strength. We had a good visit
at ^{Sambor leaf-hill} Pék-hih-má & Kie-shain to-day
^{Bridge-head}
visited several families & had dinner
at a newly opened shop - the people have
not been coming regularly, but are finally
& have put away idolatry - We had a
rather hopeful conversation with the
village school teacher a literary graduate
a bright intelligent man. The family
whose guests we were at noon could hardly
be duplicated at home. Four generations are
living & the great grandfather was married
again a few years ago & has a bright
fine looking little son who is younger
than his great grandchildren - It was
interesting to see a grandfather carrying
his youngest brother in his arms &
as fond of him apparently as every body
was of little Joe a few years ago.
We called on another man just 35 or 40

whom I never supposed to be really inter-¹⁶
ested, but while I was thinking we
should urge him to pray, he asked Pau
Lin-De^a to copy out a prayer for him.
We gave him a catechism & taught
him the morning & evening prayers.
He followed us out to ask that we
remember a friend of his A. Nga-mith
whom he used to come to church,
whose wife prevents him from coming
the himself is too old to go so far
alone.

Thursday Nov. 23rd 6 P.M.
at Si-ka - Just back from visiting
another old man, who is in full
mourning for his mother - the brethren
have been mourning that he did not
have a Christian burial for her, but
a heathen one. He is not
a church member & is a rich man: he
seems to have some sincerity of belief
but not deep enough to make him come
out decidedly. We have a goodly number
of genuine believers in this village -
a weekly prayer meeting - a Hong has
gone on to another village halfway
to Tio King (Tao-Ping) City. Chien than

when he will lead their prayer - 17
meeting. This work has all sprung up
since we went to Burton to live -

I have great reason to be thankful
for the cook I have - A-E' - (the name
means dumb - but he is not dumb by any
means) He takes good care of everything
gets good meals - & if necessary will
carry my luggage - To-day we could not
get any one, it is harvest time, & he
carried his vegetables over 100 lbs
quite a distance & the bulk of it all
the 4 miles from the chapel here.

This noon he did not need to
get dinner for me as there
was a feast at the Ancestral
Hall to which I was

invited - a daughter

of the village was married & in addition
to the feast at her husband's home, they
furnish a feast for the people here.

The well-to-do Chinese who "understand
manners", can be very considerate -

Po Shih Lan, a tall man of 63, whom I
expect to baptize before long, after the
feast told the cook to make up my
cots upstairs so I could rest after my
walk. This was well for me as I was

in need first & left for 2 hours, made 18
some more visits & attended a prayer meet-
ing after which there was a discussion
of a difficulty between two parties, both
more or less regular attendants at chapel,
over a grave site.

Friday - Nov. 24th

At Tio Pheng city. The journey hither
is through a beautiful hilly well watered
country. I walked 4 miles to Chien
Thien where I made some visits and
had dinner & then nearly as far
^{wading the river as the bridge was away}
till Mr. Mehta's chair that had been
sent out from the city to meet me.
The men brought me the remaining 4
miles up hill & down with ^{out} stopping
as good chair bearers as I ever had.
They are from Etang Phou near Khot Khoi
Doom in Chao Yang District - both have
been gamblers & opium smokers; they pro-
fess to wish to repent & be good men.
I had a very good talk with them -
There was time to make several
calls after reaching here. We had a
new hearer a fine appearing young man
in at the prayer meeting to-night; we
urged a-Hong myself to call upon him.

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Saturday Nov. 25th at Échhân 19

This place is a way up among the hills in a beautiful valley - about 10 miles from Tsi Pheng City. I visited the old man from Honolulu. and at Iⁿ Kheⁿ heard that the poor old man gambles! Poor old man - and this is probably the reason he is so poor in penice after 42 years in the Hawaii Capital where the Chinese are among the most prosperous - at any rate one is that I know a millionaire - I am glad to know this before giving the money sent for him into his hands - I had a rather pleasant visit at Iⁿ Kheⁿ. They have built quite a large room that would hold over 100 people & there are a number who are ready to worship there. In a few years I hope we may have a prosperous church there. I had a serious conversation with two of the brethren, one of whom has not been on speaking terms with another member of the church & another who has mixed up with theaters & gambling houses, he has been quite sick and is in a much more humble frame of mind. I rode all but a mile of the way up here.

Sunday Nov 26th

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This morning I was very glad to notice that my cook stops to give thanks before eating. that is a sign of genuine faith in a Chinaman.

