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Wednesday - Jan'y 3rd - 42

I preached at 8 o'clock from Matthew XI: 28-29. and spoke of the need of enjoying peace and rest in Jesus that we may appreciate what the Sabbath day rest means and to enjoy it. Mr. McKibben added a few words on the importance of observing the Sabbath -

At 10 o'clock we had reports from the country and from Siam. The students passed a

creditable examination in the Old Testament. They have learned a great deal in the three months -

An prayer meeting led by Mr. Waters was very good and helpful. This was our own not the Chinese meeting - Thursday, Jan'y 4th -

Mr. Waters through Mr. McKibben as interpreter gave us an interesting account of the beginning of the Student Volunteer Movement. A father talking with his son & daughter ^{and a few students} some 2 years ago and showing them a map of the world where were the great numbers who had never heard of Jesus. They prayed then and continued to pray that when

the Students
for Bible

met at Northfield 43

Study many might
be ready to offer themselves for the
work of foreign missions - It was
then 100 young men pledged them-
selves to go and began the Volun-
teer Movement - Fully 5000 thousand
have pledged themselves & 1200 have
already gone to Mission fields -
Showing the power of prayer and
what a few consecrated hearts may
accomplish -

Our business meeting lasted over 2
hours from 10 a.m till after noon.
The afternoon examination in the New
Testament was very good -
Frankie Clarence had a little
tea-party with Spurgeon & William
for guests - Frank is learning to
read and taking quite an interest in
it - Friday - Jan'y 5th -

a cold chafers rain which makes
our home seem very bright & com-
fortable - We have had some good
addresses from the Chinese brethren
to-day - Ma'ki gave a good re-
port of Mueller's life & gave him an
excellent sermon on the task of the
preacher -

Saturday - July 6th 9-30 P.M. ⁴⁴

There has been an almost unbroken stream of Chinese visitors here today save during hours of service. We have so many accounts to settle and plans to make for the ensuing year. Now that a large proportion of the chapel's raise money and call preachers and teachers there is a great deal of discussion necessary and we are interested to see how much interest they take in getting suitable men. There were 21 applicants for baptism today.

Sunday, July 7th 11-P.M.

The last Chinese visitor has just gone. This morning we had a good Sunday prayer meeting ^{at 6:30 a.m.} a meeting at 8-a.m. The preaching service at 10 o'clock followed by baptism - Communion at 2-30 P.M. service lasting till 4 o'clock - The people gave \$12.60 to help the brother who is in prison - All the rest of the time from meal time has been filled with considering Church matters, the settling of pastors & teachers for the coming year, and some other things. There are more churches ready to contribute than there are men to supply the demand - a most encouraging advance.

Monday Jan'y 8th -

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Only once before have I felt the cold so much in China. It is piercing, chills to the bone, this damp atmosphere. I have been kept talking with the Chinese almost all day. It is no easy matter to get all their affairs settled up. We had a mail from Tacoma and enjoyed getting letters from Anna.

Jay & Helen - Tuesday January 9th

This afternoon we had a Union prayer meeting of the two missions. Of which I was appointed to lead. ~~Three~~ ^{Four} men and three ladies came from Sinton, three men and five ladies were present of our own mission. The meeting was quite good, rather more freedom than is usual in our Union meetings. During the week of prayer we had two Union meetings instead of one.

To-day I have attended class at 9 a.m. & 2-30 p.m. I have arranged for two schools in different places in the country.

The day has seemed chilly at -46 though the thermometer has registered 10° higher than yesterday - 45° is not cold at home but in this damp atmosphere it pierces to one's marrow - There is no fire in my study and I wear my heavy overcoat all the time -

Wednesday July 10th

Mamma has taken the Chinturas tree down now, you quite miss it from the dining room -

I have two classes daily now at 9 - a.m. + 2.30 P.M. They are studying Luke + will take up also the History of the Apostolic Church. We had a long session with people from Yang-Li + Kach-Chin over house questions - an Excluded Church member A-Hai, "Mr Crab," has done some very cunning work and quite hoodwinked us for a time but the truth is out now and we hope peace may ensue.

10.30 P. m. Thursday June 11th 47-

Before breakfast this morning I had a delegation of these same people in the study and the case is not settled yet. To-day I went to prayer meeting again. Dr. Scott, Mrs. Whitman, Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Waters and myself went to town. We had a very good meeting led by Dr. Mackeyman. They have a new lady physician, Miss Dr. Alexander who just arrived yesterday.

To-day I have taken over the Mission Treasurership, which means much extra work the coming months.

To-night I hope Baby will be able to sleep; she is having much trouble with her teeth and cries much in the night keeping Mama awake too. Friday June 12th.

Last night Baby slept better. Mama & I without knowing that the other had done so, each made it a special subject of prayer that she might sleep well. This is a beautiful day. Mr. McKibbin & Mr. Waters go to Quek Sin & to Kho-Tchoi.

at Kho-Khwi Chapel - Jan'y 13th 7 P.M. - 48

I had beautiful weather for my journey. mild weather & a fair wind - It was delightful crossing the bay yesterday - I had a traveling companion who claimed to know nothing of the gospel and he went clean in to the city, ^{at Chao Yang} on the small boat after leaving the launch so I had some opportunity to talk with him. He was much more interested in foreign customs than in the gospel but he heard enough to admit that the truth is good - Last night on the boat I wrapped myself up in heavy coat blanket and rested but did not sleep as well as usual -

This morning I walked about 2 miles to T'oa Phoa called on the family of Mai-Kai, the teacher at K'ak-Chieh - his younger brother was married yesterday to a daughter of Dr. Juk Lang of this Church - They have a fine large house at T'oa Phoa bought for a chapel - One large idol & the small ones are still left in it but in hope

they can be taken out and the place⁴⁹
used for public worship of the living God
a little after the middle of the first
moon of the Chinese year - (our February
this year) - I joined the brethren in a
late 10 o'clock breakfast, I called
upon an old man of 70 Thien Sek Lian,
who has been friendly for some years -
He was at the wedding yesterday - a
large crowd completely filled the place,
the idols were hidden by a row of
scrolls that were given as wedding presents -

This afternoon I walked some 4 or 5
miles over here, then made some
visits, consulted about church matters,
held a meeting this evening -

9 P.M. Sunday Jan'y 14th -
This has been one of the best days I
have ever enjoyed in the country church,
the more appreciated because I had
anticipated trouble. The school-
teacher of last year had disrepu-
ted himself and his father was
inclined to uphold him in not
confessing his wrongdoing -
yesterday two of the best preachers
tried yesterday & today to get a confession

At Chapel Jan 7 13 7 AM

Weather for my journey
fair wind - It was
the boy yesterday
Lession who claimed
gospel and he
Chas Jones

much so I
with
interest
gospel
let

but in vain, but after Mr. A-Hong - I 50
went over and talked with a relative of
the teacher's the father came in and
soon agreed to terms - The young man
came in the afternoon made a public
confession ~~asked~~ for forgiveness & that the
people would pray for him - It was a
great relief to all & the three prayers
offered at the time were fervent -

In the forenoon subscriptions were made
for \$156.20, enough to pay salaries of
preacher & school teacher for the year
and a little more. They have invited
Jon Sang Sing, at \$8- per mo. as large
a salary as any of the churches are pay-
ing. I am greatly pleased that Duon
Jek Lung has promised to help A-Hin
a bright promising young man \$2⁵⁰/₁₁ per
month beside what we allow the stu-
dents so his family will have support
and he be able to study and fit him-
self for being a preacher -

I called on poor Ai Chian the leper at
Au Khe - He is in a bad condition the
disease breaking out on his foot - Later
we called on the people in the village -
Monday Jan'y 15th.

Pastoral calls to-day in three different
villages besides Khai-Tang Kia - where I was

writing by the light of a very poor 5th
Lantern Kerosene lamp. There is very
great need of pastoral work all a-
bout. Many who come to the chapel
not really understanding what Christianity
is have dropped off. But there are many
who can be held if "shepherded" -

Peng Song a bright lad who was
in my class here a year ago was
bitten by a rat recently and his
face is swelled up frightfully, one
eye quite closed. I have rather scandaliz-
ed my Chinese friends by wearing a
pair of Straw Sandals bound under
my shoes. They are much easier for
the feet they make a cushion for the
sole which is no slight relief in walk-
ing over miles of ^{hard} concrete pavement.
We have traveled nearly nine miles to-day.

Tuesday, July 16th

We had a fine night for travel and I was
up and off for the steamer landing at
6 o'clock - had a brisk walk of about
4 miles & caught the first boat for
Santon - All well at home - a mail
waiting & another came during the day
a good letter from Mother and from
Mr. Beam beside those from the children.
We had a very nice company at supper -
Dr. Graves from Canton Dr. & Mrs. Ryall from
Santon. Dr. Scott Mr. McKibbin & Mr. Waters of Form
or Mission -

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Wednesday Jan'y 17th -

An cooly A-kio left yesterday saying he was going to visit relatives, but we learned this morning he was running off to Siam and expected to take a steamer to-day. I spoke of the case at morning prayers. Several offered prayer for him & two volunteered to go and hunt him up. They brought him back. I hope he will settle down for a time. His poor old father was strongly opposed to his going. This has been a day full of odds & ends of work. It was my turn to lead the Mission Prayer meeting. I took the latter part of Acts XIV and the first 13 vs. of Chap. XV.

Thursday, Jan'y 18th -

Mr. Speicher came down from Kitjung. They are having very serious trouble at the village of Kan-Bie where the Christians have ^{been} beaten and robbed and their enemies who have joined the Catholics, threaten to murder them. The official seems quite powerless. He decided to send a telegram to London regarding it.

Friday - July 19th - 2

The weather is delightfully mild -
Today I have talked with several of
the men who are going out to do pas-
toral work & am pleased with the
spirit they manifest - We had a
very good prayer meeting this evening
the subject was Prayer in the Spirit -
We are feeling somewhat anxious over
a new trouble that has broken out
at a village where a new place of meeting
was dedicated on Monday.

Saturday - July 20th

Here I am again writing under the com-
mat of a native boat going up to Hsin-
Pheng. not a model situation for writ-
ing - I recline ~~on~~ my elbow & get
close up to the lantern but neither
light nor position is the best.
As on last Saturday I set out at 3.20
from Su-ton -

We had a home mail this morning
but no letter from the children.

At 10 o'clock I performed a mar-
riage ceremony - Liu Shieh son
of a Miss formerly Miss Fields
lovely married a girl with very small
bound feet. she was quite prettily dress-
ed. had an embroidered skirt that
was quite gorgeous - We are having
very mild weather -

Sunday Jan 21st - 3

This has been a remarkably warm day uncommonly favorable for baptisms - One woman of 57 said I was expecting to wait until the fourth moon, may, but the other night (Friday) the Lord told me to come to-day. I said 'too cold I fear' He said "by no means cold." The Chinese have a great many visions & dreams and not infrequently they are very striking. Another sister baptized to-day is a very nice little woman whose son is in the boys school & her husband in Amoy - A boy of 17 seems a serious minded & hopeful Christian. The fourth is a Chinese scholar who has been applying for baptism several months - Walked about 2 miles to make calls at Sir Swan Kien. One poor woman has lost her husband and two children within 6 months and now her remaining deceptions will -

Monday, Jan 22nd -

The Eleventh Anniversary of our marriage. We truly have countless reasons for thankfulness to our Father in heaven for all His goodness to us these past years -
We are all well and the day has been a busy and pleasant one for us -

Tuesday Jan. 23rd

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There was a wedding in the chapel which had been very prettily decorated with potted plants - Sing-Long son of Elder Po-San was married to Chong Hiang, quite a nice girl who has been in the Gids School several years - Mr. Waters took a picture of the couple and a number of the people in the chapel.

We hurried to get away at half-past three - then the steamer made to sail out of the harbor by moonlight, then being so much cargo it could not be loaded till after dark.

Wednesday Jan. 24th -

We had a good passage to Hong-Kong, better than is usual at this time of year. Moma & Frankie were a little sick but not very much, A-Long and A-Si the two who went with us from Swatow were much surprised at many things they saw

Especially a beautiful pair of black horses. &
they never saw anything but small
Chinese ponies before. The market
a long way up on the hill to no. 22
Bonhom Road. Starts are called "Road"
out here, to the Rheinick Mission House
and had a nice room given us there.
Frank hurt his finger, crushed it un-
der a rope on the "Haitan", but it
seems to heal quickly, hope the bone
is not injured.

Thursday Jan'y 25th -

Such a busy day we had tramping
about doing errands & trying to find
the Consul at home: three times we
visited his house up on the hill and
at last found him. He had been
out on the trial trip of the "Isle de la
Jon" one of the new ships that will
added to our navy, new to us, which
was sunk at Manila and has
been raised and re-constructed. We
were favored in meeting Hobson at the
Consulate. He was very pleasant.
He told us these ships are appraised
at \$1,360,000 - it has cost but
\$640,000 - to repair them.

We had a great many things to buy for friends at Kak Chick and mama did a good portion of these during the day. Friday June 26th -

I left at 7-30 A.M. to take the boat for Canton. Mr. Mells who came across from Vancouver with us in 1898 and several others of the London Mission were on the steamer so the voyage was very pleasant. It is a fine sail up the Pearl River. We took Second Class passage and sat on the after deck. The cabin was quite filled with Chinese passengers, most of them being well dressed. This passage costs but one dollar, the First Class $\$8$. - sometimes $\$5$ - for Missimines. We had a good meal out on the deck at noon. Arriving at Canton I called upon the Consul Mr. Smith, who is friendly and seems to understand his business. He wished to have some papers translated and I worked at them in the evening. Dr. & Mrs. McCloy invited me to supper.

They were very much interested in
Benton and asked many questions a-
bout it. They have four little girls,
Mary, Bessie, Grace & Frances; we
have all those names among our
three little girls. I stayed with
Mr. Chambers who has the house just
next door. Saturday Jan'y 26th -

I gave nearly all my day to the trans-
lating. At noon I was again invited
to the McCloy's and had an enjoyable
visit with them. After seeing the
Consul again at about 4- to 4-30,
A-Lū and I hurried off to catch
the steamer Tai-On 大^大 which
means "Great Peace" - There were a
great many on board, and she
began to turn around as usual,
then stopped. Finally we discov-
ered that the propeller had fouled
the anchoring chains of a buoy on
the river and could not move.
We waited till eight o'clock and
decided to go ashore. This gave me

an opportunity to listen to Mr. & Chambers regarding his plans for a monthly magazine, and to the prospects for the Chinese Publication Society which is now beginning work.

