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Friday - Saturday Mch 8th 9th '01 Page 1
Nice matter again - Mr greatly
enjoyed seeing the Goshawks a-
gain after their visit to Hong-
Kong Macao & Canton. They
were in gratitude of a change.
They took breakfast with us
Friday morning. Mr. G. left this
Saturday morning for Hing Kung
again. A large delegation came
in E-Kuah & Kua-pi just over
the Tokien border to see if we
could help them in their troubles.
They were driven out and cannot
get back to their fields.
Mr. Waters I began studying E-
phesians this morning mean to
give a little time to it daily.
He left for Nam Ling at the
head of the bay on the afternoon
much will be away till Monday.

Sunday - March 10th 2

This morning I gave an exposition of the first half of Heb. x - & comparing vs. 5 - "a Body hast thou prepared me" with Ps. 40: 6 "mine Ears hast thou opened" - where the part is used for the whole indicating that the incarnation was to primarily give the hearing ear what was lost by our first parents listening to Satan was to be won back by Him who in all things listened to the Father's voice & could say "Lo I come -- to do thy will O God."

A delightful surprise came at noon in the shape of the Home mail by the "Doric" - I had such a good letter from Burton with Jay's map and drawings & letters from poor Dr. Bishop & Mr. Hull of Honolulu, an acknowledgment of Christmas card & a letter from Mr. Coleman.

Monday, March 11th

Cooler today. I have kept very close in the house, have done some writing and studying - Mr. Weston came back from Nam Ling, had a rather good time, he is impressed with the number of little worshipping congregations scattered about. There are some awaiting baptism: they have a new opening at a neighboring village.

Kai Seng Sin Sen was in from Namwa. I paid him the indemnity for the Sun Kai Si Chapel and three members who were looted. A-Kim, the girl from An Thik who was in the school whose mother made so much trouble has gone to the Catholic school in the city. I am sorry for her but do not consider our loss great.

a letter from Mr. Spieker
says he did not go on to Mai-
Lin and the rest of the Hak-
Ka Country. He found some
prospects at Mo-lian near
Sam Ling, at Poa Pa' & at
the six villages. Some of the
people prefer us because of the
bad reputation of the previous
E.P. place. They have reports
also from the North that the
American soldiers were restrain-
ed more effectively than those
of any other nationality.

Monday March 12th

Good prospects reported from
the region of Kwan Pou. The peo-
ple at t-Lin are coming. 30 or
more of them and want to be

pass a place for worship^s
at their own village. they urge
me to go in and call, so I
plan to go Friday visit
Chieh-chei when they also
wish to build a place for
meeting, then go to E-hui
to Phai Phai for Sunday.
Pou S. S. is here and says
they had a good day at
Phai Phai last Sunday; a
mong others a wealthy and
scholarly man from near
Chi's Ching was present.
Yesterday he came when Pou
S. S. was calling & talked till
late. I just picked out some
books for him, the Gospel of
Luke, Elements of Astronomy, &
The Gate of Virtue and Wisdom
by Dr. Griffith John.

Tuesday the 12th to Friday Mch 15th

The usual busy round each day so much so I have neglected to write my journal.

Last evening we had a call from Mr. Specker who had been to the Hu city & came down to Sinton to get his hair cut - cost him some three dollars extra, he said - He reports

a great deal of interest where he visited in the Pu-ting region. it is not wholly spiritual but there is good prospect of gathering some spiritual results.

I should have started today for the country but the tide did not rise high enough to float the boat.

Saturday Mch 16th to Monday the 18th

The early launch brought me to Kwan Pon by 10 o'clock and after a short call at the Chapel I took water boat with two of the brethren for Che'u-bie. had my dinner in the boat and then went to E-hin to call on the people - who were, on the whole, cordial and there are some who are genuinely interested. No record was kept of the number of cups of tea I drank, but they were many, I also ate two fried cakes made of rice, rolled in sugar and ground peanuts then fried like doughnuts - not glad to be able to manage them with round ebony chopsticks - and was not sorry when in moving to salute new comers some one hit my hand and a part of the second one fell to

the floor. Still they were not ⁸
bad. The Sin-Chai was one
with whom we eat these cakes.
He is a capable man evidently.

We called on a number of people
and had as many pressing invi-
tations to stay over night as we
visited houses. Li-t' Cheng did
stay and talked with the "gradu-
ates" nephews till after midnight.

He has a room, two rooms, he may
prepare for a place of meeting.

I had a good rest on the boat
going to Phai-Thai. I enjoyed the
walk to the boat also a fine-looking
young man, straight as a gun-
dier come down with me and
I had opportunity to teach him
about prayer.

At Phai-Thai I found Hak-
Sen who had come to grief
as I did at Spokane 7 yrs ago.
only the bottom of his basket

fell out as he was on the 9
gang plank going ashore
at Kit-yang and his tins of con-
densed milk and his cod liver
oil, he had been to Kak Chieh
and Swatow for, now lost. He
was quite overwhelmed at first
but heard I was to be at Phai-
Shai, so came down as he
said "There on my life". He
keeps himself from having
hemorrhages by the use of these
two articles. A few weeks ago he
went without for some time and
by overexertion and exposure came
very near dying. he said - "I
purposed for going to Heaven" -
I can see already some good
from this evening's mistake
for Sunday forenoon a delega-
tion came from Khai. He
over byong Kau Nam headed
by the Lin-chai who called

a message at Kak Chik - 10
Hak-Sin did good service in
talking with them and preach-
ed an excellent sermon on
"Whence, Why, Whither?" in
the evening. Starting with Gen
I:1 as his first text - We
had a good congregation in
the forenoon, opened Com-
munion in the afternoon,
then after a half hour Mr
I went to Nien-Ti's and made
a number of calls. The sis-
ters all wanted to send
their "ng hui"s to the Sin-Se-
nir - We about the most
interesting meeting in the coun-
try of a Sunday evening -
Hak-Sin & Ben-Chien both
spoke out of their own expe-
rience and forcibly.

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I had an interesting conversation with the Graduate and one of the men who came with him. Headman of one of their six villages, seemed to be quite aroused. They have an affair on hand but it does not seem to be very serious and as soon as it is settled I think the way will be opened to enter with the Gospel.

After service I took boat, a nice new clean one belonging to, or at least commanded by a young brother, and we came to Kwan Pon in the night. Took Lit Ching on route to Chib'chie when I climbed the hill and got a fine view of the country & the place where some of the brethren want to build a new hamlet and a chapel. A plan I do not approve. We had the till in our favor & returned to Kwan Pon in time

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for the morning launch down.
Hak Sin and the Khai Kie peo-
ple are on board. I have had
a plain talk with the Graduate
about his lawsuit and he
seems to understand - He says
a number of their village peo-
ple have been attending Ran-
nom, one old man came
home and threw out one of
the gods - Sir Min Kong being
convinced it was for good.
The Lord be praised for using
these untoward events to the
salvation of men.

Tuesday Mch 19th

Very busy day - enjoyed the two
classes in Gal. III & Mt X.