We have a very small congregation, only four from other villages. A-Tek who leads the services is a man of uncommon speaking ability & I hope he will make a useful preacher. They speak Hat-Ka but can understand our dialect quite well & I can make out a little of what they are saying. A-Tek spoke on the first half of the 18th of Luke & I spoke regarding the Lords words to Paul in a vision at Corinth. I enjoyed several of the Epistles this morning, II Timothy, Titus & Philemon ^{reading in English.}

Monday Nov. 27th

On a boat going down from Khai-Thau. Yesterday, after the Communion service I walked for about two hours & a half to Jen-Kheⁿ where we had a number of callers besides the Christians of the place & held evening worship. I was glad to hear that the brethren

who had been feeling hard ²¹
against one another. Exposed their
un-Christian conduct before the church
& made friends. There is a family
trouble at Siⁿ-khe that was brought
to me & I did what I could to exhort
both sides - We discovered this

journal had been left at Eⁿ-Châm
& one of the young Christian men agreed
to go very early to get it; he must
have started before daylight as he caught
up with us at 9 o'clock about halfway
down to Gioⁿ-hing - He came down in
a boat. It is quite interesting to run the
rapids in many places very narrow,
I did not have a very pleasant time
with the old man who is to have the
money from Honolulu. He did not like
it at all that I should think that he
gambled.

We are having a quiet trip down
the river, have just passed the beauti-
ful stone bridge with 7 arches & 6
fine piers each with a marker water
like the prow of a ship, that is
just above the hot springs -

Tuesday, Nov 28th

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We are sailing down the river - a mat
serves as a roof to the boat or as a sail -
a boy about 19 stands at the bow with
a bamboo pole & pushes the boat
into the channel while his little brother
or smaller than Jay manages the
rudder which is a board, one end
in the water like a steering oar.

We have a little rain occasionally &
the north wind has been blowing but
not strong. I have been making out a
list of passages in the Acts & Paul's
Epistles to help P. on & a strong study
Paul's life & tell at our January
meeting what was Paul's power and
how we may follow his example.

W. King, Wednesday Nov. 29th -

Rainy to-day. We reached here last even-
ing. I could not get chair coolies so did
not get to the steamer - I have read
quite a little Chinese with my
teacher, written & read, I am much in-
terested in Watson's The Mind of the Master.
He seems to have strong hold on some truths
the building up of Christianity by individual
conversion & development of character. On
some other points he seems weak & un-
scriptural, sometimes tending to rationalism and sometimes
to sentimentality.

- Thursday Nov. 30th -

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It was not four o'clock when I arose & took a sponge bath dressed collected my scattered belongings & prepared to have an early breakfast so we might catch the boat which was said to be going very early to meet the steamer. And after all that boat had not come in so we must needs hire a boat especially for ourselves and then wait over an hour for the steamer. The Catholic Priest Pir Meril was a fellow passenger. He kindly lent me his satchel to use as a pillow.

Friday - Dec 1st -

All are quite well at home, Mamma is rather tired, the boys are getting a rosy color again & the baby is growing nicely. They greatly enjoy a romp at supper time. We had a home mail some good letters. My cousins mail has all gone up to Nig. King. There are a great many things the Chinese have to talk over.

Saturday - Dec. 2nd -

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A stormy night - Dr. Scott took supper and spent the evening with us: it seems like former years here to have the seats out again - I have seen them but very little - Mr. McKibben has gone to Loan: On an all day trip just for the Sunday. I have been preparing to preach from Acts XVII: 17 - "He is not far from Every one of us" - Sin removes us from Gods presence - by faith in forgiving love we can come near. The chief duty of life is first to know that we are separated from God. Second to come near in His appointed way. - He had come close to us - ~~was~~ stands at the door and knocks. Sunday - Dec. 3rd -

A chill rainy day a small congregation in the morning - They gave me quite good attention. The afternoon was so stormy we had the service at the school house -

Monday, Dec - 4th -

Frankie went to Kit Yang with me we had a pleasant sail on the "lunch" as he calls it. They are economizing burning very poor coal so made a slow trip and we had very little time there. We had a good home mail by the Empress of Japan - - your boxes from Boston have come.