Sunday June 2nd -

The weather is colder - We walked 4 miles to Church over wet slippery pavements and sat in a cold chapel nearly two hours - Neither my teacher nor myself can understand this dialect at all. I visited with Professor Gurn after tiffin - He also asked about Burton -

We went up to an English service in the evening - It seems very odd

to be rowed and sculled about by women here all the time in these little boats ~~on~~ Monday June 2nd -

We are just coming into Hong Kong harbor after a long days sail - I met Rev. Mr. Francis of the Seaman's Mission who has been friendly and went with him to the Engine room which is very interesting.

Tuesday Jan'y 30th 9

Yesterday afternoon I found that
Mama + Frankie had gone back
to Sinator on the "Hailoong" -

There was a chance of my getting
a steamer by the middle of the
week the Clerk told me at Douglas
Luprovik's office -

To-day I have finished my little
work with the dentist and done
some translating beside making
some visits. Wednesday 31st -

Chinese New Year. Such a day
for fine clothes and fire crackers -
All last night the fire crackers were
popping like valleys of musketry
all over the city, and to-day it
has been quite deafening -

They have long ropes of fire
crackers 3 or 4 inches in diameter
with the large crackers every
inch or two and this hangs down

from the upper stories of the 10
house and is ~~first~~ lighted at the
bottom; gradually creeping up ~~at~~
the fire is communicated to the crick-
ers above and it is a long noi-
sy celebration. The sad part of it
is they think it serves as worship.
And such rich beautiful silks and
batons as the Chinese here wear,
many elegant coats and long
gowns reaching to their heels.

I have worked at my translating
several hours after breakfast, a
little before supper and more
this evening. At 10-30 I went
with my Chinese teacher and visit-
ed the Chinese church, spoke to
them and called on "Mr. Lee"
who owns the house where they
meet. He is an artist and does
beautiful work especially on china,
ivory and porcelain. He was
taught by Mrs. Vanderpool of New

York - with whom he has ¹¹
travelled a great deal. His room
is full of really fine art treasures.
He has a lamp beautifully decor-
ated - he said he received \$90⁰⁰/₁₁ in
New York for a plaque with
the same design as is on one
side of this lamp - He seems
to be a genuine Christian and
thoroughly interested in seeing
a good mission in Hong Kong.

Thursday Feb. 1st

After working steadily at transla-
tion this forenoon I went out with
A-lin and walked away out to
"Happy Valley". We visited the ceme-
teries, Protestant & Catholic & walked
past that of the Mahometan -
I was especially interested in notic-
ing the graves of Mrs. Dean who died
in 1843, and of Mrs. J. Shuck, who
was the first lady missionary
in China - He afterwards went to Canton.

There are some quite fine monuments¹²
in the Catholic Cemetery
many with figures of Angels
that are finely wrought in marble.
It seems rather strange that
the cemetery should be on one
side of the road and the race-
track the other. There were
many out playing cricket, golf
and football & a game of base-
ball was played by Americans
from the men of war in port.
They had a goodly audience: the
money received is to go to the
widow & orphan fund - being
raised to help the families of those
who are killed in the S. African
war. I watched the game for a
little time. Habson played as
catcher for one side. I heard
an English soldier say - "The ball
is wooden aint it?"

Friday - Feby 2nd

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I was in the house nearly all the day and worked hard to get the Mandarin sounds of the different Chinese names in all the papers we had translated & then write them in. To do this first my teacher who understands only the Pootom dialect went through and picked out the names, writing them out on paper & then I had a Cantonese teacher who spoke the sound of the characters ^{as read in his dialect} for an hour or two one of the German missionaries, who understood English, looked up the characters in an etels Chinese - English Cantonese dictionary. Under each character is given the sound in the Mandarin as well. For some time I did not have Mr. Beddine's help & got on as best I could with the Cantonese teacher. This shows how complicated a matter the study of Chinese may be when more than one dialect is concerned. We had as a guest an old gentleman from Pittsburgh Pa. who has visited nearly every country on earth.

Saturday Feb'y 3rd

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After completing this long task of translation and wrote a letter to Mr. Smith at Canton setting forth the dangers of the present situation. This letter I showed to our Consul General Mr. Wildman who suggested that it would be well that a gunboat be sent to Anson and that Admiral Watson be consulted with reference to going in person and visiting the Prefect. Also that this whole matter be communicated to the State Department at Washington.

Mr. Wildman gave me a card of introduction to a Lieutenant on the Brooklyn and after getting our baggage together and buying some palms for Mama, A-ti and I went aboard that famous ship and examined her from stem to stern. She is a magnificent vessel. We only saw one sign of the great Santiago battle, a small indentation where ^{one of} the ventilators was hit by a bit of a Spanish shell - A-ti was much pleased and asked many intelligent questions. The young Signal Officer who showed us over the

vessel, was with Admiral Sampson ¹⁵
on the "New York." He feels badly over the
controversy between Sampson & Schley's ad-
mirers. Evidently was a warm champion of
the former who he said was the finest man
he ever knew. He let out that Schley is
a Catholic, which accounts for the
bitterness of the controversy. He says that
affairs are badly complicated in the
Philippines because the Church owns
about all the islands contain it is
very difficult to obtain a clear
~~title~~ title to anything down there.
A very amusing sight on the boat
ship is "Billy" who has his papers
regularly made out and is a member
of the U. S. Naval Service - He is a
Cinnamon & white goat quite large -
& the sailors have great fun with him.
He resists their attacks by getting up on
his hind legs and lunging at them -
We passed the evening on the beautiful
new steamer the Hai Ching -

Sunday, Feb 4th -

We had head wind and sea, but the
ship is very steady. I was able to quite
enjoy three meals - do quite a bit of reading

and writing. A lady from New York¹⁶
on her way to Foochow was on board, a
Miss Lewis whose sister came to China
and died over 40 years ago.

Monday - Feb 5th

Mama's birthday - We had a happy
Reunion at home. all were quite well.
Baby Grace is still troubled with a
Cold and her teeth, however she
promised. Miss Lewis came ashore
with me to breakfast and Mama
showed her the school and introduced
her to the other missionaries. She left
a beautiful bunch of roses as a remem-
brance of Mama's birthday. - I had
a busy day. my first caller was Ah-wei
who has been in prison so long but
was released two days after I called on
the Consul. - Tuesday Feb 6th

The forenoon was given to preparing for the
departure of the company for Chao Chon Fu
Mama, Frankie, Clara, Baby + Nurse
were in one boat, Mr. + Mrs. Grossbeck in
another, the "Grace", Mr. Campbell + Mr. Whitman
in the "Peace", Miss Scott + Miss Wilkinson
in the "Mercy" - It was a beautiful sight as
they all set out one after the other -
I was busy with Mr. McKibbin and the
Chinese all day and evening

Wednesday - Feb 7 7th -

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Mr. Mack ~~then~~ Mr. Waters & I set out on the Kitjung launch to go by the way of Phai-Thai. At this place we could get no sedan chairs & hired a boat which took us to Phuking whence we walked to the city, all save Miss Lewis who went up to visit Miss Picketts whom she met on the "Empress" crossing to Yokohama last year - She has hair nearly white, and has usually travelled under different circumstances but seemed to enjoy roughing it. It was nearly 8 o'clock when we reached Dr Couland's home where we were all four entertained most hospitably. The houseboats had not reached the city.

Thursday, Feb 8th.

It was nearly noon when Mama & Frankie reached Kan. Yang where the Kemps live. They left the boat 4 miles below and came up in a sedan chair. Mr. Campbell, Mr. Whitman, & Mr. Gumbel also walked in so that we had a tableful at tiffin, the largest number of missionaries that ever sat down to a meal together in that city I presume.

By 2 P.M. the others had arrived & we began our meeting. Mr. Kemp gave us an excellent paper on evangelizing. It was largely an exposition of Scripture - We had a long and interesting discussion of the subject.

After this was finished Mr. Grossbeck¹⁸
read a paper giving an excellent doc-
trinal discussion of the first part
of John XV - "In Christ" - I followed
with a personal consideration of the
passage, especially the inter-relation
of Scripture study, obedience and prayer
as declared in vs. 16, also dwelling
upon the fact that fruit-bearing means
primarily and eternally not acts
but spiritual graces. The fruit of
the Spirit is not a dish of different
fruits but a cluster. It should be
complete in all; in each of the Lord's
Children -

Mama, Frankie, I went
out to Dr. Constand's and took din-
ner with them. It was very nice
for the children - Kenneth + Jessie are
just about the same ages as Frank
at school. They were allowed to
sit up and eat with us.

Mama and I rode back in sedan
chairs to attend the prayer meeting
which was led by Mr. Speicher -
It was about 10 o'clock when the
City gate keeper opened the iron-
sheathed gates to let us out.

Friday Feb 9th -
We could not have had better weather
in Feb'y - clear and not too cold,
with beautiful moonlight evenings.

Mrs. Consland was at the Thursday 19th
afternoon meeting & she came with
Miss Ricketts & Miss Lewis all day
Friday. Dr. Consland also was present
in the forenoon.

Mama read a paper on How to im-
prove Chinese prayer meetings which was
followed by many remarks and suggestions
which interested us all. Mr. Speicher's
subject was "The relation of the mission-
ary to the Magistrate" which brought
out many expressions of opinion
and the discussion of this and the
Kan-Bue trouble lasted until

4 o'clock in the afternoon session -
Mr. Haters read a most helpful
paper describing meetings held by
F. B. Meyer in Rochester - Very deep
feeling was manifested in the conference
and we sat in silence at the close
of the paper. Mr. Dickstein started
the hymn "Nearer my God to thee" -
which was sung with a spirit of true
consecration -

Miss Wilkinson read a paper by Dr.
Scott upon How best to get spiritual
results from medical work -
Miss Ricketts spoke on this subject
and

In the evening we heard Mr. Whitman ²⁰
& Mr. Campbell tell of the great field up
among the Hak-Kas. We voted to ask
for more men to occupy the field.

We also discussed the question of asking
for a Consul to be sent to Amoy and
decided that we did not care to make
such request, but to state that in our
opinion it would be sufficient to have
occasional visits from a Consul.

Mr. Whitman was of course not interested
especially in this personally because he
is a British subject, but all the rest of
us, being American citizens, have no
Consul nearer than Hong Kong, and
indeed our Consul is at Canton.

Mr. Campbell was elected President
and Mr. Grosbeck Secretary. I was
again put upon the Committee for arrange-
ments for a new programme, with
Mr. Waters & Miss Scott in place of
Mr. Grosbeck & Mr. Whitman.

We expressed our appreciation of the de-
lightful hospitality shown by Mr. & Mrs.
Kemp. We enjoyed very much the meals
we all took there and they made
it very pleasant for all of us. They
have a large Chinese house & several rooms
with raised wooden floors. so it is very
comfortable.

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Saturday Feb 10th -

We had a favoring North wind and came down the river quickly. Mr. at home call our baggage from the boats in the house by dark.

We found our mail here and besides long letters from Boston. We had nice letters from the children.

Sunday Feb 11th

Annis' tenth birthday - I figan a letter to her. We had service as usual at 9 o'clock in the morning and 2-30 P.M. Mr. McKittum took tiffin and after noon tea with us. Mr. & Mrs. Gorsbuck also came at the latter time. I took their supper here their cook bringing down what he had prepared for them. We do not usually intend to have much company on Sunday but Mr. McKittum is about leaving and the Gorsbucks are staying down here for a little time. We have a great many mission matters to discuss together.

Monday Feb 12th -

This morning I left at a little before 9 o'clock for Kuah Ching when we have had a very serious trouble at a place now by opened. Mr. McKittum left in the afternoon on the "Hoi Ching" - we are sorry to see him go.

Tuesday Feb'y 13th

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To-day I have written my annual report with a letter to Dr. Barbour and given much time to the very distressing trouble at Kuah chin which still is unsettled - Several of the boys in the Middle School have come to say that they intend to study medicine - Dr. Scott will have a good class - for which I am very glad.

Miss Starkness & Miss Black were here with Mr. & Mrs. Goresbeek at supper. We are talking of a house at Thai Yong on the hills for the summer.

Wednesday - Feb'y 14th

The Union prayer meeting was held here - 18 present, an excellent meeting led by Mr. Goresbeek who read the First Chapter of First Thessalonians -

I had a delightful hour with the Class this morning over the 11th Chapter of Luke - We had several

good letters by the Home mail to-day. This is the Beginning (of) Nights, the first Full moon of the new year the Great Feast of Lanterns is to-day.

Thursday - Feb. 15th

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There was quite a temporary excitement this evening hunting for Surgeon Whitman. He was missing at supper time & all were alarmed for a time. There are so many principles all about here that one trembles for the safety of a missing child - Mr. & Mrs. Grubbe, mama & were invited to take supper with the Whitmans to-night - They have a game like Authors, but geographical, names of States and Territories bring upon the cards with facts regarding each State. it is a good study in geography.

Friday - Feb. 16th

I am just back from evening prayer-meeting - The one who was expected to lead was not present so I guided the meeting without taking the leader's chair. There were a number of requests for prayer and the time was fully occupied - I spoke on the need of the Holy Spirit's presence and of testimony - I was very much pleased to-day to hear from a D^r that several of the Teachers are planning to take up a special course of study each for semi-annual examinations. They begin with Matthew's Gospel -

Saturday - Feb. 17th - 24

The rains are beginning now - for several months we may expect wet weather a good share of the time.