Had a pleasant trip to Snator.
on business. Mr. Grubeck's back-
has been here this evening consid-
ering mission matters and ac-
counts -

Wednesday, March 20th 14-

Pou Sin Leⁿ is just back with news of a great deal of interest in the Phoai Lang region. The Tra Pa people want to build a chapel. Yesterday a little boy came here who says he was stolen & sold to a Theatrical Company when he was 8 yrs old and has been with them for 3 or 4 years. Now the manager is trying to get him back. He says he will not go if they beat him to death - that it was a very hard life and they beat him badly. He is a bright little fellow, but his voice is badly injured by the experience; poor little creatures, they must act all night - We had prayer-meeting to-night with the Grubbers.

Thursday Mich 21st 15

Still bright weather when rain
is needed. We had a home
mail to-day with papers
but no Burton letter, only one
from Mr. Campbell -

Friday Mich 22nd

This afternoon San Francisco mail
letters from Burton and from
Mr. McKibben - all of which I
was very glad to get -

The English Consul & Mr. Michie
author of the latest book on China
called this P.M. also Dr. Layng,
who is back from his Sumatra
trip - He went as surgeon on the

German steamer "Tai Cheong" - Dr.
Morland is away the present
trip - Mr. Waters and I took a
walk to Go Chuan and back -
the weather is delightful -

Saturday March 23rd 1896

Chhông Chia" from Lai-King was just here with a Chhoi", whose wife was so ill from typhoid fever - she is quite well; they had a baby girl born to them yesterday. Chhông Chia" has professed repentance and brought forth some fruits: he wishes to come back into the class again. He says that Lâk Sin-se" who was dismissed at the same time is also coming back and attending worship regularly. The attendance is better than last year at chapel there -

This afternoon I called at Dr. Rupp's he tested my sight for glasses to replace the ones I lost. he has lent me the lenses in a frame to try for a night or two - This afternoon I worked on a Roman - I finished -

Sunday March 24th 19

Preached the sermon this forenoon,
Kida-fun congregation. The subject
was "Saved" - from the bonds of sin,
from enemies (Satan & self) from the
wrath to come. One man present
was the father of A. Khai the bright
& warm-hearted young business man
of Nam-De. Another was the father
in law of one of Lam Khai's daughters,
a sister of A. Phet, who like her, was
sold or given away by her father &
no trace found of her found for a
long time. Sak-sek has been
hunting for her and finally
traced her to a village of the
Thien Phou group near Kham-E
but could not find her. One day
she met him as she was coming
back from worshipping at a temple
& told someone she met a man
who resembled her brother: they told
her "u ia" (there is a shadow of him in it).

as two men had been there in 18
quiring for their sister - She ran
back after him, they asked many
questions & concluded they were brother
and sister. Mã Kài went up to
visit the family last week and
they came down to visit at Kuk-
Chieh see the family off to Ling-
pon, whether they go in a few days -

It is one of the best families in
that region. The old or elderly father-
in-law is a pleasant man, but
not made out much of the truth yet,
but is friendly.

This afternoon SOK-HI' A. N'AM &
BUN-LI' went to go Chuan where
we had by far the best time I've
found there, several quite interested.
The word astonished me by telling
SOK-HI' I was easier to understand
than he as I spoke clause by
clause (Chek-kui Chek-kui)

Monday March 2^{5th} 19

Mr Kemp & Lung Heng were here to-day they were at Am. Poo over Sunday. Mr. Kemp is up to 225 the - all on well at the city.

A brother is in from Mi-Oi says the opportunities up that way are good - at Poa Pi over 150 are meeting. For 8 are very hopeful already: they wish to build a chapel. At the Six Vil Cages are a hundred or more meeting. How long this will last we do not know, but we have the door open to preach to them.

Po Heng's wife is very ill indeed hardly two chances in a hundred for her recovery so Dr. Layng thinks. Hain Khun her eldest son is here nursing her. I say I have written a letter to Secretary Hay regarding Consul McWahis good offices.

Tuesday Mich 26th 20

This evening there was a meeting at the club to discuss Road matters. Over \$900 - Mex have been expended the past two years on roads and drains. Dr. Layton, Mr. Thompson and I were re-elected as Committee with power to take subscriptions, to supply vacancies or add to the Committee. Po-San is back from

Nam. In Nam Ling: at the former place of 10,000 people they have a house which can be used as a place of meeting. At Nam Ling their chapel is not yet finished. will not be for nearly a month. There is a chance of a good building lot at Hie-Li City for about \$3500⁰⁰ Mex. which I am inclined to buy. Ma-Ki has gone up to Chieh Che to see about a place there for meeting

Wednesday March 20th 21

We had a very good prayer-meeting tonight led by Mr. Waters, only five of us, but the Lord met with us. The subject was Faith. Dr. Scott spoke of Postens's wife who has been at death's door for some time. Last night she barely seemed able to live from hour to hour, and suffered intensely. When conscious she said - she wanted them to pray for her. She said she would like to live for the sake of her little children and that she might bring more of the women in her village to Christ - she said - 'I am resigned to the Lord's will, but I have asked for six years more of life. To-day she

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said after very great suffering,
tho she has rallied somewhat.
"This pain is almost more
than I can endure - I could not
bear it but there seems to be
one standing beside me & he looks
down on me with such ten-
derness and love in His face
it must be the Lord Jesus - and
that makes me able to endure".

Such experiences are most chur-
ing in the midst of all the dif-
ficulties and perplexities and
earthliness of the people.

The men back from the Pa-ming
region are quite enthusiastic
over the opportunities up there -
a large number are attending
at Poa-Pa market. at Kho'ling
& Kaw-Nam also there are news
hears - Hui-hui wanted to come
down but the Poa-Pa people would not
let him come away - urged his staying.

Thursday Friday Mch 28 & 29 23

A very busy forenoon yesterday, one thing after another till noon when I caught the launch in mid-stream & came to Kit-yang, took small boat & came to Kho-Khai.

We had a very good prayer and praise meeting with the people here this morning the little room was quite full. Some few men in the village are opposing the building of their new chapel & we considered the matter to-day, decided to inform the Mandarin

the chapel was in progress of construction, 41 pieces of lumber and 31 loads of lime on the spot & to send word to the Sin-chai of the town who is at Edin teaching school, to ask him what he can do to effect a peaceful settlement. I hope it can be settled without a lawsuit.

Saturday March 30th 24

A day memorable for the privilege of offering prayer in two places where probably no prayer had ever before been offered to our God.

The little boat reached the end of the water journey during the night and this morning I walked a little over a mile to Su Ning City & was hospitably rec'd by two business men whom I met on my last visit. We had a pleasant chat & I had the chance to tell them some of my own experience and that of others to enforce the Gospel. They listened very well.