Tuesday - Dec. 5th -

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A quiet day at home writing & confer-
ring on Church matters - A large
delegation came from Goa-Sua - a
town not far from here and were
very anxious for me to help them
out in a trouble one of them is in, but
I could not undertake it - Then
three of the preachers came up to
argue with me but I refused -
We cannot attend to their lawsuits.
I hope to go there Sunday next.

We have much enjoyed opening the
boxes from Bunton. So many things we
are glad to see -

Wednesday Dec. 6th -

It is late and I am almost ready
for bed, was just going, when I heard
footsteps on the verandah and came
into the study with a dressing gown on -
They have come to get some help for a
man who was wounded in some sort of a
trouble with neighbors -

We had a most helpful prayer meeting
to-night - This forenoon I went to
Bunton on some matters of business,
There have been many Church calls
during the day - We also called
on the MacChaffins, their guest Miss Colwell and
at Dr. Raynolds.

Thursday Dec. 7th - 28.

The weather is yet mild - ^{when I} went to Canton in the morning, Wednesday I did not need any overcoat - the flowers are beautiful now - Man forward in having a steamer to Hongkong almost any day now - so we can send letters home -

Friday Dec 8th -

To-day we had an unexpected mail with Virginia letters from Anna Jay & Helen - all are improving in letter writing - Mamma went out to Sun Shou a large town near here when there are no Christians so far as we know - she & Miss Scott, the Chinese Elder's wife Mrs. Yellon & two students from the Class went in on Sampan - The wife of one of our preachers is visiting her home there and sent for Mamma to come in - she is using her opportunities on this visit to talk with the people about Jesus -

I am sorry to hear there is danger of a great fight 2000 or more men on a side at Au-Kei near Kityang - One god said through a medium they must get water from a certain spring to make tea to serve as "holy water" to worship Heaven with - The people whose wills he must pass to get the water were displeased & would not let them pass. They have burned one house & killed several men already. The Form-faced Buddha is especially opposed and

to their getting the water & the me 27
dium stirs up the people to strife -
We see plainly how the sacrifices
of the heathen they sacrifice unto idols
devils. show Satan is a "murderer from
the beginning" - Saturday - Dec 9th -

We set out in two house boats, Mema,
Clarence & baby in one for Kit-yang
& another boat for Frankie & me to
go to Goa Soa - This boat went on

ahead around Sator & we crossed the
bay to call on Dr. & Mrs. Riddel - We
eat all together in the large boat then
Frank & I went across the city -

We had a pleasant trip - Frank was a
good boy, he enjoys going out in this
way. I read him to sleep from the
Book of Daniel, which my mother used
to read to me at evening when I was
younger than he - I prepared a
sermon also from the 6th chapter
of that Book. Sunday - Dec 10th
at Goa Soa

This was once a very bad place
full of pirates & thieves; the officials
have burned the village several
times - We have a nice congregation

there now in a school house built 28
by one of the men who is now a member
of the church. There were a number
of heathen to-day - They wear turbans
as do nearly all sailors - They were
quite & gave very good attention -
The Sunday school lesson was in Acts
19: 7-22 - I told them they should
take courage: if Ephesus could be so
stirred and so many be saved, turning
to the Lord & destroying their books of sor-
cery by which they earned their living
we can certainly expect great things
here in Tin-chin. I enjoyed the
Communion service very much.

We are going to visit Chuan-kaw a
place a few miles away.

Monday, Dec. 11th

After Frankie fell asleep last evening I walked
about a mile or a half to meet with
the people at Poh-ji-nie ("20 ounces").
There is a school of one 20 boys and
a small congregation on Sundays -
The room was quite full last evening -
I spoke on John III: 14-16 - It was
after 10 o'clock when I reached the boat.
This morning I promised to go again.

hence was up at 6 & Frankie wished 29
to go too so I dressed him & one of the
Chinamen carried him some distance but
he preferred to walk. He is a very good
walker - He had the room full
of very good attention. I spoke to them
on the crucifixion Luk XXIII: 27-49 -
Several of the brethren came to help
with the boat - so we are getting back
to Goa Soa. There is a little rain &
four of the Christian men are in the
cabin with Frank me -

10 P.M. We visited Goa Soa &
Joalgi - I had a good visit at the
school in the former place & at the
latter the school room was crowded
with men & boys who listened as long as
I could stay to speak to them - The people
take a great interest in Frank & he bears
it very well - at Joalgi he was very tired
& begged to come back to the boat it being
about 7 o'clock - They gave him a lot
of Angasa cane - Tuesday, Dec. 12th

We had a quiet passage down the river
and were home at about 9 o'clock - Mamie's
boat came in quite early in the morning -
I had news that Woodbury & Moulton of Portland
had made an arrangement happily about all
that my father had there has been withdrawn.