Mamma & the children were invited to Dr. Dalziel's in Stratton for the afternoon but the rain prevented their going - My time to-day had been very much broken up by calls - This evening Mr. Waters came in & spent the evening - Mamma has marked on the casing of our door the heights of Anna Jay & Helen so we can easily remember how tall they must look -

Sunday Feb 18th

Rainy to-day - I woke up very early & felt moved to take II Timothy III:15 - as a text instead of John IV:16 - So worked over it as much as I could & had a good degree of liberty in preaching. The prayer meeting before the sermon was the most interesting I ever remember attending - A-Kha gave an account of his religious experience & of his mother who is now very ill, not expected to live - but in a surprising triumph out state - Mr. Waters preached at the Community Chapel - a very good sermon.

Monday Feb 19th

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a chilly day. Mr. Waters left for Sig-King before our breakfast time. We have been getting letters ready for the Home mail to-day. I had a very good lesson with the class in Luke VIII - I saw the connection of the thought in the first part of the chapter as never before - how the Lord gradually prepared the disciples for the deadly conflict with Pharisaism - teaching them to rise above fear of death at the time he taught them to beware of the Pharisaic learn & also to proclaim his private teachings - They did not realize it then, but he was giving them a task which was laid down for others to lay down their lives & confess the Lord at supprement cost.

Mamma made calls in the Community & arranged for the entertainment of Mrs. Little who wishes to come & speak for the Anti-foot-binding Society - "The Heavenly Foot Society," of which Mamma is local Secretary.

Tuesday Feb 2^{oth} - 26

Nearly all the time not occupied with Chinese class readers was given to preparation of statistics for the Annual Report. Mr. & Mrs. Speichee with little David & Margaret came at noon. We enjoy their visit -

Wednesday Feb 21st -

Another full busy day. I finished the report and sent it off to day over 3900 - were given by the Christians on our field last year.

Ts' - Ts' was in to-day was in to-day from Chao-Yang City quite jubilant over his work of selling books in the city. he came to get a new supply.

A Hwai the man who was in jail so long has been going with him - To-day I made a proposition to the class that to-morrow we go to Sinator in the afternoon and preach in the chapel: they seemed glad to try it -

We are sorry to hear that a woman who was baptized last Communion has been turned out by her husband's people who have taken all her clothes & her child's clothes -

This noon Dr. Scott & Miss Wilkinson
took supper with us & Mr. M. invited
up there to supper - Mr. had a good
prayer meeting afterwards -

Thursday, Feb. 22nd

This afternoon I had the Students
Class teacher and all go over to
Anatom to-day and open the Chapel
for preaching - I went over about an
hour later and found they had a
good audience. I talked for a
good long time, a part of the time
at one side & a part of the time
from the platform - Mr. might
have continued till this time good-bye,
if we had desired to do so. I hope
this may do good. It is in the
line of what the work needs at any
rate - I have just sent a man off with
a letter which will probably decide
the purchase of new property at 510
Pheng City & give us a good location
on a main street & will not cost quite
\$1000. U.S. more than what we get for
our old buildings which are in a
very poor location & the neigh-
bors are not pleasant -

9 P. M.

Friday - Feb. 23rd - 28

I hoped to have a little time to myself after prayer meeting to-night but there were two men waiting to ask about a place to live while they are teaching here, one is teaching Dr. Scotts large medical class and the other a - Liang who is to be married soon. Then another brother came up to the house to ask my advice about his property matters - He is rightful heir to half of a property that a wealthy man wishes to buy for \$60,000.00, but he expects the other heirs will try to shut him out because he is a Christian I told him the best solvent I knew for the difficulty is persistent prayer. Then he is interested in getting a school teacher for Tang Ling & in a young man from his parish coming here to study.

We had an excellent prayer meeting, no time for anyone to give out a hymn - several times two were on their feet and a great many requests for prayer were made. This afternoon we had good opportunities for preaching & selling books.

Dr. & Mrs. Mathew took tiffin with 29
ms to-day. Baby Grace is quite sick.
Has a cold and cannot keep food
on her stomach - possibly it is
measles - Saturday - Febr 4th

Rainy to-day. Much of my time has
been given to arranging for the schools.
Dr. Scott will have about 12 in her
medical class - they will need the
whole of our building or all that
is not used for the printer and the family
of the head teacher.

The schools have a holiday on Saturday
at home Sunday - Feby 25th

A beautiful day. I went to Anston with
one of the teachers and ^{two} three medical
students and a boy from the Middle
School. We had very good services -
One of the hospital assistants was
also there. We have an early Bible
Reading for the Christians at 9 o'clock.
Then there is a public meeting at
10-30 - We had a good number
of hearers to-day and some show a
genuine interest. - I hope to see the
Christians there brought to a better state
of unification as well as more preaching done.

Monday Feb 26th

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To-day we had a large mail - 2 letters from Burton - several from New York & Chicago. I have been busy all the evening & a part of the other time writing on Mission Treasury matters. We went to Matamoras to see Mrs. Sheiker and the children upon the steamer and I attended to some business matters later on & also called on the English Consul who has recently arrived.

Tuesday Feb 27th

Our harbor has looked suggestive of Hong Kong yesterday and to-day with 14 ships in. One the "Arvil" lost her propeller coming into the port & just drifted up to her anchorage. It will cost \$3000. in silver just to be towed to Hong Kong to go into dock.

This morning I enjoyed the class with study of Luke 15th chapter and this P.M. we had a good congregation at the Amator chapel. One man tried to talk us down but did not succeed. A great many buy books.

Wednesday Feb 27th - 31 -

An Austrian Cruiser the "Zenta"
a large white vessel with
2 funnels came in and anchored
off the British Consulate.

Two of the officers I presume they
were, came into the chapel at
Saratov in the afternoon. Not
knowing what the place was -
one of them could speak English.

We had a very good hearing at
the chapel. There were two theatres
near by that may have helped
attract people to that part of the
city.

We had a good prayer-
meeting in the evening led by
Mr. Whitman - who read a part of
the fourth chapter of John be-
ginning with the 27th verse,
And Luke IX: 1-2 - He spoke of
the harvest ripening about us
here. Up among the Hak Kai
2 new places have been opened.

At our large cluster of villages ³²
the head man died and at
his death he said to the people
"I have cared for you these many
years: now I am going. After my
death I wish you to worship God."
A number have come from
that place to worship and
they have prepared a large building
there for a chapel.

Thursday, March 1st -

This afternoon I had a call
from two young men who
are in the Telegraph office
at Sooton - One is a very good
speaker of English - He studied at
a Mission School in Nuchang.
His father was a Mandarin &
was not willing for him to be
come a Christian - The other has at-
tended chapels in Chinkiang and
Shanghai & says he wishes to be
baptized - They are very bright men

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Corresponding with the Grosbecks
about joining them in getting a
place among the hills for the
hot months - so that Mamma &
the children can have a place
for the whole hot season -

Saturday - Mich 3rd

We had a call today from a Mr.
Woodbury of the Christian Alliance
Mission in Pimtsin & a Christian
Chinese doctor formerly in the
Army, who have been selling books
in Siam - They have the four
Gospels, a beautiful edition of the new
Union version that has been trans-
lated since the Shanghai Conference
of 1890 - They have sold 5000 copies
I understood him to say since they
came -

Sunday - Mich 4th

As we were starting out to church
this morning Dr. Adansen from
Bangkok met us - and Mr. Woodbury
& Dr. Wong also were waiting

for us and we entered the church ³⁵
together. After a meeting of
prayer several requests being made
for different objects. Dr. Adanson
spoke in English & interpreted for
him. He told us how glad he
was to be with us & to tell
of the work in Siam which is
growing. He speaks the Siamese
& Piquan dialects himself & to
the Chinese he speaks through
an interpreter. He has baptized
about 130 since he had charge
of the work. (He is a practicing
physician, owns a drug store,
is a Government official, Master
of the Quarantine Station & has
some other matters on hand
besides looking after the work
of the Missionary Union and
seems to attend to all well.)
He did not tell all about these
things at the service but at
one house here afterwards -)
After the morning offering
was taken I asked Dr. Wong

to speak. He talks the Mandarin ³⁶
and Shanghai dialects but not
this Bratom language. His
English is excellent and it is
very easy to interpret for him -
He told us how he had been an
earnest worshipper of Buddha and
other heathen gods in his boyhood.
His father was wise enough to see
that English was to be a useful
accomplishment and sent him to
a private school taught by a
Christian Roman who often told
them of Jesus and His love, but
they were careless and thought
little of it. After Li Hung Chang
opened, or secured the opening of,
the Imperial Medical College at
Tientsin he was one of the first
23 to enter. About 5 years
ago when Mr. & Mrs. Novellbury
went to Tientsin ^{to begin mission work}, they were invited
to attend the services & a
Bible reading & prayer meeting one

Evening the Holy Spirit was mani³⁷
fested in great power and about
8 of them were converted so throug-
ly that they could not keep still
about it but must go about and
urge others - a great work was begun
and these men have scattered to
many places - Dr. Wong has of late
been in Shanghai when he was
born & opened a chapel that is
prospering well - they have had
many conversions - He has taken
this trip to the Coast ports with
Mr. Woodbury to sell the Scriptures
and prospect the territory - they
have sold tens of thousands of
Gospels & tracts and had many
opportunities to witness for the
Lord Jesus - He spoke of some
instances in Siam and said he
loped we might reap the seed
they had sown - He is a
most earnest whole souled warm
hearted man, born of the Spirit &
filled with the Spirit -
After service I stayed at home with
Dr. Adamson and discussed

Bangkok and Buxton -

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Dr. Sims of the Congo Mission came back to Tiffin - He has been visiting

Dr. Riddell at New-King Fu -

They were fellow students at Edinburgh - Dr. John Watson, Dan McLaren was there at the same time.

So we had an English Doctor from Africa, a doctor from Fiam who studied in America & a Chinese doctor, all missionaries, at one table unexpectedly met.

At Sunday School Dr. Sims told us of the African work & how the poor little children are sold or captured to be fattened and eaten like pigs - also of how much the mission work does for them. His own servant was sold in that way & he redeemed the lad for 80 yards of calico! -

Mr. Woodbury told us how they had been blessed in the work at Pimtsen & how anxious Dr. Wong is for the conversion of his mother who is a rank heathen & recently told him she would cut his throat if she could because he was a Christian. Much interest if a physician - We had

a most interesting season of prayer 39
in her behalf. It was a remarkable
meeting & helped us to realize how
every language every tongue shall
one day be employed to praise the
Savior's name - We represented the
ability to preach the gospel in at
least 10 different languages, just
in that little gathering -

The two young men from the tele-
graph office were in and Dr. Hong
talked with them most earnestly
& got them to kneel with him
in prayer - Monday - March 5th

These two young men came over
this morning: last night they
were with Dr. Hong who feels
very hopeful of their conversion.
He urged on them the need of
conversion before baptism, that
baptism without spiritual life,
from regeneration was as ineffec-
tual as trying to telegraph by
pressing the transmitter when
there was no electricity in the
wire - also regarding baptism.

"Having ~~been~~ died we should
be buried; Whose heard of
burying a man by putting a
lump of clay on his forehead?"

We had an interesting service
at morning prayers. Dr. Wong
spoke on the rewards of service
& Mr. Woodbury told how
his little boy once had felt
deeply grieved because a very
nice box of candy just given
him had been given away - he
said it was "the best candy I
had" - His father said, "Willie
when God gave us Jesus to be
our Saviour, did He not give the
best He had?" The little
fellow ^{wiped} away his tears and
did not say another word
about it. He was drowned a
week later - One of Dr. Wong's
fellow students who had been

violently opposed to Christianity ⁴¹
asked to see the boy's face. He knew
the child had been an earnest
Christian - The sight was the
means of his ~~own~~ conversion and
he was so thoroughly converted
that he and his brother could
not wait to finish their medical
course but set out for Fochow
& began a work that has been
greatly blessed - Four others
have gone down into Hunan
Province -

We have had a varied experience
during the day. Mrs. Archibald
Little, authoress of "Marriage in
China" & "Intimate China" - called
here and we were invited to
meet her at tiffin by Mr. & Mrs.
Bredon. at the Commission of
Customs house - We had a
rather pleasant time - at
4-30 we went down and
listened to the band of the Christian

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Cruiser out 5 o'clock heard
Mrs. Little speak on the subject
of Anti-footbinding. She is an
interesting speaker. Her first
impulse to take up this work came
from a conversation with Mrs.
Upcraft, then Miss Innes - whom
she met on a little steamer on
the Yangtze River -

Tuesday Mich 6th

This forenoon Mrs. Little was
here & spoke to the Chinese at
the Chapel - They seemed much
interested - I interpreted for her.
She began with quoting James
V:16. telling the people we must
pray and work - She used the
story of St. George and the Dragon
to illustrate the monster of footbinding
that awaits the poor girls of China.
She was here for tiffin & we had a lively
company - Dr. Adonson was in also & he
left us for Siam to-day - Dr. Sims came
to supper & to spend the night - We took
up a contribution of \$14 - when we expected to
get \$4 - to help church in the Country -

Wednesday - March 7th 9-40 A.M.

Back from one little prayer meeting at Dr. Scott's house. It seems lonely. Mamma & Frank are in Kit Yung. I have had a very much broken day. Dr. Sims left this afternoon for Swatow and goes to Shanghai tomorrow.

Clarice has been a good boy & Baby Grace has got on very well.

This morning I met the English Consulate to see that the interpreter was fair in a ^{case} ~~case~~ that affected one of our church members. ^{had I not gone} ~~had I not gone~~ ^{he would} ~~he would~~ have been turned over to the Chinese official. Mr. Hurst gave a very fair decision I thought.

Thursday March 8th

A wedding ceremony took up quite a part of the afternoon. A Liang, one of the teachers in the boys school, was the bridegroom; the bride is from Kho-Khoi. The man invited to the feast - a Mr. Johnson, Clergyman of the Church of England,

came in at the close of the wedding⁴³¹
and was invited to the feast -

Mama went down and eat with
the women, but could not stand
very much of the Chinese food -

I have become quite accustomed
to Chinese feasts and do not find
them altogether bad. They were
greatly pleased with Mr. Johnson
who is a tall, fine looking frank
friendly man. He was much pleased
with them. His eldest sister had
planned to go to India and enter
the Zenana work but the physician
would not approve of her going to
trying a climate. She entered medi-
cal mission work in London. His
mother, he says, is greatly interested
in missions and every Tuesday eve-
ing gives an hour to study & prayer
for foreign missions -

Mama & Frankie came back at
noon after a pleasant trip to
Kit Yung. They visited five prominent
Chinese families yesterday -

Friday Mich 9th - 45

We have had little sunshine for a week past. to-day is not very cool. People come to go. The brilliant and versatile Mrs. Little left by the Hai-mun & Mr.