Then I called on Hui Ia 25
& met there several of the other
leading men of the city. one a
man over 60 who is really the
leading "alderman" of the city &
we had a long chat. chiefly about
several cases of persecution, Courts
robbed and driven from their villages,
which he and mine host have been
invited by the "District Lord" to settle
by arbitration. They insisted on my
staying to eat and prepared a
very acceptable meal, much more
so than the usual Chinese feast
with ten or more dishes. Imagine
a room about 18 feet square
with tiled floor, the front opening on
a veranda and looking out across
a roofed court perhaps 50 feet to
a similar room on the opposite
side - at the back of the room is

a mirror about 6 by 8 ft in gilt
frame, and smaller mirrors above
the two side doors. The side walls
are hung with scrolls and a
set of black wood furniture includ
with mother of pearl, settee, chairs
and small tables are placed against
the three walls: a black wood
^{round} table stands in the center. The top
of the table, some 3 ft in diameter
is a beautiful piece of black and
white stone edged with black-
wood: - Square stools stand about
this. On this table were placed
3 dishes, Curried chicken, sausages
and hard boiled eggs cut like
the sections of an orange: Each
of us had a pair of chop sticks
and a small bowl for rice.
The Lead Alderman, he is really
a sort of attorney for the whole
Magistrate in dealing with the

three quarters of million people who²⁷
inhabit the more than 800 towns
and villages of Lu-ting district, this
astute dignitary was my vis-a-vis
at the luncheon - mine host was

excused on the ground that he was
"as Mr. stood by the table one of the men on
fasting - (i.e. the Buddhist style
"Now pray? I know the custom." By I had the
from animal food). I enjoyed
privilege to the first time of prayer in this morning
the meal; the rice was beautifully

cooked. the Curry was mild but
the chicken very tender. I got on
better than usually with the chop-
sticks. Milord Chhiang-Ming

was very affable: we discussed
the situation and my having
given up a house we rented
two years ago, ^{not far from where we were sitting} because the people
threatened to loot the landlord
for renting his property to Christians.
He said "yes. that was better."
The time had not come: the
hearts of the people were not

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submission: if the people oppose
there is no use in standing against
them - But I think the time
has nearly come" - Let us hope
his words are prophetic: certainly
there are many indications of a
movement greater than we have
seen. They say they are waiting
to see which church they want
and all unite on one (Others
say this is a ruse to keep every
church out altogether). I cannot
doubt the Lord has much people
in that city of 25,000 ^{souls} people who
but a few ^{years} ago covenanted to
"pulverize" the first man who
would unite with the Jews
doctrine and let a chapel be
opened there - I arranged
to meet them at Mi-Or Tuesday
& sent a letter to Mr. Speicher
that they would be there and hoped

to meet him and consider the 29
return of the refugees to Chhing'ni.

The men at the "Iah-Sing" and
"Chhiau-Sing" shops got me a
chair and saw me off for ~~to~~
the Poa-Pa market. Then, the

place I have passed so many
times longed to see opened -
they received me most cordially.

Elder Hsia-hin was there in an
spacious Chinese school house

I went to call at Hui'Sua" and
then visited & offered prayer in
the house of a man who is newly
interested, a man of some prominence
in his village: thence to Hoi-Lin-
Li to make further pastoral calls,
have supper and pass the night -

Sunday Mich 3rd / April 2nd -

I am now writing on the launch
Pan-Sing, having had no time for
writing since Saturday night.
and got into my cot after a long run.

my service with the village people 30
and men from Hui-shu. The cat broke
down, our long bamboo pole had
been eaten from within by insects and
suddenly broke. Happily the house-
lord, A. Liu's father, had a bamboo
that could be substituted. I called my
faithful cook & the the aforesaid brother
who has the church in his house -
He got a saw & axe & knife & in per-
haps 20 minutes I was comfortably
in bed -

Sunday morning we had a short
service & then I went to Tou-Pa'
& breakfasted with the people there,
also took supper with them and

~~Sunday~~ Monday morning breakfast -

It was market day but we had
more than 100 present, a very orderly
congregation. Their singing was
the greatest surprise I have had in
China. It is only four weeks that
Hui-shu has been there, hardly
one of these people had been in a

chapel before, but they sing better 31
than two thirds of the old established
congregations - I preached from
II Samuel & Rom. V: "The
Kindness of God" - forgiving love -

At noon I went immediately to Kun-
nam - about 3 miles away, had
lunch there and a short service
with the people there then over
to Kho-Ling where there is a
growing congregation in the house
of a brother who has suffered not
a little by persecution - They all
seemed glad to see me and all
send their salutations to the "Sin-Se"
Ni" in the home of my ancestors.

By sun down I was back at
Pa-Pa. It was necessary to send
off some letters, one to Mr. Spick
in reply to his that I would bet
Mi-Ow Monday, agreeing to meet
him there, also to the Su-Ming
aldermen - arbiters to the same

effect to Kit Yang about a chapel ³²
in Kho-Khai.

We had a long evening service, sang
a number of hymns and Sang Sing,
whose home is near by, preached
an excellent sermon suited to the
more than hundred men and boys
who have heard but little of the
gospel. I was busy discussing
the needs of the situation and
planning for the coming days
till midnight -

Monday morning the promoters of
the chapel enterprise offered to
pay \$500 per ^{month} 2/3 of Hia-Lin's
salary and took me out to see
the place they think of for a chapel
site. It may be best to let them
build now provided they do it
without reservation and deed
all to the Missions Union, though I
prefer to wait till there are
more spiritual results - We have
great reason to be thankful that

The Reputation of our American Baptist Church is so good that people looking ^{for} church affiliation come to us knowing that we do not give an asylum to Adullamites as do the Catholics.

About ^{4 1/2} miles from Pao-Pi we halted at the village of Lu-Bie where there are about half a score of new churches who meet every evening to sing, pray & read the Scriptures.

^{There} five years ago ~~there~~ there was not a meeting ^{for regular} ^{Sunday} ^{worship} place, between Kit Yang and Kan Nam, I visited four congregations Sunday and this "prayer place" Monday. and not a cent of Missionary Union funds has been expended to prepare or rent these new centers of prayer & praise.

At Mi-din I found Mr. Speicher waiting with a Chinese fact in prospect. He had invited the local military & civil Mandarins

to "feast" together with the two³⁴
Mr. Wing Aldermen I met on Satur-
day and a young man who has
shown considerable interest in Christ-
ianity son of a Mandarin. I did
not especially enjoy the spread, the
caterer did not do himself credit.
The distinguished guests, however,
were quite affable. We had a
short conference with some of
them, and later in the afternoon
called on the local official who
was very cordial. He has been
with foreigners at Moscow and Can-
ton so is conversant with affairs
foreign. He gave me his card, white
pasteboard, Lin Tsang - he turned
down the corner. The room corner
but it was foreign style - He
is a Manchu.

Mr. Speicher enjoyed a walk and

Comparing notes on our work.³⁵
Returning we had a good chance
to preach to a knot of men
in front of the Chapel door,
which is far more satisfying
than hobnobbing with the
gentry & officials.