I had a pleasant trip up to Kityung
 spent the most of the afternoon to con-
 sidering the plans & contract for a new
 house and chapel - In the evening I
 went to two meetings with Mr. Speicher.
 He has a good prayer meeting established
 for some time & a new place opened near
 the West Gate - There was a crowd in
 the place & they listened very well. The
 Chinese preacher was speaking when
 we went in. then I spoke, then Mr.
 Speicher - The city gate was closed
 when we left so we climbed through
 a service in the upper part & down
 a 15 foot bamboo ladder on the out-
 side. Friday Dec. 15th.

Another Contractor came up at noon &
 was in a hurry to return so Mr. Speicher
 went over the plans for the chapel & I
 took plans & memoranda to explain
 to the other contractor on the boat.
 After we finished considering the plans
 one or two passengers began talking of
 the Bible & I had explained the
 scriptures till we reached Arratoon.
 Mr. Staters our new missionary came
 over & took supper with us. Mr. Gros-

best had come down & also stayed ³³
with us. He says he has saved \$26- &
over in 22 days by riding the bicycle
& let him have instead of hiring chairs.
We also called at the lady's house &
saw Miss Wilkinson - Both the new
people seem very bright & promising.

Saturday Dec 16th -

Mr. Kemp came to-day - We have
arrangements quite settled now for
Conference at Hui-shia - Mr. hope -
I was very glad to see the letters from
home that came by the Crosslands -
The trip to Kwan-Pou was a pleasant
one & we had a very good meeting
there in the evening -

Sunday Dec 17th -

We elected 2 men to care for the
Sunday contributions and subscrip-
tions for preaching & 3 men as a
building. They subscribed \$55.60 to-
ward the salary of a preacher -

The afternoon attendance was rather
discouragingly small - I went to a place
3 miles away to make calls and
had opportunity to preach by the way.

Monday Dec. 18th -

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Mr. McKibben came down on the launch and some of the students with him - They told me some rather discouraging things about the class. We were obliged to give all the afternoon & evening to cases of discipline and listening to accounts of those who are in trouble - Poor A-Hwai was tried before the magistrate who asked him if he would still be a Christian if he was pardoned - the people urged him to recant but he told the magistrate - "I have accepted the doctrine in my heart - it is no sin - I am your subject. I pray you release me." - Tuesday Dec 19th -

I had calls from the people who were in trouble at Kwo-Ling & translated a part of the account of the case they brought in. The Peking Mandarin said - "I am from Aji Chuan Province. There we kill Mission teachers and their converts. And still you dare join them?"

Wednesday, Dec. 20th - 35

We had a good prayer meeting led by Mr. McKibben, who spoke a word of greeting to Mr. Waters & Miss Milkinson. They also spoke of their interest in coming here -

Thursday, Dec 21st.

Clarence was rather upset by his dissipation of a Christmas party the night before. He & Frankie had a fine time at Mr. Lajo's and several presents.

In the afternoon I made some calls with Mr. Waters & quite enjoyed getting out. Mr. Waters preached on Sunday & made an excellent impression - Friday Dec 22nd -

Dr. Mackenzie of the E.P. Mission is very ill not much hope of his recovery. We went to doctor, Mr. McK. Mr. W. & myself & called but were not able to see him.

Saturday Dec 23rd -

I did quite a bit of work in writing up the Church Record & preparing for Sunday - We trimmed the Christmas tree in the evening; it is in our dining room. The children had a party also on Friday at Dr. Lajo's; had a glorious time. Frank was deeply impressed with the wonders of Santa Claus - & asks all sorts of questions about him.

Sunday Dec 24th - 36

I am sitting at the table in the dining room under the light of the lamp that used to hang in Clifton Springs afterwards in the sitting room at Burton. Baby Grace is in Jay's former high chair with a crust of bread in her hand she is eating - she has been playing with the cat which had jumped up on the chair next her. Now Frank comes in - he has been down with Mama & Clarence to meet me at the boat on my return from Keokuk Chin with Mr. Waters, but overland & walked up before they come -

We had very rough water going down & shipped several seas -

Our day was rather promising of good. The room at the house where we meet was well filled. They are anxious to build a house of wood shik - We preached by the way coming back.