Waters came down from Ng-King after having had a very good visit there - we met him in front

monna & went over in our boat, had a queer accident - she passed the umbrella to me and let go before I had grasped it; down

it went, being a steel rod & having 2 sets of braces, very heavy - The

men tried to get it up with the boat hook, failing this they paid a man 60 cash, less than a nickel of our money, to dive for it - and

when we came back it was spread to dry in the bottom of the boat -

I went to the chapel; several of the students were there and doing well - I had several very good listeners -

Saturday March 10th

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We are just back from Boston where we called upon the German Consul, Mr. Struck & his wife who have just returned from a furlough. We called on a few other people, a Mrs. Pollock who seems to be an excellent Christian woman who has been through much trial -

We meet a great variety of people out here - 9-10 - My evening has been

much broken up by men coming in about school & church matters -

A letter came to-day from Boston saying the Committee had voted that all Mr. McKisber's work be turned over to me - but I hope we can arrange that this will not add anything that is already upon my hands -

Sunday - March 11th -

A beautiful day. more sunshine than for a week past - I have been in Boston to-day. We had a good number of Christians present; our morning lesson was the Transfiguration - At the

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general service one young man spoke
on The Light of the world. Another on
the Transfiguration & I spoke on Matt.
II:28. & the last Chapter of Revelation.
The heathen go to infinite trouble to
invite gods to their temples to
care for them, but God has been
throughout the ages inviting men
to come to Him and invites us
to His eternal Home to enjoy
its blessedness forever. After preach-
ing I went down and talked with
some who had been listening in-
tently and several said they believed
the gospel to be good; one old
man said he would remember to
pray.

We had a Communion
service in the afternoon, 21 present, &
there were 7 who applied for baptism.
A much better service than we ex-
pected - Hur at home I found
the two young men from the tele-
graph office & had a good visit
with them - My prayer with
them & one of them prayed himself.

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Mama had about 30 women at
Elder Ponsai's house down in Kuk-
Chick - there was also a service at the
school room there besides our Sabbath
School up here -

Monday - March 12th -

Rain to night - Mr. & Mrs. Grosbeck
came down to day. we are to consider
plans for house up at Thai Yang -

To-day a question came up in the class
that had never come before - whether
it is right for a man to prepare
his grave before he dies - The heathen
Expend a great deal of money to get
fine grave sites and prepare them
also their coffins as far ahead as
possible - I replied that it would
of course be wrong to hire a professor
of grammar to get a heathen grave.
and for myself I prefer to retain
the hope that the Lord may come
before I die so I may not need
a grave - many like the Thersalomians
to wait for his Son from heaven -

March 13th Tuesday cong - 49

Very tired to-night - it has been a steady pull all day. Morning prayers class - writing letters - going to Stratton business errands. Preaching chapel and other members of the mission this evening. Splendid opportunities to preach the gospel at Stratton to-day. One man had listened nearly an hour I should think and then asked if we would not be there this evening -

Mich 14th - Wednesday

This morning at Prayers our subject was 1 Peter II:12-14 - I spoke of the central point of the Gospel being the suffering of Christ afterwards entering into his glory - this Gospel preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven was the great power - & a great mystery which even the Angels desire to look into - The day has been a busy one - After supper Mr. Grosbeck & I went to Stratton & preached & sold books till it was time for Union prayer meeting

at the Presbyterian Mission - we 50
rode over on our bicycles in a few
minutes.

Thursday Mch 15th -

At morning prayers we read a part
of the 10th chapter of John - they
seemed interested in what I said
about the sheep and shepherds of
Palestine - & how they illustrate
the Lord's care of his sheep.

At about 2 o'clock in the after-
noon Mr. Grosbeck went to town
with me again and we
had very good opportunities to
speak and sell books - The
Chinese Brother spoke on the
15th & 16th chapters of Luke; we
sold 18 copies of Luke's gospel.

Friday Mch 16th

In the morning I read the
23rd Psalm and commented
upon the first half - Now that
the medical students come in
the singing is very good. Mr.
Waters says he enjoys it.

I had several letters to write and did not get to Smaton in the afternoon for which I felt sorry afterwards - At our prayer meeting in the evening Mr. Waters spoke in English on "Exercise thyself unto godliness" - he is giving the school boys exercises in physical development used this to illustrate spiritual exercise in serving Christ.

Saturday - March 17th

Up off to the 8-30 boat from Smaton, which is about the same as it was to catch the "Sophie" at 7-30 - It was a rather chilly trip to Kwan-Pou. but it was necessary for me to go there to look after some incipient church difficulties - In the evening Manoa I was invited out to dinner at the Commission - an unusual experience for us - We quite enjoyed it. The dinner was of some 12 courses and occupied about two hours - then was music afterwards and some conversation - We came home at 11 - There were three other missions -

arrived - present - Dr. Mrs. Byell and 52
Miss Dr. Alexander -
Sunday, March 18th

At the morning service I
preached from John 14:27 &
emphasized preaching - Mr. Mac-
Lagan preached a good sermon
in English from II Cor. 1:21-22.
We had the last half of Acts
26th at Sunday School - Mrs
Chambers telegraph operators were
out who had not come before.
Mr. Waters came on & we had
a good sing & social hour, Mrs
Gunsbeck too, came in after S. School

Monday, March 19th -
Today has been largely given
to writing letters -

Tuesday - 20th of March -
In the afternoon Mr. Waters went to
Snaton with us and we had very
good opportunities to make and
sell books - One man from Hui
Lai was very much interested -

new volume Page 1-

Wednesday, March 21st -

a good home mail!

At morning worship I am taking the 7th Chapter of John's Gospel and enjoy explaining it very much.

My class of men is small only about five now and none of them men of much experience; they do quite well in their study of Luke and afterwards they take hold willingly.

Thursday, March 22nd

We go into the chapel & have prayer together in the enclosed part of the room: then we open the doors and sing a hymn, which soon attracts a crowd and when the hymn is finished we have an audience - to whom one or two preach for 25 or 35 minutes - Then we ask them to buy books and of the crowd this out too much we sing again.

and get another audience. 2
We usually leave at a little
after five o'clock.

Friday March 23rd

Sometimes I take my bicycle I
ride to the South side, then on the
Erator side this saves me some
minutes. We are having a new
form of difficulty - One of our
teachers who is an ordained Elder
in the Church owns some shops
in Erator and to settle claims
of rival tenants of one that is in
a good location he has given
papers to two different parties
that make the matter so much
the worse and will be produced
in court if the present occupants
are ousted by their rivals who
have interested a wealthy and
influential man to buy the shop.
Ordinarily I would not say or do
anything about such a case,
but this may compromise a man

prominent in our Church and I 3-
hope to be able to fend off the
difficulty till a compromise can
be adjusted.

We had a rather good prayer-
meeting - I led reading I Cor. xli: 9.

Saturday March 24th

A tremendous down-pour of rain
prevented me from going to Pōa Kū
as I had planned doing -

We had a mail via Vancouver &
a cable from Dr. Barbour direct-
ing the suspension of work upon
the Kit Yang Chapel -

A new proof of the thriftiness of
the Chinese contractor. I put up
my Dorr's Exercising machine
in the corner of my study, fastening
the bracket to a piece of hard wood
nailed high up in the corner -

I drove the spikes first into the
partition wall - but they did not
hold a particle - I was much

disappointed and thought I ⁴
must get longer spikes - then it
occurred to me to try crossing the
three cornered block and driving
the spikes into the main outer
wall of the house - they held
fast indeed it was no little
work to drive them - The outer
wall must be strong so they
did not dare "skimp" lime in
that too much - it is the lime
that costs and that gives strength
to the building - In the partition
they thought no weight would come
upon that and it would not be
closely examined so they put
that up with little bit earth,
or the rotten stone we dig out
of our hills here - The tricks
of the heathen Chinese are not
vain as far as his own profit
is concerned.

Sunday - March 25th - 5

We sailed over to Boston in a high wind between heavy shores. Notwithstanding the inclement weather we had a good number of hearers. After the Bible lesson in Mark with the Christians we spoke - first Dr. Scotts Hospital assistant spoke on Dives and Lazarus & spoke from the first half of Revelation ~~XXI~~. We had good attention and several took books - we gave Gospels and some small leaflets -

I was very tired in the afternoon and did not get out -

Grace and Clarence and neither of them feeling well -

Monday - March 26th

Clearer to-day so we can get out & the children have enjoyed it greatly - I have been kept

indoors nearly all day but have 6
been very busy - Tuesday, March 27th

At the early service we had a good
Praise meeting using Psalm 146th
and the first part of Acts 6th chapter -
I dwelt on the great reason we have
for thankfulness & the duty, as well as
privilege of giving ourselves wholly
to prayer and the study of Gods Word.
Further, in our meeting we think
much about who will come and
how many will come and whether
they will be pleased or not, but
there will always be one present, if
we meet in his name, the Lord
Jesus and the most important
thing of all is that He be pleased.
At 10 o'clock we took up the
Old Testament passages several of
them where the Holy Spirit is
spoken of and brought out some
of the effects wrought by His tem-
porary dwelling in and upon the
servants of God -

at 3 o'clock we took up the 16th of
Chapter of John and considered the work
of the Spirit in convicting of sin, right-
eousness and judgment.

Wednesday March 28th

At the Luncheon Prayer meeting all
the girls school and a number from
the boys school were present besides
several men.

At the 8 o'clock service we continued
the subject of the Holy Spirit's work
and at 10 o'clock we listened to
some reports from the field especi-
ally the Chao Yang region. The news
was not especially encouraging but
the preachers are evidently telling
the truth and that is much.

At 3 o'clock I spoke of our Con-
ference at Hui City and gave
a part of my paper on bearing
the fruit of the Spirit, that it
should be full clusters. Character
spiritual life and attainment rather
than mere activity.

Thursday April 29th 8-

At the 8 a.m. meeting I took the text from which Philip preached to the Eunuch and spoke of Jesus as the solution of all problems, using the illustration of a combination lock in the bank which was set on the word Fides and had the letters of that word on the dial so that it was necessary to follow them to open the safe. So Jesus is the name we must follow in opening the mysteries of earth and the door of heaven. I spoke of the 53rd chapter of Isaiah as a mystery of this sort solved only by Jesus his life death and triumphs. Another important question is how to reach Him. Some of the men from the student class gave parts of the 2nd chapter of Acts to illustrate how the Scripture was used to declare Jesus and to bring men to a sense of sin.

At 10 o'clock we heard more

from the Kit Yang and Phing Sing?

The meeting at 2 o'clock was one of the best I ever attended. a farewell meeting to Sing Song - Two of the teachers Sing Sing his father all spoke very well - we sang twice and after prayer by two native Elders. The singing of "God be With You till we meet again" was a tender service for all hearts present - They sang me

verse again at the shore - I went out to the ship and thence to Orator when we had excellent opportunities for preaching -

Friday March 30th -

Thursday morning I was greatly aroused by a letter from Mr. Kemp saying that the people at Pung Sing and some of the teachers had been grossly deceiving us. This and other experiences led me to feel that we must be more searching and denounce falsity - The text announced for the morning was Rev. II:4 - After expounding this and the need of returning to the warmth

of first devotion, I dwelt on the
fact that this could be only by the
power of the Spirit and the Spirit
who descended - as a dove on the
holy Son of God came as the mighty
cleansing forces wind and fire
upon men and He cannot abide
the unclean and the false - lies
are of Satan, whose two foot tracks
are murder and lying - when he
saw the Church flourishing he
could not tempt the Church to
do murder so he tempted them
to lie - and the Spirit showed His
wrath by the sudden awful judge-
ment that came upon Ananias
& Sapphira - LIES God hates - in man
hatred is reckoned as killing - what
God hates he will kill and destroy
if the sin is not forsaken He cannot
abide it - The truth and the
need fits being impressed upon
the people laid hold of me
more than at any time I ever
preached - and it laid hold
of them - though the truth was
thundered at them they realized
it was not in anger but at the

bidding of the Spirit Himself - 11
When we knelt in prayer, after I
closed my prayer - something I never
experienced before - the people all
remained on their knees and I called
on them to continue - Sungdong's
father offered prayer and spoke of
the word of God piercing even to
the joints and marrow -

At 10 o'clock we heard reports from
Sheng Hai of Jiochung. At 3 P.M.
we had Mr. Waters's paper he
gave at the Conference, I told them
of the good meetings we had at
the Shi city & gave them an abridgement
account of the Meyer meetings in
Rochester - then Mr. Waters told
them his impressions received there,
that the most impressive element in
the service was the man himself,
an incarnation of what he preached
and the measure of the life of God
in the soul is the measure of a man's
power as a preacher of the truth of
God to other souls - the people
all were attentive & seemed interested.

Saturday March 31st

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We had announced texts to set forth the need of the Church's being active & discerning to see souls born into her number - but had asked any of the brethren who felt moved to do so to speak of their impressions & what they wished to emphasize of the weeks lessons - I opened the service with a short few words on the 5th verse of the 126th Psalm - Chas. Davis was the first speaker he said "We have never had a week like this - We have met many times but there have been a great many affairs Church matters personal quarrels to discuss and sometimes high words but this week we have had no such troubles and have been able to hear the Word of God every day and be profited by its truths -" Two others spoke in the same way, each adding some other exposition of Scripture - In the afternoon we had a short farewell service for the Whitman, and a business meeting at which several candidates were examined for baptism -

Some cases of discipline were also dis-¹³
cussed & they brought up the case of
two of our Church members who
were seized & hung up by their pig-
tails by some sons of Belial who
are connected with a Presbyterian con-
gregation. This had an unhappy influ-
ence. I told the people they better pray
over this matter and not attempt any
action but they bothered me about it
till eleven o'clock.