In the evening, too, I had a good
opportunity to preach to the Mowden's
Oratory & his attendant. They kindly
allowed me to show their boat
to Kit Yang the only boat available
and themselves asked about the "Jews-Rushing".
Tuesday Mch 2nd to Friday the 12th -

We did not have the usual
series of meetings daily before
Communion Sunday. On account
of the Intercalary month last Chinese
year the Chinese New Year did not
begin till after the middle of February
and the schools do not get well
started for several weeks after New Year.

Therefore, I did not wish to have 35
them immediately leave the work in the
country was to come down for
the meetings - There were a few
native helpers down & we met at
the usual 8-30 service and later
had the Students Class public - we
were studying Math. VIII - I urged on
them the significance of the figure
of the sower - parable - Man's heart
fitted for the truth and the word
fitted to germinate in man's heart
as the earth is fitted for the seed
and the seed fitted to the soil -

On Friday the Class passed a
very good examination in the
Epistle to the Galatians -

~~Sunday and Saturday~~ ^{Friday} and Sunday I had
calls from Lai-hian-ja the man
we met at Mi-^uan whose home
is near Nam-Ling -

Three people asked for baptism
down were accepted -

We had a large congregation on 37
Sunday notwithstanding the rain. In
the afternoon the newly elected Dea-
cons of the local Church, A. K. Hui
and S. K. Hui officiated and did
excellently; the service was much
quieter and all more orderly.

Monday came the Home mail -
I was very glad to get my letters
and papers, also Anna's Scripture
motto which I have up on the mantle.
We have had tremendous rains, and
they were greatly needed - our well
had run dry, and the fields all
through the country were baked
hard as bricks.

Wednesday Mr. Grosbeck and I
went to Pi-ti city and back, made
a very quick trip, took the 10-10 A.M.
launch and returned on the boat
leaving there at 3-40 P.M.

Made across from Lung Chi in
a tremendous rain but without us-
ual effects therefrom, Mr. G. is

favorably impressed with the ³⁸
property available for chapel
purposes there. Thursday we were
shocked to hear that Bie Sin-dee
the most stalwart of the ~~the~~ Ung-
Kung preachers had died of the
plague -

Saturday Apr 13th -

Yesterday I went to Kit Yang and
met the people from Kho-Khoi-Tang
who are in trouble about the building
lot for their new chapel and arranged
for asking the officials to give due
protection against violence -

My plan was to go on by night
boat, call at Ou-Ming city and
be at Nam Ling for opening the new
chapel. But the water is so high
it would be a slow trip and I would
have very little time en route. I
therefore sent a man on to Poa-Pa
with bread wine for the Communion
to have Hui-Lim go in my stead -

This morning I came to Phai Thai³⁹
on board the "Siang-Sung" was a Sam
of Poa-Ka. He was dismissed from
Church membership for dividing
the Church, or attempting to do so,
11 years ago. He has not yet been
received to Communion but is a regu-
lar attendant and chief supporter of the
little congregation at the large Mar-
ket where he sells foreign medicines.
The thought occurred to me that
he might sell Christian books at
his shop and keep some to lend,
a small circulating library. He
assented to the plan readily - at
Phai-Thai one of the youngest of the
Brethren remarked that it was very
important to have a book shop at
so large a center of trade as that
is; the same had occurred to
me and I found all responded
to it so I hope Mr Cua soon has
a stock of Christian books at both
these places that will scatter much
good seed. My chief object
in calling at Phai Thai was to con-

fer with the preacher about the ⁴⁰
probable opening in his District City
Pu. Ting. but while there I was
deeply impressed with the conviction
that now is the time for them to
arise and build. The chapel is
small and in an obscure place.
and there has been much talk in
the past of a new one. The French
Catholics took one lot that was
in mind and has built largely
prospered greatly in numbers.

I talked with the brethren who are in
business near there before noon and
afterwards we met at the chapel and
held a short prayer meeting. The
Spirit was manifestly present and
great unanimity prevailed among
us all that now is the time
to attempt what seems the im-
possible and expect our work
ness to be made strong.

On the launch I had some
good listeners and sold cate-
chisms to two men from Plainthai,
one of whom I have met several times.

Then this is a very important #1
point, business center. for tens of thousand
of people may be a railway
terminal. a line has been surveyed
to the Sic city.

Sunday April 14th

Last evening I was very busy
with accounts till late -
This morning I went with sev-
eral of the brethren to Sauton.
A great many heard the truth, com-
ing and going and the seats were
well filled besides those who were
standing - In the afternoon we
observed the Lord's Supper and
I was very glad to see several
men sitting back of the Com-
municants, who are now interest-
ed hearers, attending regularly on
Sunday. We hope to have baptisms soon.

Monday, April 15th 42

The first real warm summer day, very foggy and we expected to get a good home mail when the slated vessels from Hong Kong did get to the moorings, but it was the smallest San Francisco mail I have seen, only a Pacific Baptist for me. My day has nearly all been given to accounts and writing -

Tuesday April 16th

To-day I went to the Chinese Bank to get a thousand dollars for the builder, Ji-Kou, who is going up to Ung-Kung when he is rebuilding the Mission property destroyed by the mob last year. This Bank handled all the funds paid for indemnity and has been most trustworthy and obliging. They allow

interest at the rate now of 43-
1/2 % per month on money de-
posited with them. - The date of
my Certificate was the 29th of
the moon, to-morrow, but the
gentlemanly manager was per-
fectly willing to settle to-day.
thus enabling Ji-nou to go away
to-morrow. I handed him a
Certificate of Deposit for \$2000-
& one for \$500-; he ordered a
Clerk to make me out a
new certificate for \$1000-, others
to bring \$500- in Bank notes
& 500 silver dollars for the
Contractor, \$300- in notes and
200 silver dollars for me -
The notes are printed on English
Bank note paper - \$50- each -
The dollars are counted carefully
and put into straw bags like

the sack of a halogua weighing 14
in size and shape - a copper fun-
nel is provided with neck that
fits into the bag so the money
can be easily poured in.

I was impressed with the
business ~~of~~ method of the place
and the safety of Inotom streets -
a number of depositors came
in while I was there. One man
had all he could carry of silver
in a tin of little baskets hold-
ing 100 dollars each and covered
with red cloth. Two young
men acted as receiving tellers.
Each with a pair of scales
before him. The money was
weighed 100 dollars at a time
& put into baskets belonging to
the bank. One brought in a
part of his deposit in rolls of

50 dollars each. Then 45
two young men carrying a
big basket on a bamboo pole
between them - somewhat like
some as the spies carried the
grapes of Eschcol - On top were
some gunny sacks - blown
now precious even that the
fruit of the Promised Land to
Chinese eyes, was rolls and sacks
of silver dollars - 2600 of them!
These they came to exchange
for Bank notes - This is a
branch of a large Hong Kong
Bank and has a high finan-
cial standing. The manager
is a young man and has
all the rates of exchange for the
day at his tongue's end, he in-
terests me very much - such
men make one long for the

day of the Lord's power in 45
China when multitudes of such
men shall be turned to the Lord
and render unto Him the service
of their hearts and lives.