Monday - Dec. 25th - 37-

Such a merry Christmas as it has been. This morning I led the Chinese service & gave an invitation to teachers & scholars to call in the afternoon - The men & boys came at 2 & the girls at 2.30 - They were interested in the tree and each was given a card & some candy & each the the men & boys were shy about taking the latter. We had a pleasant service at 3 o'clock, singing, Scripture recitation & short addresses by Mr. McKittrick. Then we came home & first gave presents to the Chinese servants then distributed our own. We had a variety of gifts & especially enjoyed those from our dear children at home - Mr. Bates & Miss Wilkinson contributed much to the occasion. He has taken pictures of the school girls & of the room with the tree. We had tea at a little after six.

The programme for service was 38
as follows - Jm. Foster presiding -

1. Hymn Tune Aletta
2. Prayer by Elder Stua-kin -
3. Song by the Girls School } Christ was born in
Bethlehem
4. Recitation - Matthew II: 12 - by Boys School
5. Address by Jm. Foster - First Tim II: 10
6. Hymn "Holy Night" sung in English
by ministers
7. Recitation Luke II: 8-16 -
8. Address by Mr. McKibben - First Luke II: 13-14.
9. Hymn - Waste the Heralds Angels Sing
by Boys men (Chorus)
10. Same Hymn sung in English
11. Hymn sung by all in Chinese -
Tune Seymour -

Tuesday Dec 26th -

Dr. Mackenzie & Miss Falconer were
married quietly in the afternoon.
there was to have been a very elaborate
formal wedding on Wednesday but
Dr. Mackenzie was so very ill they
changed the plan. Wednesday - Dec 27th

Dr. Mackenzie died in the night at
about 11¹⁵. No red word during
the forenoon & at the time the wedding
was to have come they were observing

the funeral of the best beloved mis-³⁹
sionary in this Port - He was
just completing his 40th year as
a missionary, was to go home
soon to attend the Ecumenical
Conference in New York. He had
a son who expects to go to Africa
soon as a medical missionary -
also a younger son and two daugh-
ters at home: his wife died a few years
ago while he was at home -

They had a service for the Chi-
nese, a short service at the home
& came across the bay & we all
with the Chinese attended the ser-
vices at the gym - which was both
in English and Chinese -

We had a good prayer meeting
in the evening led by Mr. Grosbeck.

They came down to attend the mid-
day service to attend the funeral -

Thursday Dec 28th -

Home mail - from San Francisco - only
one letter - We are busy preparing
for next weeks meetings - I am translating
parts of Gungweller's life for one of the teachers.

Friday - July 29th 170-

It is quite decided that I must take the Mission transcripts and getting my own papers and accounts into shape for taking on this additional work. We were invited to take supper together with Mr. & Mrs. Gonsbeck at "Lone Lodge" as Mr. McEbbesen calls the house where he & Mr. Waters are living. We had a most delightful evening. Mr. Waters has an interesting collection of photographs. Many of his home the Mohegan Lake School near Pikeskill N.Y. of which his father is Principal -

Saturday Dec. 30th -

It is difficult to get boatmen. So we could not get away to go up the river.

The baby is crawling fast now and gets all about the house. I planned to

get away early Sunday morning with Mrs. Waters. Sunday Dec 31st -

We had breakfast shortly after 6 - this morning & altho there was quite a rain we set out early for Cheo Yang City.

Mr. Waters thought the city full more dirty than Canton. We had some very good services & were highly favored in the mud changing so we could sail back

I have had several Chinese callers -
We had a "sing" after supper. Mr.
McKibben, Mr. Waters and Mrs. Whitman
came in & it was very pleasant.

Monday January 1st 1900 -

New Year's day - and quite a busy one
for me with two school examinations
to attend and sundry other matters to
look after - In the evening we were
all invited to supper at Dr. Scott's &
had a very enjoyable evening -

Tuesday Jan'y 2nd

Very chilly weather - There are not very
many of our Chinese preachers and
others in, but we have quite a little
audience at all the meetings - At
the 8 a.m. meeting Elder Po-san
gave a most interesting account of
William Burns' first preaching tour
to Chao-Chow Fu & his imprisonment
there - We studied the subject of the
Sabbath - I have had a number of callers
and got some rather discouraging
news from several country sta-
tions -