Sunday April 14th -

We had the usual services. 6-30 Run-
ner prayer meeting - 8 A. M. - social
meeting and voting upon candidates.
10 o'clock the preaching service fol-
lowed by baptism & Communion at
2:30 - The meetings were well
attended and fairly good but
not up to those of the week -

I fear my own spiritual tone was low-
ered by the disturbing element but I
was able to preach for nearly
an hour and present the truth I had
in mind - all the time after the

Communion I was kept busy with 14
the Chinese and had a very pleasant
meeting with them in the evening. We
decided to meet again the last week
in June when no business on hand,
to try to be in as early as possible and
give a full week to searching the
Word of God & seeking His blessing.

Monday, April 2nd -

We had morning prayers as usual.
These exercises are very interesting now.
Mr. Waters plays the organ to lead
the services in singing. They sing finely.
In the afternoon I went on board the
"Shales" & saw Mr. Meggert
taking a parcel to send to Mrs.
Whitman sending some letters -
thence to Smton where we had a
good hearing at the chapel.

Tuesday, April 3rd

Very heavy rain - I had my class in
the forenoon and wrote letters most of
the day. Cable from Boston to "Come".

Wednesday, April 4th
We are beginning guests and numbers
in the class and hope to get good.
They are inclined to work faithfully.
A few friends went to the Smton

and while there was no crowd yet 15
we had some good listeners and one
fine looking young man from a
neighboring shop came in and
after listening spoke very hopefully,
aroused some hope that he may
nally be serious.

We had a good prayer meeting at
Dr. Scott's in the evening -

Thursday April 5th -

There was a very heavy rain early in
the day but by 10-30 we were able
to start for Bangor track there in about
two hours going outside the harbor.

There was some church business to
settle and after that we had a
service for nearly an hour at which
there was a man who was denounced

11 years ago - I got a suggestion

for my sermon from a drunk male
by one of the brethren in discussing
the needed width for a door and
passage way he asked "Will
that be wide enough to let a Coffin
come out?" in the most matter of fact
tone as if it was the common, every
day use of a door to be the best

for a coffin - I spoke of this v. 16
Compared the relative importance of
the coffin containing a dead body
having a pre exit from the door
of our house & our souls having
pre entrance at the door of heaven -
then expounded a part of the 3rd
chapter of John's gospel -

Po-San King's father spoke
very well of the difference between
the fleshly and the spiritual -

Happily for us the south wind came at
and we had a fine sail home -
I worked till midnight on accounts
and reports - Friday - April 6th -

This morning I was up before 5-30
and did quite a little letter writing
before breakfast - We hurried off to
get the steam launch - just as we
discovered that there is no steamer
to-day. yesterday being a fast day we
met a junk - there were several
Samoa people in our boat & they shouted
when they saw the junk that it was
from their own town! "Siangti in tin"

"The grace of the Lord" - This boat took
us on board and we have had a
fair wind all the way, some of
the time running very fast before the
wind. Just now we are beating in
to the little harbor. This saves us
many hours of toil and much dis-
comfort. On the boat I read
& also wrote up this journal for
ten days or thereabout, as I have been
so busy it has been neglected -

Saturday - April 7th -

We were transferred from the junk
to a smaller boat when I got on
a man's back & came for some
distance - We were at the house
used as a chapel for some time,
then visited the place where lay
heaps of stone for building a new
chapel - We measured the lot
& discussed the situation. A crowd
gathered & I preached to them for
half an hour - some listened
but few came to the place.

worship where there was again's
opportunity to talk with them.
We had a good service in the
evening - sang several hymns
read the first part part of
Acts XIII - I spoke some time
and several offered prayer - I
am glad that so many can pray
here, and it does one soul good
to hear them say Amen all
together -

This morning the proacher
this little boy a Kian and
I walked about 10 miles and
back to-day, a part of the way
was close by the sea and
coming back I went barefoot
and enjoyed it - the tide was
quite high and to walk on the
hard beach it was necessary
for me to go close to the water
so my feet were cooled by the

waves coming up to meet me¹⁹
and sometimes I was obliged
to run back or get up above
my knees - It was very
foggy else it would have
been a beautiful trip for me get
a good view out to sea -

This evening we had a good
service as well as this afternoon
at Han Kai Chi the village we visit-
ed - To night one of the men re-
ferred to what I said last evening
about the success of the gospel at
on the island of Cyprus and at
the exceedingly wicked city of
Paphos - seemed to have been
checked by the comparison to
this idolatrous island - To day
we met a great many coming to
the celebration here dressed in their best.

Sunday April 8th -

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a bright sunny afternoon. Such a relief after days of mist rain and fog. This morning the furniture was wet like a heavy dew -

We had an early service reading the S. S. lesson in Acts XXVIII: 1-16.

& then four men were examined for baptism - At the preaching service Ngiam Thin spoke from

Acts II: 32-35 - & from the latter part of the 4th chapter and first part of the 5th chapter of Acts -

We walk about - a ^{half} third of a mile up among the hills to baptize in a pool - We had a good communion service - Afterwards

We walked about and preached to a few people but their minds are so much taken up with the theatres and other performances that it is difficult to get hold of them - Then we walked down to the landing

to inquire about the steam launch? -
which is to sail at about 8 o'clock
to morrow morning. so it looks as
if I am to have as unexpected and
favorable an opportunity of leaving
as I had of coming here. So
many people have come to
see the theatres & procession that
a little launch has been running
from Chia-Na - it has also brought
theatrical troupes over - This may
serve as an example to show how
little advantage a mere advance
in civilization may be to Christianity.
The people do not realize that it
is Christianity that enlightens a
people so they can accomplish
great things and produce remarka-
ble inventions - but they use the
inventions to help on their heathen-
ish practices.

The procession was a sight worth
seeing - There were several gorgons
sedan chairs with idols in
them and a number of other

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Shrines carried by men and boys; there were scores of beautiful silk and satin banners with raised letters, many of them embroidered. There were two or more rows of a sort of parasol made of beautiful silks & satins - 10 in a row - carried by boys - Then there were boys with pewter figures - called the Eight Treasures, other boys with Chinese Maps, there were drums cymbals, horns and fifes galore, and the music, tho' barbarous was rather interesting - the "big bass drum" is carried by two persons lead up & the drummer walks behind pounding with two heavy drumsticks alternately. Some of the business streets were nicely decorated - In several places a red blue & white awning long strips a foot in width sewed together

that were stretched above ²⁴ evening
the whole street for several
blocks - One block was decorated
above with paper flowers and
fruit hung thick together: over
the entrance to the salt market
was hung a large paper fish
made over a bamboo frame -

In the procession were several
pieces carried - that were imi-
tations of fruit trees, I remember
the pear, lai-chi - gourd & the
strawberry. Some of the work was
Excellent - \$20,000 - about

\$10,000 - in U.S. currency is the
cost of the celebration & the loss in
time & dissipation for men.
So sad to see this bright peo-
ple so blinded -

We had a good song service
this evening & quite a number of
leather presents - We read & expound-
ed - parts of the 5th & 14th chapters of Revelation.

Monday April 9th

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A Kiau overslept and did not get up till half past five so he came very near being left. I ate my breakfast and went on ahead, but the launch waited for a boat to go ashore & catch him and one or two other belated ones. At Chuan-Na

I had a pleasant call on some of the Christians. At the landing nearest Nigoking A Kiau got off and took my luggage with him while I went on to Snaton. At home I found all well but more trouble reported at An Chhan.

Tuesday April 10th

I sat up till past midnight and had the satisfaction of finishing my Quarterly Report as Mission Treasurer. It was so foggy we did not get an early start on the launch and crept down the bay in a dense fog as it was. Whistling frequently. We passed several ^{steam} ships at anchor & Chinese boats sailing.

We had fine smooth sailing and 26
mama was not at all sick - Clarence
was tired and not lying down
was "dreadful sick" as Helen used
to say. Then we put him to
bed in the bunk belonging to one
of the mates, who is a Christian,
and he rested nicely - A-Kuang
one of the medical students and I
sold 16 copies of the Catechism and
gave one copy away besides preaching
for some time to the people on the
boat -

Such a crowd as we
had on the smaller boat going ashore!
Such a crowd as gathered about
the chair in which Clara sat!
The little fellow sat there as se-
renely as if he was in his little
wicker chair in the nursery. The
Chinese were so delighted over the
sight of him they could hardly
contain themselves - He had one
chair and mama another while
I rode the bicycle for 7 or 8 miles -
The road is excellent much of the way
but in one place I went over the

steep bank into a newly made²⁷
garden - no harm to wheel nor
to me save a bruise below my
knee cap and a hole in my thin
trousers - It was about 30' clock

when we reached the Mission House
in Ung Kung and received the warm
welcome of the Gossbecks -

We had a good meeting with the
Chinese in the evening -

Wednesday April 11th

We passed a very quiet day, did
some writing, reading and resting -

Mr. Gossbeck cut my hair, did it
beautifully and clipped Clarence's
shapely head - it is very becoming
to the little fellow to have his

hair clipped close - I sent my
cook and baggage on by boat to

Lai Phu Sun - Thursday April 12th

It was quite a bustle of departure
in the forenoon - A-Kear had a
lame foot and set out to catch
the early tender at Ung Kung that
goes out to meet the launch but

missed it - so he set out ²⁸
with the man who carried mama's
trunk. At half past ten mama
and Clarence started out in one
sedan chair for Chia Chiu to take
the steamer for Kak Chieh - Mr.
Ymsbeck set out on his wheel to
go up 17 miles to the Tokim for-
der ^{ed} in another sedan chair
for Lai Phu - Sun. Mrs was going
along by the river quietly when -
Cr-r-r-a-a-ck - and one side of the
Chair began to give away - Happily
the men kept steady ^{ed} kept cool and
got out safely - it might not have
been so on the side of a precipi-
tous hill - One of the long bamboo
that on the right side had been eaten
with white ants and no one knew
it. This might serve as a good
illustration of how sin concealed
in the heart may be unknown till
at some unexpected time there
is a sudden strain of temptation a
break and a fall -

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One of the chair bearers is a Christian
was converted a few months ago and
is a wonderfully changed man,
used to gamble and quarrel con-
tinually - now is quiet & pleasant
& spends all his spare time
reading - While he went back
to get new bamboos I read the
Catechism and talked to the
other man - who listened very well.
So the accident, let us hope, will
prove a blessing in the end - Along
the route I had opportunity to sell
a few books and do a little preach-
ing - It is a beautiful country through
which we pass - By half past
five we were at Lai Thi Sua -
They have a school of 11 pupils
there now. Friday - Apr. 15th

"Rain before dawn clear before eleven"
"Chá hõu - chá chhe" - "Early rain:
Early clear", came to my mind as
I wakened to hear the rain at

a little after 2 o'clock in the ³⁰
morning. This proved to be the
case so my had a comfortable
trip to Jio-Pheing City - I am glad to
see they are building a new road
on the left bank of the river up to
the fine stone bridge so that we shall
escape two ferries than a good
wheel road too -

Here at Jio-Pheing there is a snarl in
the title of the house we now oc-
cupy so it is difficult to settle
the matter and effect a sale -
I had a good opportunity to speak
to some boys and men at the
Chapel - and we had a very good
service in the evening -

Saturday April 14th

A quiet day I had and rested at
the Chapel and made some visits
to the new building and some of
the Chinese, met one interesting
old soldier over 70 years old who
was most cordial and hospitable.

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We also called upon his son at
the Military Yamen. Headquarters
of the chief military mandarin
in the city. In the evening another
military man and several members
of the family that originally owned
the house were here and stayed
till after ten o'clock. Such a
continual discussion of affairs
private and public we have
had ever since leaving Lu Phin
and that I am sick and tired
of it. Sunday April 15th.

This morning we had a very good
prayer meeting and I had some
liberty in speaking on the promise
of the Spirit of Truth in John, the
close of the 15th and the beginning of
the 16th Chapters. In the afternoon
one of the brethren reproduced quite
a part of the sermon in exhorting
the rest while we were attending
to two cases of discipline.

We were obliged to exclude
 a young man for gambling and
 an elderly man for going to
 the Catholics - I enjoyed the
 Communion service, but all
 serenity was broken up afterward
 by a man who come in and
 brought up the house title again
 I had a pleasant call from the
 old military gentleman and liter-
 ary Graduate - "A.B" - "Siir-chai"
 they are called here. They heard
 something of the truth and took
 away one a Catechism and one a
 Gospel Hook - Tsing-Sing and
 I went out and preached on the
 street for an hour, had some good
 listeners: one old man tried to break
 up the audience then left and other
 listened - again in the even-

ing the men come in and bothered us
 a little about the house question but
 we succeeded in getting to bed by ten-
 o'clock.

Monday April 16th -

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at Rai Phisun - We had a most interesting meeting this evening studying the 15th of John and the last part of Galatians 5th - We learned to "recede in concert the fruit of the Spirit" - They all seemed much interested. A brother from the Hak-ku border is very anxious for me to go over into Tokum Province and visit the stations at E-tueh and Kuo-Pi - but I have laid my plans for this tour and have carried them out thus far and do not see sufficient reasons for changing them -

Old Mr. Taylor of St. Vassalboro, said he got the keynote of what success he achieved from a statement he heard in a sermon to the effect that men are divisible into two classes, "those who lay plans and do not carry them out and those who lay plans and do carry them out." There is much in it - while it is not well to cling blindly to one's preconceived ideas & projects - to be turned aside by any difficulty or pleasure from consummating a carefully arranged plan is not only a loss of the thing immediately in view but a weakening of character -

that threatens greater loss in the future 34
Every continued effort to carry out to the
full a will conscientiously prepared
programme of action is a strengthening
of moral fibre and fits one better for
the patient continuance in well-doing
which makes up the conquering life -
This morning we were able to ef-
fect the purchase of the new building
we expect to fit up as a chapel and
the deed in Loke will be recorded
soon. We have received all but 30-
silver promised for the present building
but there is a flaw claimed in the
title by one of the parties who once
had a claim upon it so the deed
is not yet made out in full.
and it is left that if we cannot
clear the title we will pay back
the money and retain the property -
The old man from Honolulu is bound
to go back and come to me for
money - He feels quite badly that
I will not give it -

While preaching preaching here on su-
bmerged views of Scripture after open-
up unexpectedly - This evening
I saw as never before the force of

our Lords referring to His keeping ^{of}
the Father's commandments and
abiding in His love - as if He said
"You, my disciples, sorrow that
I say I am to leave you, but do
not grieve or lose heart - Consider
me what I have been and done
before your eyes, and why? Because
of my Father's power love and
presence unseen - I kept His com-
mandments and abode in His
love, so that His grace and power
were mine to enjoy and mine
to use - So will it be with
you when I am gone, though
unseen I shall be as truly your
Lord and Master as at this mo-
ment and more effectively. If my
words abide in your hearts and
rule your acts my life shall
flow in you as does the sap from
the vine in the fruit bearing branches
and you shall be partakers of divine
love and a divine nature and main-
fest that divine nature to the
world - I do not grieve or suffer because
my Father is not visible by my side.