The men of the Bank and ship-
ping firm which also occupies
the building are from the District
City of Cheng-Hai only about 12
miles from Swatow, a city of
over 50,000 when there is no
Protestant Church yet - We have
a few Bibles and are hoping
for an entrance there soon.

Wednesday - April 17th

This morning at Chapel I read
II Tim. IV: 1-2 and emphasize the
Command to preach the word
in season and out of season
by translating from the story
of Bro. Song Cheng of the Baptist
Church in Shensi who was eye-

Witness of the awful scene⁴⁷
in Yu Siu's Yamen when 33
Protestant & 12 Catholic Mission-
aries with 13 native Christians
were murdered - meeting death
with a calmness & fortitude that
amazed the crowd that had
rushed in from the street. The day
before he ^{Song Cheng} met a party of seven,
Mr. & Mrs. Pigott, their son Wesley
& his tutor Mr. John Robinson,
Miss ^{Dawal} & Mr. Atwater's two
girls being taken to execution in
two carts. When they stopped
at an Eating House the two men
preached to the wondering people
who crowded about, saying, "You
are being killed for preaching,
& you keep on preaching."

The next day they kept on
preaching to the people till

the Executioner's Knife fixed⁴⁸
their spirits to ascend into the
presence of Him of whom they
preached.

The people were interested: the brethren who followed in prayer continued till the second bell rang, we usually stop at 5 minutes before nine. The printer A-Khá who has just been elected Deacon prayed that the blood shed might be seed to spring up into a glorious harvest.

This evening he came up to tell me that he wants to go and visit his relatives and acquaintances who are not Christians to urge them to believe in Jesus. He said "I have thought of this for a long time but the lesson this morning led me to think that it is uncertain how long God will spare life."

Home mail to day, good letters⁴⁹
from Burton. Anna's with the
cherubs drawn on the letter head-
ing; they flew safely all the way
across the Pacific to bring her
messages of love to me.

10 P. M. Thursday evening April 18th,

We had an informal meeting
in the study to discuss church
matters: three members of the
Standing Committee, Elder Pö-
San & the teachers of the Stu-
dents Class met with us. We con-
sidered the conditions at present,
ever widening opportunities and
not enough money left of appro-
priations to carry on the work
as it stands. They took the
announcement well and arranged
to begin at once here at the Com-
pound. The Elder & one of the
Deacons will be here and lay.

The matter on The Results of the
 people asking them to pray over
 it & consider what they will
 do for a week, then the next
 Sunday I expect to be here
 and they asked me to take
 the subscription then -

I told them this was the Lord's
 call to the churches here to a-
 rise and live up to their privi-
 leges. No can turn stumbling-
 blocks into stepping stones after.

We have a marvellous opportunity -
 the part of the field belonging to
 this Central Station contains 3 times
 as many people as the whole
 Kanan nation and so much is
 ready to our hand! There are
 plenty of buildings, school houses
 Ancestral Halls and such like

all ready to be used as 57
Churches as soon as the hearts
of the people are turned to
God. And our Baptist Polity
is so much like the village
Government that it is easy to
establish many congregations
unite them in Associations
and Conventions. They ex-
claimed at 482 self support-
ing Churches in Burma - I
told them we must expect more
than that less.

I knew a great many of the Chi-
nese are settling down to the Con-
viction that Christianity is the religion
of the future. To-day a business
man from Ka^{not a professed Christian} ^{you said} just now
peace is not declared and people do
not incline to profess Christianity - but
it is only a matter of time. Sooner
or later the Church is sure to
grow and prosper - ("the fat tailor")

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Friday April 19th -

a perfect avalanche of callers with all sorts of difficulties on hand. the larger part of my time since noon has been consumed in hearing them and in dictating or hearing letters. The Chinese are agitated by a rumor that Prince Tuan's dead troops are marching on Peking; there are no foreign dispatches to that effect yet -

Saturday April 20th

at Kwan-Pou. Mr. Waters has gone on to Khek-Khoi. We have had a service this evening here. I spoke on Math. XVIII: 19 the Symphony of prayer & of the murders at Tai Juen Hui.

Sunday April 21st - ²

Half the congregation to-day had not attended worship at the time I was here in January, and a solid promising lot of men they are, - here I stopped for a moment and drank 16 cups of tea! but they were not breakfast cups, the tiny little Chinese cups holding about a table-spoonful or less. I had really nothing to drink since breakfast and the two preaching services made me thirsty - The preacher Liet Cheng has sore eyes and has only done a little to-day. I preached on the Sabbath, God's precious gift for rest and refreshing of body and soul, type of heaven & of the blissful rest in the finished work of Christ. I enjoyed the last part of it especially. It is a glorious privilege to preach the gospel to people who do not know it and point them

away from their poor attempts ³⁻
to gain a ransom by their works of
merit, to the hands of God that
taketh away the sin of the world
could give a dying murderer pos-
itive assurance that through his
penitent prayer the gates of Paradise
unlocked by the sacrifice he witness-
ed would open wide ⁱⁿ for him -
This afternoon we had a part of the
22nd of Luke vs. 24-46 for the
S.S. lesson. Then I also spoke on
the preceding verses before observing
the Lord's Supper -

Monday, April 22nd -

On board the "Siang Seng" again, en-
joying the mild breeze and the num-
berful view of river field and hills
from the deck of the launch.
Mr. Waters is sitting beside me
writing a home letter.

Last evening was the most memora-
ble Sunday evening I have passed
in China - Under the stars

will be the characteristics of the 4.
evening which clings to memory.

We went to Chieh Chia (Stone Hill)
about 2 1/2 miles away. It was
then that A-N, the present man of
all-work at the hospital, was
plundered, beaten and driven out
two years ago last fall. Now a
large number of people are in-
terested in the Gospel and one of
the leading men of the town has
offered his empty sugar warehouse
as a place of meeting - I had an
audience in the courtyard as soon
as I arrived and preached to them
for about half an hour. They gave
very good attention and two men
especially kept nodding assent -
The native preacher and I "spelled"
each other and there was quite
continual preaching or talking with
the people till supper was an-
nounced - I went in and put
down with some 50 of the vil-
lage folk sitting about in solemn

Silence + the room was like an oven. when it came to drinking a cup of hot coon it was too much, the perspiration started from every pore - and I started to eat the remainder of my supper out of doors in the cool south breeze.

When the gong was beaten and the people all gathered there ^{was} fully 140 in the room and a large number in the courtyard - Mr had excellent attention for half an hour, the room was quiet as any church service at home; the heat was too great for a longer sermon in doors and they proposed going out into the cool night air. Seats were carried out and a large part of the congregation came out to sit or stand and listen. Liet Cheng had quoted "I am the way" so I took that as a text and told.

them of Jacob's vision. the ⁶
stairway leading up to heaven
from earth - & the way our Lord
told Nathaniel he would see for the
Angels of God to ascend and de-
scend upon - I have preached
from this text before but never
with ^{nothing between} the scarlet canopy under
which Jacob lay down to dream
~~just above me~~ The heavens

looked exceeding beautiful. I longed
for a translation of the lines -
"ye stars are but the shining dust
of my divine abode

The pavement of those heavenly ^{coverts}
where I shall walk with God."

after nine o'clock some went in
to practice singing and others
went to their houses. I do not
like to use the word horns -
A few remained until 10 o'clock
and they showed a great deal

of intelligent interest. A young
man who kept nodding assent
the first time I stood in the
doorway to preach appeared in
a nice clean white jacket and
was enthusiastic over what he
had heard. We all gathered
in the room for
a hymn, prayer and doxology
together then four for west
back by boat to Kewan Pon
Chapel. I got a nap on board,
but did not get to sleep in
my cot till long after midnight.

The day has been a very busy
one and full of no end of per-
plexities since I returned. For
one thing I am glad. a poor
fellow who was plundered of 47
dollars late Friday by confidence
men in Snatoro, has had all but $6\frac{50}{11}$
restored to him.

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Therm. Thermometer above
80° for several days and that
is quite equal to the nineties
at home - I am in white cloth-
ing again - Almost ten o'clock
and I am very tired - Good night.

Wednesday April 24th

The Thermometer holds at above
80° still - The season of fogs, too,
is upon us, steamers are being de-
layed.

Yesterday morning the reports of Sun-
day work were rather more en-
couraging than usual. We have
these reports each Tuesday. Especially
the two young men, Mia Lin & Boi-
Eng who went to Sheng Hui City;
they had a wonderfully good re-
ception. They listened gladly in
different parts of the city; their

Thursday to Friday April 25-26. ⁹

On the Bridge of the Hai-An-found
for Phai Phai the cloudy with a
delightful, cool easterly breeze.

Yesterday we had a call from Mr.
Brill who was instructor in
Agriculture at Hankow brought
out by Chang Chih-Pung, now return-
ing to the United States. He is
from Dutchess Co., N. Y. is a very
pleasant and well-informed man.
He thinks "China's Greatest Vice-
roy" as he is called, is decidedly
visionary and rash in his spending
money on experiments. The great
steel works at Han-Yang were
built on filled land which
is already beginning to settle
so that some of the heavy ma-
chines are not true. He told a
funny story at the table, we had
supper with Mr. & Mrs. Goshok.
He was calling at the house of
Mr. Rockhill Acting U.S. Minister,

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Mrs. Rockhill gave him her
pet Pekin-pug - a shaggy little
brast, to hold. Mrs. Squires was
sitting not far away holding her
dog. Mr. Brill had held the dog
as long as he felt like doing so
& put him down - at that mo-
ment Mrs. Squires's pug started
to jump down, seeing the other
dog descending at the same mo-
ment he took it for a challenge
& went at him: the two started
apparently to fight to a finish, but
the ladies screamed. Mr. Brill seized
one with either hand by the
scruff of the neck pulled them
apart & held them out at arms
length, at which the ladies
cried out again in protest, the
dogs were put down and the in-
cident closed - but Mrs. Rockhill
evidently blundered he put the dog
down purposely to bring on a fight.

We have had more perplexing
questions needing settlement the past
week than I ever experienced within the
same term before.
In fact a brother was taken in
by Confidence men. The Deputy
of Foreign affairs got nearly all
his money back -

A low fellow who runs gambling
shops has beaten a boy who belongs
to the Church, insulted his mother
& posted up a paper insulting them
& through them the church. The Deputy
will see what he can do with him -
At the newly opened place *Travã*
a foraging piece was discharged
by accident wounding a man so he
died & his friends threatened to pro-
secute a man connected with our
congregation which would make
trouble for all - That was settled
locally.

Poor old Quaker Eng "Moonlight" was

in distress because her relatives ²
were taking away all her prop-
erty & she would not have enough to
eat nor any money to buy a coffin.
A King of Ponglai was having
trouble because he would not
contribute to idol festivals. These
last two matters Te "Sin. Se" na-
tive doctor of Patthai-Pou takes
in hand to arbitrate.

Most of all, the people who oppo-
sed the building of a chapel at
Kho-Khai got a Presbyterian mis-
sionary to espouse their cause and
the mandarin made a great med-
dle of it - was going to judge the
case with me as one party. I
sent a line to him that if it were
my case then should be a U.S.
Consul to try it. He saw the point
& dropped the trial scheme -
I feel hopeful now good will come
from it.

The other Kho-Khoi was about 13
-ened: the French priest wrote
me quite an alarmed letter, but
the matter is quiet now I hear.
Just now that affairs are not
yet settled in China any little
matter needs to be adjusted, at
once else it may be seized
upon as an encouragement to
make a great deal of trouble -
"Many are the afflictions of the
righteous but the Lord delivereth
him out of them all"

Saturday April 27th

Clark's birth day. Then I am
sitting in a native boat being rowed
over to Kwan Pon to take the
steamer. I was at Nam Ling
this forenoon at the sisters there
was much pleased to hear
about Mamma and the children.
Last night I went to look
at the lot the paper full

for building. It is over 300 feet ^{spaces.} 4
long & 60 ft wide when we wish to
build, narrowing to a point at
the further end. The location is
beautiful by the river just beyond
the inlet where our houseboats
moor. a wide expanse of rice
fields, now beautifully fresh and
green stretches out to the west, to the
south fields & hills - to the north
trees, the old fort ~~and~~, the dingy
shops and filthy streets of the
Newest town -

We had a rather good prayer-
meeting. At first they were timid
about clusting out with no more
help absolutely promised that
the value of the old chapel was
afraid people would not con-
tribute if there was no lot ready
to build on and if they did sub-
scribe they would not pay prompt-
ly. I urged the need of faith upon
them, illustrating the man with the

hand & Israel at the Red Sea 15

I told them - manna I would give
them \$50.00 ourselves and pay it any
time they called for it - Finally
A-Ngôn & Li-Sok, two young fish-
merchants seemed to rise to the sit-
uation and carried the rest with
them - The Teacher ^{and understood it} ideas, that
we get this lease made out as
full & clear as possible. if neces-
ary he will have the District
Magistrate approve it. Then we will
make our subscription. perhaps
payable in three instalments; if
the money comes in slowly, he will
pay us the whole of this subscription,
and in case we are short of money
for filling even then - why that's
a thing to talk about later on -
He appealed to me to know if he
had stated my views & assured him
he had. I had dwelt on the promise
in Matt. 18:19 & Paul's words in Eph 3:20
"above all that we can ask or think" urging
these on them as texts for to build upon.

Sunday April 28th - 16

This morning I preached from
I Chron. 29: 3 & 5 - David's generosity
this appeal for the ^{exceeding} "magnificent"
temple he was making ready
for his son to build - but
which only endured a few hun-
dred years. When the people
fell away the God they deserted
left the Temple to be despoiled
by their enemies - Now God is
building temples in every land,
in every place where believing
souls are gathered to form
Churches of Jesus Christ for a
habitation of God through the
Spirit. there is the Temple and
when we give for preaching the
gospel, we give for temples grander
than the one on Mt. Moriah and
that shall endure forever.