I stay abide & he hears me 36
always and does what I may ask -
So do you stay me abide in me
and whatsoever you need will be
given you, whatsoever you abiding
soul shall ask will be done for
you in my name by Him who
does all for me."

Also the cleansing power of the
word - The gardener prunes the
vine of all unnecessary wood
leaf bearing branches that the
fruit may be ^{in quantity} more & ^{in quality} finer -
So the Lord by His word had
been pruning the hearts of his
disciples, cutting off their worldly
ambitions and selfish desires
that they might bear the fruit
of the Spirit -

Tuesday April 17th

Breakfast at Halfpast five and
up and away at six o'clock for
a 20 mile ride - and walk for
I walked up all the hills

and a part of the way on level ³⁷
stretches. We made good time &
reached the Mission Compound
at 11-30 -

Our class began in the afternoon
and we had good sessions afternoon
and evening both - We took up
Old Testament passages describ-
ing the work of the Holy Spirit -
and at the close of the evening
service I spoke to them of the
greatness of our mission as preach-
ers of the Gospel and that
we should not descend from
it to be constantly attending
to little petty affairs -

The meeting was out in the
open courtyard - benches and
tables were brought out and set
in the form of a hollow square -
Mr. Gorslick and I sat at one

end - It was a sight I shall ³¹
never forget - half a score of
lamps on the tables gave an am-
ple light for reading and it
was delightfully cool - And
to think that it will be but
seven years next month when
I & Ling Heng and I came
up to a village above Ang Kong
to finish the purchase of this
property which was then con-
sidered "a habitation of devils"
no Chinese dared live there!

And of the score of earnest men
and women, preachers & Bible
women sitting there, ^{all but} ~~only~~ one
man and three or four of
the men were then in the depths
of ^{four years} ~~leathen~~ ^{opium} ~~darkness~~ ^{smokers} of the Church,
numbering some 500 souls
not a score were then Christian.

"What hath God wrought!" 39-

Wednesday - April 18th

In the morning at 8 o'clock we studied the birth of our Lord His early years and baptism. I dwelt some time on the faith of Simeon as he was filled with the Holy Spirit and saw in the infant lying upon his arms the salvation of God.

During the day and evening we studied the work of the Spirit in and through our Savior and His teaching that the Spirit should convict the world of sin of righteousness and of judgment to come. We are to be witnesses for our Lord together with the Holy Spirit and should see to it that our preaching is one with His witnessing and such as he can use and honor. - This gave another good opportunity to impress on them the dignity and importance of their office as preachers. We had the same out of door meeting as before.

Thursday April 19th

Very hot - The morning service was held in the chapel and studied the

First and Second ^{Chapters} of Acts. the 10
promise - waiting for and descent of
the Spirit - In the afternoon
we sat out under the shade of the
Chapel and a tree hard by it. I
Spoke of the Devil's opposition to the
rising Church and the two ways
in which he opposed - by arousing
enemies to threaten the Christians, this
only tested and strengthened their
faith as is seen in the fourth of
Acts - with great power they gave
witness and were filled with the
Holy Spirit - The other way of
destroying the Church was by
tempting the Christians to greed and
lying - I laid the question before
them as forcibly as I could urging
the awful consequences of lying &
all kinds of falsity. They were
impressed with the truth and I
hope it will take effect -
In the evening we studied the
fruit of the Spirit and

the duty & privilege of growing into ⁴¹
God's likeness.

Friday April 2^{0th}

A beautiful day for coming home - a bit
raining at first then cloudy. I had a
very good run on my bicycle from
Wing King: just about an hour beside the
ferriage. I took care to get off before
coming to the place where we run down
the bank before. A part of the way it
was splendid wheeling perfectly
level and wide enough for comfort -
but when the path is but 8 or 10 inches
wide dished at that it is not so
easy riding a high frame wheel with
no brake. At Chia Chien I had
a comfortable opportunity to change
my clothing which was quite drenched
with perspiration and also to listen
to the brethren and do a little writing.
Here on the steamer I have had
a very comfortable trip in the cabin
and had a long and earnest talk
with the purser who seems to
realize that he is a sinner -

This is the "Kang Yang" ("East of the River"⁴²)
a larger and more comfortable boat
than the Nam Hai - Mamma did
not get this boat last week - She
took the "Nam Hai" - This one
makes the round trip in two days,
so returns earlier and now it
is but 3 P.M. and we are coming
to the pass by the Islands into the
bay (Mr F. left this morn Sat) for Nam Khor
where there are more ^{threatening} difficulties in
connection with the Kuei ^{case} Sat. Apr. 21, 1900

My dear Mr McKibben: Mr Foster kicked
this sent on to you, after going to the Child
Aren at Burton. He thought you would get
an idea ^{therefore} of how things were going on, he
has not the time to write you as fully as
he would like. He got back yesterday just
as Mr Bredon, the Commissioner's funeral
was passing along the Bund. He died unexpect-
edly the day before of gout & complications. It is
very sad for her, will you kindly send this
Journal on to Mrs E. B. Foster, Waterville,
Maine, after you have read it, with love to the
McKibbens & the Children, Yours Most Cordially C. H. Foster

On Steam Launch Siang Sing - Saturday April 21st 1900

Yesterday I sat in the cabin of the "Kang Yang" going up the bay and motor & I noticed flags at half mast - and on shore learned that Mr. Bordon was dead - As we crossed the bay I saw the funeral procession start out so landed at the English Consulate pier by riding on the wheel to Jivon's carpenter shop & hovering on thence I caught up with the people & walked the rest of the way with mama and Frank - Mr. Munds Mackenzie had the service He has a little boy born to him since I last saw him - how life and death crowd upon each other heels -

I had a very busy evening, many Chinese in to see me and after prayer meeting there was much to do - This morning too, there were many affairs crowding one upon another - There have been serious troubles at An Chian and there is so much danger of an outbreak there I dare not stay away so am going in to see what is the real status of the difficulty if possible - They have been acting very badly carrying off pigs and such like -

Now the question is what will they do next.
They have begun taking the law into their
own hands and there are rumors of their
getting together weapons and preparing for
a general encounter -

Sunday April 22nd 1900 -

Yesterday I took the launch at 1-30 P.M.
and in 3 hours time we were at
Kit-yang, the quickest trip I ever made, a
little over 14 miles an hour - tide was
with us - My cook & baggage set off in
a small boat & I was to meet them
outside the West Gate after visiting the
native Elder Hak-fu - While at his
house a tremendous rain storm came
up so the streets were flooded and I
had a wet pair of feet when under
the guidance of the Elder's little boy
I reached the bridge - There was no boat
in sight so I sent the small boy back
as I took a boat that happily for
me was just going back to the
steamer's landing - On the way we
met Cook's boat - The heavy wind
had torn off the roof of their boat
so they put back for repairs - and
were just starting out again -

I was very thankful to get back to 3
my belongings got on dry socks and have
a warm supper.

We had a good congregation this fore-
noon; this place has been through va-
rious trials and the attendance was
small for a time. I preached from
the first half of John 3 - last half of
Galatians 5 - God coming down from
Heaven in His Spirit and His Son
that sinful man might ascend into
Heaven saved by His Grace and renewed
by His power. They listened quite
well - learned to recite the 22nd
verse of Galatians 5th - I am living
in the little boat

Monday April 23rd

We are going down the canal
from Pu-tung - after a day at An-
Chuan, when we had very good op-
portunities to preach to the people
there is a troubled state of affairs

Tuesday April 24th -

After another night on the boat I came
to Kit Yang at about 5 a.m. saw the
people I wished to and came down

from there to Orator -

Wednesday, April 25th -

Many matters of all kinds to confound -
This morning I had a very good lesson
with the class on Genesis 3rd Chapter -

They brought up the question of eating
blood, which I always speak against -

The Chinese are very fond of it -

Three of the young medical students
have left to seek their fortunes in
Siam -

It was my turn to lead the meeting
to night - the subject was Col III 1-3 -

Thursday, April 26th

Very cool - I have been busy with
class of students, writing letters and
on accounts -

A young man came to enter the
Bible School whom I last saw lying
in bed covered with bruises after
a terrible beating he had received
at the hands of his heathen neighbors

Friday - April 29th

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Back from prayer meeting - a very
cool evening for this season -
The day has been a beautiful one -
& Clarence has enjoyed it - his
4th "birf day" He had a trumpet
and a tin steamboat on wheels
that runs by a spring at breakfast.
Thus enjoyed them all day. This
afternoon the children of the port
were invited in and they made a
merry company. Mama had the
table beautifully decorated with flowers
and ^{there was} cake & candy (the latter made
here last evening) to please the little
folks - They played putting tails
on the tail-less donkey, & afterward
Fox & goose and Blind-man-buff
on the lawn - all seemed to enjoy
themselves very much.

Three snow men have come to
the Clash - one from Hi City Church
one from way up beyond Kit Yang one
from my field near Kwan Pou.

Saturday - April 28th - 6

On the Pau Seng going to Phan-Thai.
A cool breezy morning. As I came
on board I was greeted by Chin-
Long one of the students who is going
in with me and a young man
from Khek-Khoi who told me he
thanked God that he was ^{having} good
opportunities now to go about with
the proselyter, Ju-Kui, to preach to
the people. "Sometimes", he said, "I must
come down to Soratorr to sell sugar,
but at other times I go about with
him & help proclaim the truth."
He went on to tell me how anxious
he is for his wife to believe - now
her heart is very hard. It is a
spirit like this, anxiety for the
salvation of others and gladness to
do unpaid work in preaching the
gospel that will flood China with
gospel light.

9-45 P.M. Sou-Min Tzu

This is a most conveniently located
Chapel right by the stream so I could
take a small boat from Phan-Thai
& come here direct. It was as good
as a Pullman car for me. I slept all

the way; a very welcome rest after 7
the busy week. - Chin Long, the
School teacher here, A-Me, and
one of the brethren here went to make
calls with me hereabouts and at
the village of Pōa Kā, a large mar-
ket town over a mile distant.
This is a very fertile plain and
just dotted with villages - such a
great field and so very needy - at
Pōa Kā we have a small congrega-
tion. There I met a man, A-Tam,
who used to be one of my native
helpers, but resigned ^{to make trouble}
and was dismissed ^{from the church}. It is ten years
since we met - He was very cordial
He helps in leading the Sunday
services at Pōa Kā where he has
a small drug shop.

We have had a good meeting this
Evening - I told them a little
about Moody - The teacher has
now subscribed for the Missionary Promise

the "East-That Church News" pub-
lished in Shanghai, an excellent
paper - I brought the April number
with me & had the short notice of Moody
therein read this evening -

Sunday - April 29th.

A quiet delightfully cool day.
Service at 9 a.m. at which I spoke
on John III: 16-16. One of the brethren
declared his thankfulness that he
had been blessed with another
son on the 26th of the 2nd moon.
I endeavored to impress upon them
the greater blessing of members of
our family being born anew
and bring with us forever -

The teacher here is a very good
man I think is one of the first
pupils of the Boys School - at the
10 o'clock service he spoke on
Matthew VI: 22-23. Then I took a
text once used at Kak Chik -

Ino. XIV:27-, laying especial 9
stress on the words "my peace"-
There is a picture from a S. Sch.
roll of pictures mounted hanging
on the wall representing Jesus
going out to Calvary bearing the
cross, which helped to make my
point plainer that the Lord's own
peace was a deep heart-peace
that no earthly sorrow, not even
death itself, could destroy. because
he knew God was his Father and
he had overcome the world and the
Prince of this world.

An Communion Service was delay-
ed by waiting on a case of discipline,
a father and son who have been tempted
to take part in idolatrous ceremonies
for the sake of getting a little more
income - The son appeared, confessed
& promised to do better - A Committee
of two was appointed to deal with
the father & tell him the Church would
accept a confession & try him a little
longer if he genuinely repents, but

otherwise he is dismissed from
Church membership -
7-20 P.M. The Committee acted
promptly, went at once and found
the man still determined to keep
the Ancestral tablets and the right
to the property in his family; he
promised that he and the eldest
son, who are Church members, would
not worship, the younger sons would
do the worshipping! Justly the brethren
decided they could not fellowship the
man - If he has no more conscience
than to order his children to serve
the devil for him he is no Christian.
Two Elderly men have been here
from "Pond Kia", a neighboring station
& such a discussion as has been
going on over a trouble nearby
a newly opened Prayer-meeting -
place that never should have been
accepted - I finally went in and
told them it behoves us Baptists
who are so particular about the
ordinances, the form & subjects of
baptism & its priority to the Lord's Supper

to also carry out all the Scriptures"
say, remember that "when they had
sung an hymn they went out" - The
Communion is a sacred service and
its memory should go with us un-
molested by unseemly wrangling -
They admitted the point, but they
are still interested in the question
and mean to force or cajole me
into helping them out.

Monday April 30th

By six o'clock this morning they
were at me again, the persistence
of these Chinamen is marvellous and
some day will make them one of the
foremost nations of the earth. At
present it is very wearing to mis-
sionaries. horror -

My journey home was quiet and
on the steamer there were very
good opportunities to talk with
the passengers - Chin Long was
feeling happy because his wife,
who has been very bitter against
his being a Christian in the past
said "may God bless you when he
left home this morning -

We called there last Saturday 12
and she was quite cordial in her
manner.