The prayer meeting before 17-
the preaching was very good
but there was not much en-
thusiasm in the subscribing
of money, some 40 dollars was
given or subscribed by the natives but
I expect a goodly amount
more will come in later on.
Mr. Waters went to Pho Phou.
I led the Sunday School.

This evening Mr. W. & I were in-
vited to Dr. Scotts to take supper
and sing in the evening. We
sang from Coronation Hymnal.

Monday, April 29th.

10 a.m. Such a busy morning.
letters coming & letters going, Chinese
& English both. Traversing business
& several important matters to come
up soon with Hui-hin before he
goes into the country back to Pa Pa-

Tuesday April 30th - 18

Last evening Pei-yi came back from Hui Lai in quite a jubilant frame of mind. He had been at Chiah-jin and Chiu-chuan the places which seemed to open brightly two years ago but were checked by the mob of the Tai Hong-Hue. There are still a number at each place who are holding on at Chiah-jin which is near the Broken Point Lighthouse. They have a room they are ready to prepare for a place of worship. Pei-yi is willing to go and help there - the thought came to me this morning early that A-Khu, the printer, who has just come back from a journey to preach among his relatives

could go there - he is ready¹⁹
to go this week but I think
it best to wait till after the
Conference at Kho-Khai -

Jin Hui was here with
news that there are people a-
waiting baptism at Sou-min,
probably Hua. Lin can go in
there Sunday & come back for
the wedding before going to Pa-
Pa again - Ho-Kai is ready
to raise money if we can send
them a preacher: we decided that
A. Lin who is just getting up
from a long run of fever could
go to advantage - Their their
wish to make their subscrip-
tion for the new chapel Sunday
I shall have to ask Mr. Ginkok
to go in the car: he will be

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Here. Came back last night
They are much saddened by
the loss of ~~one~~ ^{another} of their best
preachers, Kang Chün, who was
recently married to Tek Sun's
sister - I have just had a
talk with Mei Kai about
more regular attendance at
morning chapel, about the
Church Record & asked him
to prepare again an account
of Judson's life & the beginning
of the work in Burma. He
once gave here for an evening
at Kho-Khai Conference -
Wednesday May 1st

A warm day - I had very practical
lessons with the class on
the good example of Joseph and
Lord's teaching humility by
^{sitting} setting a little child in the

midst of the disciples. ²¹
Two ladies belonging to the
Church Mission of Foochow.
Miss Nesbitt & Miss Darrows
called to day en-route to their
field: the latter is stationed at
Ku-cheng. the year of the massacre
she was at Foochow because
there was not room for her at
Ku-cheng. so escaped.

Mr. Waters moved his books
& book case over to the house
to-day. Thursday. May 2nd 11

This forenoon I went to Sui-
ton to marry a couple. A. Li
& J. Liap - and stayed to the
feast which lasted over 2 hours.
I can remember only a part of
the different courses - stewed liver
with pork & cucumbers, ^{7 fried} ~~fried~~ Shrimp
Cakes, ² Curried pork & chicken, ³ Steamed
duck, ⁴ Fish Roe (2), ⁵ - Moss - ⁶ Trussed
chicken, ⁷ Jelly fish, ⁸ - ⁹ + ¹⁰ 2 kinds

11 To Chicken Broth -
Cold Sliced Mutton - 12 Dumplings - ²²
13 Moss - 14 Cold Fowl - 15 Shell-
fish stewed with pork - 16 Water-
chestnuts - 17 Oranges - 18 Poultry -
19 Watermelon seeds 20 Candied
peanuts - 21 Steamed fish cakes -
I tried nearly all and enjoyed
the meal. The chopsticks I
got on very well with now &
the novelty of all picking out of
a central dish has quite
worn off.

Friday & Saturday May 3rd & 4th

I had a good letter from Beiton
& a letter from Dr. Barbour -

Friday I had my classes as usual.
What is unusual, had an ill turn
that has interpend with my work
and kept me quiet for the Saturday.
I have been ruling & filling in
forms for Marriage Certificate -

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Nothing written since Sunday when
I was just getting over a slight
ill turn and only attended a part of
each service.

Monday was a great day of preparation.
The Chinese all took hold
of the business of decorating the
Chapel and did beautifully.

In the space over the platform
They put a large "Song Hi"
Character (Double Joy) and over
that (which was of red paper) was
a horizontal banner green and
red cloth. "Marriage is honorable"
decorations of green leaves over
hung down on either side and
a pair of scrolls green and red and
gold letters hung down between
those decorations and the door
casings. On the wall spaces
at either side between the doors
and the corners were scrolls.

presented by the Lai Kung ^{the} people - & beautifully designed in ^{one} on the north side was a "Sanghi" form in flowers, green shades predominating, that on the south side was a branch and blossoms. They were done on white paper and that on a delicate green mounting. They also gave a large Hok - Pié, the character for Bliss in gilt on a large piece of Red woolen stuff 6 x 4 feet - this hung at the Western end between the windows & opposite at the east another given by the Phau-Thai people. The pillars were covered with red paper and this with green leaves and branches - There were trimmings of green around the windows and upon some of the beams - over the door

at the rear was a large motto³
gilt letters on pink ground -
"Pang Sim, Siu Sin". ~~Attributed~~
"Like-Hearted Serving God" -
a large "Hok" "Bliss" -
character was above this in
a round frame of green -

Monday evening we went over
and rehearsed the ceremony.
Some of the Chinese came and peeped in the window.
I had a great many callers
on Monday. one man from
Hainan told me that a
brother there a "Mr" recently
died after a very short illness.
He urged his wife and children
to become Christians and said "The
Lord has stood by me & said I
have a place ready for you".
again "Two Angels have come
with lamps to take me to Heaven."

He had not been a Christian very long and at times we feared he was not as generous and faithful as he should be, but of late there have been no criticisms of his conduct & he certainly was granted an "abundant entrance" into the realm of light.

Tuesday morning I went to Avaton to make sure the tailor was finishing some work Mr. Waters and I had given him & brought back the desired raiment.

I read Mr. Spurgeon's sermon on Matt. 28:19 which puts the errors of the Prayer Book in a clear and condemning light - I determined not to stand up before the people with the book in my hand and arranged to use a part of the Marriage service & read a passage of Scripture -

The day was rainy, at one time ^{5.}
it looked as if the sun would
forvail and the afternoon be clear
as it was on a Tuesday in
January 12 years ago, but the
rain still continued - tho it was
very light when we went to the
Chapel at Home. The chapel was
just comfortably filled, had the
day been clear it would have
been crowded & the walk ~~at~~
all about as well - a "brood
aisle" about 6 ft. in width was
left & matting laid upon it,
with a larger rug 12 ft. square
before the platform which was
banked with potted plants.
~~The front rows~~ The school
children sat on either side
on seats facing the ends of
the platform and the ~~speakers~~
rug before it - The fire front

settees in front on either side the aisle were reserved for foreigners. The Chinese all entered by the side doors. Back of the foreigner seats extending to the door on either side the aisle was a row of padded plants or long benches, an idea of Mark's that were very pretty.