All well here: good letters from
Burton and a long letter from
the ~~Chatham~~ Mr. McKibbin written
at Granville - This evening
Mr. Waters took supper with us
showed us a fine set of pictures
of Princeton University.

There were two pleasant things that
I should mention, one was that we
have at last after a year's search, rent-
ed a place at Pat-than-Pou, about
10 miles from here, where the first
station of our Mission on the main land
was opened; it has been abandoned for
a score of years. Two years ago some young
men became interested and we have a
good nucleus of a congregation there.
My hope the new work there may be the
beginning of a revival all along the
line of stations.

Another pleasant thing was to see
Baby walking all about -

Tuesday May 2nd 13

With a class in Genesis in the forenoon and a class in Matthew in the afternoon, both in the Colloquial Chinese my time is quite full as no little preparation is necessary. Then at morning prayers I am beginning an exposition of Colossians.

We have decided to have a Prayers meeting Thursday evening -

Wednesday May 3rd -

At prayers meeting Mr. Waters spoke well of Gods longsuffering and the richness of His love as shown in the prophecy of Hosea -
He is now over in Assatom this afternoon. I had some business matters to look after & then Mr. W. to the Chapel - Some of the students go every day and the interest is certainly increasing - the people sit still and listen now or stand up and listen - & come repeatedly -

I wish we could have had ¹⁴
a snapshot of a man who was
sitting for a long time then stood,
he walked up near the preacher
& stood for a long time unconscious
of anybody else - he had a string of
Cash thrown over his shoulder -
and was a striking figure as he
stood there his lips parted with
an approving smile, his attention
just riveted on the speaker.

Thursday, May 3rd

We have had a meeting of our
teachers this evening at Mr. Waters's
study to consider the needs of our
work - all the time was given to
the building up again of our Sunday
School, which is in a very dull and
dead condition - Next week we
decided to begin holding teachers
meetings again.

Clarence is getting to be very interesting -
he amused Mamma yesterday by saying
he was going to be a "hop-grasser"
To-day Frankie cried out because his

padding was too hot and burned 15
his mouth - in an instant Clarence
said - "Then take a drink of water." - The
promptness & decision with which
he spoke was very amusing -

Friday May 4th

To-day Clarence made a discovery -
had some plums he saw the place where
the stem had been broken off - "yes" -
he said "they do grow on a tree -
see there" -

We have an unexpected visit from
Mrs. Grosbeck. She came down to-day.
"Mr. G. has gone to Pang-Sua". They
have had wonderful opportunities for
preaching the gospel up on the border
of Fokien Province & sold "innumerable"
books. Before they call I will answer
is the promise & they have found it
so. Mr. Grosbeck a few days before had
been talking with the Bible woman at
a Chapel about which would be
the best one of several ^{neighboring} villages in
which to open a place of worship.
She named one which was equi-distant
from two already established sta-
tions about 7 miles from each.

My dear little Son, I would
like to write you a letter but
two men are waiting for me
in my study and at least one
more is coming soon so I must
send you very much love and
many kisses only this time - for you
all. Your loving Papa.

When he got back to Tig Kug word¹⁶
came from that very village that
a man there wished to rent some
houses as a chapel.

We have had good classes to-day
studying Genesis II & Luke 1:39-56 -
dwelling chiefly on faith. Our prayer-
meeting to-night was encouraging.
I read the 4th verse of II Peter 1st Chapter
"Exceeding great & precious promises" &
said a few words about faith and
promises. The time was fully taken up
and the spirit was excellent. Han-
Khem teacher of the medical class
said he had never ^{before} seen anything
like the previous Sunday at Sinton
instead of a crowd coming & going,
people come in like worshippers
& sit still, the benches were quite
filled: they listened right on through
the service - We certainly have
every encouragement to keep on in
faith nothing wavering.

Saturday - May 5th

A beautiful day - we are all busy writing
letters and soon I am going to Sinton
expect to take the bicycle & get a short road
run there -

Sunday - May 6th - 17

This morning I preached from Luke 3:7 & Rev. 6:16. Two lines that run through the Bible - warning & fulfilment - declaration that there is wrath to come upon sinners and description of the coming of that wrath. The people listened well - We had a praise service after reading two verses of the 92nd Psalm - before the sermon.

One of the young men from the telegraph office came bringing one of his fellow operators with him and another who is in the Customs office, who was a student in Foochow at the Methodist English-Chinese College, a member of the English Church -

Mamma & Mr. & Mrs. Gronbeck & I went to the English service but found that Mr. Johnson had fainted & fallen while in the pulpit so the service was given up.

Monday May 7th -

Warm enough for white clothing -
 This morning I visited the schools
 and gave the boys some direct talk
 as to their duty -
 "This has been rather a minister's
 Monday" for me, have felt tired -
 This evening I met Mr. Waters
 and Miss Scott the other two
 members of the Committee on program
 for our next Conference and made
 out a tentative order for meetings
 and topics -

A very funny thing happened on the
 veranda this afternoon just about
 sundown - Frank & Clarence were play-
 ing with a box of paints - Grace was sto-
 dling about & I sent Frank to help her
 get over the threshold - He seized her
 two hands & began running backward
 leading her along at a good pace -
 He forgot Clarence who was sitting
 back to him in the middle of the veranda,
 Up he came plump against Clarence,
 instead of sitting on Clarence's shoulders
 as he might if under less head
 way, he pitched clean over Clarence's

head - lost his hold on the baby ¹⁹
who pitched ^{forward} among his feet and
Clarence who was doubled in a heap,
hit the glass of mug of water they used
for their artistic work, ^{upset that} that
plunged in the paint box and the
water - It was all done in a second
but was a most ludicrous com-
bination - The boys ran up with the
paints in a moment but Grace's
did not fare so well & kept for some
moments after I had carried her in
to mama - Tuesday May 8th.

Frankie felt quite sorrowful over
not being taken to the Country but was
comforted by various exhortations & the
prospect of going to Dr. Scott's for
a part of his meals - Mama
went off in the early launch and
had a good visit at the school in
Kwan-Pou, which is taught by Yek-ki,
wife of the preacher Lint-Cheng, who
used to be teacher of the girls school
at the Compound -

I had a good lesson with the
class on Hebrews 11th chapter chiefly

dwelling upon the 1st verse, the relation ²⁰
of faith, hope and God's word.
We build a house, but first lay a founda-
tion, ^{but} underneath the work of man is
the earth that was created by the
Word of God's Command: so the edi-
fice of our hope is on the founda-
tion of faith - and faith is that acts
upon the Word that God has spoken
by the mouth of prophet, apostle and
His Son - "Faith cometh by hearing
and hearing by the Word of God" Rom 10:17.
I once heard Mr. Moody say that
that he tried to work for faith, to
pray for faith till he saw this
truth and began to study the Bible for
faith - He took the Concordance and
looked up passages on faith and read
all he could find in the Bible about
faith - pretty soon he was full of the
subject whenever he met a man
he wanted to talk with him about
faith - He not only talked of it
but had faith more and more as
he studied more of faith in the
Scriptures. I am expounding
the Epistle to the Colossians now at
morning worship: it is a strong
and beautiful epistle.

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There was a tremendous shower at noon
but cleared in good time for Clarence
and me to get to Innoton for the
1-30 P. M. "Lunch" as the boys call
it. The little fellow had a very
good time on board. The Chinese
were interested in him and there
were some little chickens in abundance
that he was much amused with.
Mama came on board at Kwao-Pou.
It was a delightfully cool day cloudy,
we enjoyed our visit together at
Mrs. Speicher's house. Dr. Peck and
Miss St. John were over to supper and
then I was busy all the time before
supper and till after 10 o'clock
with Chinese preachers and others
who were there to meet me.

Wednesday May 9th
The launch started 15 minutes ahead
of time so I only caught it by hiring
the ferry boat outside Mrs. Speicher's
gate to take me out. The Captain
held the boat for me - It is
very hot in the sun - Mama
waits over till to-morrow
all well at home - we went to Innoton
and attended Union prayer meeting led
by Mr. Sutherland who was to return to the

Southern part of the field to Sun^u Bie²²,
by a launch leaving at midnight.
We fear his passage would be a rough
one - We had a high sea crossing
the harbor - Frankie went with
me & was a very good boy in meet-
ing - then celebrated by dropping his
hat into the water -

Thursday - May 10th

Mama came back to-night with
Clarice, they had a very busy day,
visiting a school opposite Pham Thai.
I went to Motom this afternoon
and did a number of errands - had a
good ride on the bicycle

Friday Evening - May 11th

At prayer meeting to-night I told
them about Jay & urged them all
to give their hearts to Jesus -
Last evening we had a Sunday
School Teacher's Meeting at our
house - the lesson was the last part
of Luke I. Our Sunday School has
been growing very dull but we
are trying hard to improve it.
Have the exercises more prompt and
beauty - These are busy days for me -

Saturday May 12th 22

at Kho-Khoi, writing by the aid
of my lantern. We have had a
good meeting with the people this
evening. I have called upon a-
Joan the preacher who has been
ill for many months - he seems a
little better - We feared consumption.

On the launch to-day I had a
pleasant visit with Sang Chong^{Ja}
of Hia Phing, a military official -
He was helpful in settling this
trouble here. I am greatly inter-
ested in him and his son, a
very fine appearing young student -
His father says he is much
interested in the books I left them
one was Faber's "Civilization" and
the other a New Testament, I
hope, pray daily, that they may be
brought to a knowledge of the
truth in Jesus -

I came up by wheel from the steamer
landing, had numerous admirers
& was very hot when I arrived, was
quite furnished - Sang Mui, Sanglong's

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Elder brother, who is teaching school here, kindly prepared me several cups of tea, some hot rice and two eggs. My cook and baggage came later. The road is very fair as far as Hap Soan, but very poor from there here. Sunday May 13th -

Very cool to-night rain falling and a strong East wind - a great contrast to the heat of last night which was oppressive - The mosquitos were very bad; they found a side entrance somewhere in my net - They were very busy all night - this morning I slew them till my hands were actually covered with blood.

This has been the best day I have had at this station since my return 3 years ago - The Lord has been very gracious to this people and they have gone forward during the year they had no pastor. The whole appearance & atmosphere

are improved: The rabbit that
 came seeking loaves & fishes
 has fallen off. There were over
 70 men grown & 30 small boys
 besides some 50 women and
 children on their side of the
 house which is cutained off
 from the rest. I am much in-
 terested in the flock of small boys, who
 appear better than I ever knew them
 to before.

The 10 men and 4
 women who were received for baptism
 were more satisfactory than the average
 candidates - There were two brothers
 24 & 27 years old from a place 14
 miles off among the hills - they are
 the only family of worshippers there.
 There were 3 brothers, bright intelli-
 gent men from Peh-Phim ("White Grove")
 7 miles away where they have worship
 every Sunday and are preparing
 to build soon - one old sister is 78
 years and the brightest of them all
 was an old lady of 72 who
 comes from the neighboring village, Chhan Bue
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Monday May 14th 25

Such a wet day! Not like the rainy days of Washington where one may ignore umbrellas, but a soaking down pour and a chilly East wind - not enough men could be found to carry me and my luggage even a part of the way back so here I am. but the rest is doing me good. I have read the chapters in Matthew that we shall have this week. In my daily reading the Bible in course I am greatly enjoying the Old Testament and the Book of Job is a most interesting character study the more familiar one becomes with it. The word does this feature stand out. I had a good talk with the school children & taught them the 52nd verse of the second chapter of Luke, the one Anna Joy used to learn - The rain fell so heavily that but few came out to evening worship -

Tuesday May 15th. 26

Back in my study again spite
of rain and muddy roads, but
I was badly spattered when I
wade into the verandah of the
Cheo Jung steamer ticket office
at 12-50. Happily the heaviest
rain did not come till after
we were safely aboard the launch,
I had a pleasant call on Pung
Chong Lu at Hsia Phing this fore-
noon. I wish some one could
have taken a snapshot for as
my chair was being carried over
a concrete walk 6 inches under
water & the head bearer feeling
his way with a bamboo pole
lest he step off the side -
All is peaceful here. We called
upon Miss Watson who is from
Burma & visiting the Seatts. I have
had a very busy evening writing
letters & entering accounts.

Wednesday May 16 th 29

The boys enjoyed a children's party at Mr. Sturlock's in Brantford today. I was over in the city on some business and was at the Chapel where the people listened well - would have stayed till dark. We had a good prayer meeting to-night. tho. but four present. Miss Scott took Miss Watson up to Kitjungs. Thursday - May 17 -

Prayers at 8-30 - Class from 9 to 10-30 - T 2 to 3-15 - Teacher's meeting at 8 - P.M. with preparation for each and sundry visitors calling, all together made up a busy day. Mamma is not feeling at all well - Grace was sick last night but is better now. We had Teacher's meeting at the Chapel and a large number present - the first evening meeting we ever held there.

Friday - May 18th - 8-50 P.M. 28

A very good prayer meeting led by
the teacher of the medical class.
Subject Prayer - Scripture Acts XIII: 5 -
Manna has been quite ill. the
Dr. thinks it was Cholera morbus,
is better to-night & sat up at the
supper table - Grace is still feeling
out of sorts - There is a feeling
of relief in looking forward to two
days and a half with no classes, tho
there is a mountain of work needing
attention I expect to preach Sunday.
We had a disappointment to-day in
getting just a little handful of
mail by the doxie, not a letter
for ourselves - Saturday May 19th -

A relief to have a day with no classes -
We enjoyed a visit from Miss Watson
very much - My day has been almost
wholly given to writing home -
Manna & Grace are much better to-
day -

Sunday May 20th. 29

Two torpedo boats, apparently English, just sailed steamed in and anchored not far from the British Consulate. Frankie & Clarence are much interested & a crowd of Chinese flocked out in front of our house to see them -

We had a splendid congregation this forenoon and very good attention. I spoke of the remarkable revival at Peking & at Jung-chow & there were several prayers and comments regarding it and our need of the same here.

I spoke from John XVI: 14 Christ made known to us by the Holy Spirit: the result of believing Christ, a deeper knowledge of our own sinfulness, then the acceptance of His grace - We had a good Sunday school.

Monday, May 21st 8-45 P.M.

Two preachers and a brother from
Ai Chän have just come in
and I have talked with them about
an hour. The prospects there are
brighter though they are passing
through great trials. Before
supper a man comes in with an
enthusiastic report from Pat-thän
Pou, the newly opened place of wor-
ship. When they had a great many
learners yesterday. This forenoon
I took the account of a little
fellow who has been selling books
that has sold over seven thousand
cash worth since I last reckoned
with him.

Miss Wilkinson took supper with
us: she is trimming a hat for
mama, is expert in the millin-
er's art. Mama is very fond
of her, not because she trims hats
but because she likes her for
her excellence of character.

Tuesday May 22nd - 31

That to-night. We have tried to get "Home Mail" sent as much as we could to-day. I have had many interruptions during the day - and this afternoon went to Instructors - called at Dr. Lyall's & went to the Chapel for a little while. For a time it was hard work to speak then I got interested in talking on the subject of the Resurrection and had quite a hearing till it was time to come away.

Wednesday May 23rd 10 P.M.

We have enjoyed the prayer meeting at Dr. Scott's house - I read and spoke upon Cal. II:6-7 - Accepting Jesus as Lord - being rooted in Him & building up like a tree - sure steadfast in faith - (cf Rom. II:17) & then abounding or "surpassing" in thanksgiving, rising step by step - This has been a warm day & a busy one - the most notable event being a cable g. one from Dr. Burbank "Stay - stay" code words meaning that \$500 - has been appropriated for the Kit Yang Chapel.

Thursday May 24th 32

Queen Victoria's birthday and we
were invited to a lawn party
at the British Consulate. An
air gun was a chief attraction -
Miss Wilkinson made the best
score of any one - There was a
boat race 11 gigs sailing on the
bay made a pretty sight.

This evening came teacher's meeting
so that I have not had an evening
wholly to myself this week yet.

Friday May 25th 10-45 P.M.

This morning I couldn't sleep so got up
& went to work on my Tramm books
that were a long way behind - had them
all posted up now & nearly all the
months work finished on them.

It is hot. A brother who has been out a-
mong his own people reports wonderfully
good attention to the gospel - To-morrow
all the men in the class engaging
out to preach: some for the day and
some for our Sunday. An prayer-
meeting to-night was quiet but good.

Saty Evening May 26th 33

Home mail to-day: boxes from New York & callers - A Mr. Thomson who has charge of the oil godowns - Kerosene tanks and storerooms belonging to Bradley & Co. came up with his wife this afternoon. He is from Illinois, is not a Christian. She is Portuguese & can't believe, though a Catholic.

Mr. Waters is down from Kit-yung-

Sunday evening May 27th

This morning Mr. Waters and Miss Wilkinson sat down to an early breakfast with us. Before seven - and by eight Mr. & Mrs. Jones with several Chinese ^{in the small boat} sitting out for Pat-thau-pou which is about 14 miles distant, a 3 hours journey each way, it proved to-day. Mr. & Mrs. all delighted to find such a nicely furnished & neatly fitted up place. They have done finely with the old pawn shop and made it a beautifully clean and attractive place.

of worship. There was a ³⁴
great crowd of people both
morning and afternoon. Miss
Milkinson played the organ and
Mr. Waters the Cornet so they
enjoyed the music very much.

In that town there was the year
there are as many people as now
in Racoma when we first went to
Burton to live and not as many
Christians among them as are in
our little Burton Church.

Monday May 28th -

We have passed a most restful &
enjoyable evening. Mr. Campbell
came to-day & has been reading Mrs.
Campbell's letters describing
her trip among the churches
and home life at Burton.

The day has been very hot
and we find plenty to keep us
busy. Frankie is not very well
yet - Baby Grace is better and
is very cunning.

Tuesday May 29th 35

Very hot - This afternoon I took
the newly arrived clipper and
clipped Frankie Clarence and
Mr. Campbell. It is very nice
and can be grazed so as to
leave the hair about a half an
inch in length. Finally I con-
sented to have my own head
clipped. This evening the three
ladies, Mr. Campbell and Mr.
Haters took supper with us
and after family worship we
looked at coins - Mr. Campbell
has a lot of copper cash over
1000 years old.

This has been a very pleasant
change after the hot busy
day. I worked so steadily from
before breakfast up to 2 P.M.
class, having slept only about
5 hours the night before that I
could hardly keep awake during
recitation -

Wednesday May 30th - 36

We had a very good prayer meeting at Mr. Haters house led by Mr. Campbell who read from a Primitive preacher Brooks a very interesting & helpful passage on Satan's devices to keep us from spiritual exercises and the remedies.

Thursday May 31st -

Cooler to-day. I had a better nights rest last night than for a long time - We were cheered by two letters from Anna Jay & Helen each to-day.

Friday June 1st -

Back from prayer meeting again. So quickly the weeks pass that it seems but a day or two since last Friday. We enjoy Mr. Campbell's visit very much - he takes supper with us - Go-day there was a race between the gips belonging to foreigners - one was upset.

Saturday June 2nd 87.

This afternoon we took tea at Mr. Thompson's down on the bund and enjoyed it very much.

Our Vancouver mail came today a very small one, but we did get letters from Burton and pictures which we were very glad to have.

Sunday June 3rd

This morning I preached from Rev. I: 7 - "Behold he cometh" - and spoke of the prophetic vein running through all the Scriptures. "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" & promise that he was coming formed the staple of Old Testament ritual and prophecy. Jesus the greatest prophet declared, first of the Holy Spirit that he was coming and then of himself that he was coming to reign in glory. I used the figure of a condemned criminal, he must

be pardoned or pay the penalty³⁸
of his crime - but if pardoned
there are two things yet more
difficult - how can his character be
changed so that he will not re-
pent his crime, and how shall
his good name be restored?

For us there three coming solve
the problem. The coming of Jesus
to die for us provided a blessed es-
cape from guilt. The coming of the
Holy Spirit provides the way when
by our souls may be renewed and
taught and led. The coming of
of Jesus himself will secure for
us a glorious name forever
shall be shared in his eternal
glory then -

We had a very good Sunday school
Dr. Scott is quite ill - Mr. Campbell
has been here this evening -

Monday - June 4th -

Mail to-day per "Rio de Janeiro" but nothing
from Benton - one letter from Dr. Sunderland

Monday June 4th

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Rainy. Mr. & Mrs. Graisbeck
are here. they will be here a
few weeks. I am feeling quite
well and this morning and this
morning worked hard, having
been up since 5 A.M. did not
take any rest at noon, so was quite
unfit for my class and needed
to rest after it. One needs a
nap at noon in this season.
Good news from Patthan Pon,
a good congregation there Sunday.
Some are genuinely interested. The
steersman Bou-Sin had an al-
tercation with natives that
threatened to be serious but is
settled by the help of the Teacher
and a native doctor at Patthan Pon.
I also had a good letter from
a native preacher Hak-Sin who
has been on a preaching tour in
a new region & had a good hearing.
In February he had been a dedi-

ation of a heathen temple 40
which has been given Mr. Speicher
for use as a chapel & a young
man told him that he "heard
the truth to be exceedingly good"
A few days ago he met this
same young man and found
him "exceedingly clear in ^{his} ~~his~~ ^{intelligence} ~~intelligence~~
having become a decided Christian
"which shows," he wrote "that preaching
is like seed-sowing - repentance
and faith are the work of the
Holy Spirit -"

Tuesday, June 5th

This afternoon I went to Braton
on business and afterward went
to the chapel where we had a good
hearing. After I had preached I
stepped down and talked with
some men who remained and
they all said the teaching was
"good" - I was greatly cheered by
a proposition from the Braton Christ-
ians to pay for a preacher this summer.

Thursday - June 6th

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Back from prayer meeting led by Mr. Grosbeck. Scripture I Thron. 4:8-17, God going before. In following this has been as nearly perfect a day as could be imagine. Clear & sunny but quite cool - only 75° in the morning.

A letter from Mr. Speicher states that the ^{a Buddhist & perhaps political sect} Yai Houghtie is growing very fast and a large part of the adherents of Peir's novel the French priest, even some of his native helpers have deserted him. Evidently the Society is anti-Catholic if not anti-foreign and anti Christian. Thursday June 7th -

Just back from Peacher's meeting. The lesson was Luke III: 7-22 - I had more freedom than usual and enjoyed the lesson. This afternoon in Sinton there was a good audience. I spoke in the morning of the resurrection after the other

had spoken; then after coming 42
down from the platform I had a
most interesting talk with a man
who asked what proof we have
for stating that there is a life
beyond the grave such as we speak.
This morning at worship I told
them of the martyrs up near Peking.

In the evening I noticed one of the
men prayed very earnestly for pro-
tection against the evil-doers-

All is quiet here so far as can
be seen and we are too busy to
worry much.

Friday June 8th -

This morning we had worship at
the chapel as a little girl daugh-
ter of the teacher who lives under
the room in which we usually meet
is very ill with fever and heart
complications. Dr. Scott is still unable
to be about and her chief assist-
ant is sick today. We who are
well have great reason to be
thankful. The weather is delight-
fully cool.

In the afternoon I went to Luton ⁴³
and had the best hearing I ever
enjoyed there. Spoke for over an
hour and one man came seat
on the front seat - becoming so
much interested that he asked a
number of questions which gave
me suggestions for material and
method of address. I had given
more time to special prayer for
this service than for any other.
and hoped for more from it.

Saturday - June 9th -

Off for Kit-yang on the early
launch. The weather was cool rainy
the last of the journey. I took the
time to make out programme
for meetings a fortnight hence.
At Kit-yang I had a delightful
visit. Considered a number of
important church matters with Mr.
Speicher. Helped plan for repairing a
tin plate that was broken on shipboard

I had the privilege of leading their⁴⁴
weekly prayer meeting which they
held at 5-30 Saty P.M. I greatly
enjoyed Mr. Speicher's Phonograph -
could listen by the hour, it brings
up home scenes so vividly to listen
to fine orchestra, band & quartette music.

Lain King Chapel Sunday June 20th

Last night the first half of my sleep
was on the little boat we took
at 9 o'clock and the latter half
from one till six o'clock here on
my cot. It is very hot and op-
pressive I have spoken at 3 meetings
beside doing no little private talk-
ing. Things are discouraging up here.
The atmosphere cold. Many have
fallen away since the case was
settled and some old men have
been mixing up with dangerously
heathen performances - The new
Buddhistic sect is growing dangerously
large in this whole region, some are coming.

Monday June 1st.

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Home again and glad to find all well and cheerful - Frankie & Clarence were waiting for me at the landing & walked up with me - Baby was a little way up from the landing in her carriage with her little hands together to salute as the Chinese do - She is very cunning now - Mamma was having a nice visit with Miss Wilkinson when I came to the house - On the desk were the new pictures of Anna & the last letters from Burton - The P. B. had news of Mr. Medhurst's going home with his two children to the Home - News from North China is bad but we hope there may be a turning for the better soon - No signs of immediate outbreak here as yet.

My day has been chiefly given 46
to traveling & on the boats I studied
Chinese diligently - One very bad
church trouble was awaiting me
here and there are perplexities many.

Tuesday June 12th -

Tremendously heavy rains to-day - the
water has poured down - This
evening mama & I have been
reading aloud from "The Mission
of the Comforter" and enjoyed
it very much.

Wednesday June 13th

This evening mama has been help-
ing me arrange my books - She look-
ed them out to sun on the veranda,
which must be done ^{every thing} ^{occasionally} ^{occasionally}
^{mildews in this climate.}
I had put them back as one would
fill a wood box; about one half
of them were upside down and
they were abundantly mixed up -
I did not like to have any one come out.

next week. When sent for they
pleaded their day work had been so
and they were tired and had
not been able to prepare. Boys are
much the same the world
over. I went down and told them
they could have 15 minutes more
to finish supper and get to the
chapel, which proved enough.

We met in the mens class for
the last lesson of the term.
They feel an examination to be
a trial. This class work kept
me from the examination of the
Primary School which Mr. Waters
& Miss Scott both thought a
good examination.

Mamma & I went to Dr. Lyall's
in Inverton to take supper - had
a pleasant time.

Saturday June 23rd
Mr. Waters & I went down to see

the study -

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We had our Union Prayer-
meeting to - night -

Chhin-Sui's little child is
very much better; he wrote a
very nice note telling us of it.

Thursday, June 14th

Such a surprise this noon to get
letters from Mr. & Mrs. Whitman
that had been delayed en route.

We were delighted to get the news
from the dear children - This was
especially acceptable as this has
been a trying day. Many perplex-
ities here and the news from
the north is not reassuring -

This afternoon after 5 o'clock
Mr. Waters & I went to Inverton &
then on some matter of business
we had at the Chapel the chance
to preach to several people
who listened & nodded assent -
I have led teacher's meeting &
written an important letter since 8 P.M.

Friday - June 15th 42

News that the Secretary of the
~~Secretary of the~~ Japanese
Legation was killed by the
Boxers came by way of Amoy.

The Lord reigns is the truth
which is most comforting
now. His Will certainly is to be
done in China.

Mamma is drilling the schools
in an interesting concert ex-
ercise for a fortnight hence.

I attended the rehearsal. Mr.

Huang's younger brother has an
accordion which he is to play
as the accompaniment for our
piece they sing - The Light of the

World is Jesus - After prayer
meeting I had a long talk with
Mr. Kemp about mission matters
He will prepare a paper on the study
of the language for the next Conference.

Saturday June 16th 49

Still rainy. This afternoon Mr. Waters & I got out the tent that Mr. Campbell used to have at Burton to see about its size and condition - We hope to put it up at Thai Yong as an annex to the house.

We hear that the British Battle ship "Terrible" has gone north and also a merchant ship with soldiers from Hong Kong. Also it is rumored that 11000 soldiers that nominally started for the Cape have called at Malta and been ordered to China - probably they were intended in the first instance to be on the way ^{to China} - a very clever movement on the part of England - if it is so. We long for daily news as we get it at home.