I went up took my seat on a chair in the very front row in line with the central pillars. When the chairs came to the door bringing Dr. Scott and Miss Scott - Mrs. Gumbuck who sat at the organ (Munafiel) began the wedding march from Lohengrin - Dr. Scott came in & when she was about at the front seat I took my place in the center facing the people

and the expectant couple 7
who looked finely, Miss Scott
in a white dress, with orange
flowers in her hair and a
beautiful bouquet of white flow-
ers in her hand.

I had felt much trepidation
over the whole affair, and tried
to beg off, but the Lord had
given me the victory & at the
moment they stood before me
and the music ceased I felt
a sense of mastery - I gave from
memory the opening sentences of
the English Service to the words
"advisedly soberly and in the
fear of God" - I said later here
His word read Eph. V:19-29,
the questions and utterances
after that were those of the Prayer
Book which I had copied on
a type-written page past in the Bible

After the ceremony I escorted
Dr. Scott to her chair and
went up to the Reception -
in a smart shower - Those
whom I remember as being
present are - Mrs. Scott (the
Consul was not well) Mr. & Mrs.
Strick, Dr. & Mrs. Laying, Mrs.
Arms, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. & Miss
Focken, Mrs. Mackenzie -
Mr. & Mrs. Mallagan, Dulzel,
& Sutherland, Mrs. Lyell Mrs
Crowland Dr. Gibson - the Guss-
becks, Mr. Speicher and myself -
The house was beautifully
decorated, the couple stood
in the corner before the fireplace
which was covered with green
vines - The refreshment table
was in the dining room -

I stayed on the verandah 9
nearly all the time I was so
hot in my black suit -

The happy couple went to
Double Island after sending
a cablegram home

"Waters, Peekskill married"

Mr. Speicher and I took supper
with the Gursbecks and then
discussed the work in our
adjoining fields till midnight

He left in the morning to
continue the good work he
has been carrying on among
the country stations for quickening
the spiritual life of the churches.

I have been very busy ever
since: the class is larger again
over 20 so we have two di-
visions the first half of
recitation hour.

Thursday was a queer day.¹⁰⁻
I was eating tiffin after a
busy forenoon when "Khou
Chong" was announced: he
was an officer under Png
Pai jin (Admiral Pang) now
is a sort of Croker, but worse
in Sorator. He brata boy
blonging to the church in Sor-
ator and put up a curious
placard about the boys being a
thief. He came over to acknowl-
edge his wrong & brought "Kim-
hwe ang tū, phang pū"
(gold flowers, red satin & fire-
crackers) the regulation pledges
of penitence & acknowledgment
of wrong. We had a discussion
of the subject in which he denied
all knowledge of the placard

& the buting - I gave him 11
& the men with him some
books & exhorted him to worship
the Four God - Just as I
was going to Class two men
came to see about the
little boy from Hui-Lai
who was in the theatre and
begged me to settle their
case for them, which I
assured them was not my
business, but I would be
glad to see it settled fairly
& would send a letter ex-
horting the men who were
connected with us to do
what was just & fulfil all
legal conditions. The young
man, a sort of theatrical man
& ager is a bright fellow and
has fraternized with the Catholics.
They took some books also -
They went down and out

in the classroom while we 12
studied Luke 23: 26-49.

Then came the mother of the
frontier boy who was beaten
and it was a long time before
I could get away from ^{listening to} her

tale of woe -

We decided to give up the
Conference at Kho-Khai as the
plague has appeared in so

many new places the past days
turn at Khai Bue not 5 miles
from K.K. I am very sorry to
lose the meetings & disappoint
them, but we must not run
undue risk when life is involved.

Saturday May 11th

One a small boat going up to
Phon Leng * Sunday May 12th

The water was so high we must
over the end of one bridge instead
of going under the center as usual.

The rain came down in torrents¹³
as I walked up from the boat
landing, but the welcome I received
from the people visited made
this the best visit I ever had
in this once hostile city, when
the Pang family only a few years
ago found themselves to "grind to
powder" the first one of their
clan who should join the hated
"doctrines" or let the "Barbarians"
get a chapel in the city or its en-
virons - My first call was
at the Tak-Sing (Profit-Prosperity)
Shop) where several other business
men called and the way was o-
pened to talk at some length on
the death, burial and resurrection
of Jesus. Next I went to the
spacious dwelling of Hsia La, the
first man ~~who~~ to invite me to his
house 8 years ago - the old

Attorney General, wily old ¹⁴
Chap. came in and again talked
over some cases of persecution.
Then we visited one of the leading
cloth merchants of the city who
is much interested but fears to
become a Christian because the
Magistrate is unfriendly - They
invited me to supper and we
talked over the greatest of questions
till nearly ten o'clock. One of the
men advanced the theory that
influential men with large families
by connections were needed to
give a good start in any place.
I told him about Ko. Tha. Byu
& other such cases. that in this
very city the Lord chose, a poor
dyer who was the rankest hater
of Christians in his family & made

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of him a fiery evangelist
whose work has been greatly blessed.
then a poor burden-bearer who
knew nothing letters saw the signs
of a few shops made a most
useful coadjutor of him, enabled
him to read the word of God for
himself as well; then a slip of a
lad with necrosis who had
so faithfully worshipped devils
to help his disease that he looked
as if one of them was in him,
and made him a useful
Christian man, a native physician
dwelling in a large church - all
this while their great Pang family
were fighting to keep Christianity
out of their borders - They accepted
Paul's doctrine that God glorifies
His name by using the despised
of this world to do His will -

I passed the night at the 15
Tah-Seng shop. had evening wor-
ship with them: the proprietor
thinks there will surely be a chap-
el at Phoai-Ling this year. Surely it
seems as if the walls of this
Jericcho were beginning to fall -
after more than ten years of waiting.
This morning I came away early,
made a short call on the new
Toa-Pi congregation & came on to
this old station of Kau Nam. where
we had a good congregation, bap-
tized four candidates and had
a good Communion service -
more than half the attendants
were men who have come in
since the troubles of last year -

Monday & Tuesday May 13th & 14th
A great amt of rain fell Saturday
and Sunday. The road Monday
was very bad - in several places
the men who carried my chair

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were obliged to wade knee
deep in water a long distance.
I made calls at Khi-Ling & Thon
Kau; at the former place they have
had a great deal of trouble and
I did my best to cheer them up.
They have endured nobly. At Thon-
Kau is an old man A-Si-Pek whose
name is on the Church roll but I
fear knows little of religion - I had a
long talk with him on what he was
missing in not knowing the love of
Jesus and the earnest of the Spirit.

Then we called on the old sister who
was converted while at Kak-Chieh caring
for Poi Sin Sei's little boy. She is
43 now, has asthma and is losing
her eyesight, but her hope is bright -
We took a boat, one of the very shallow
flat boats from Thon Kau to Pua'Ke;
through the rice fields are mangrove
canals & beyond extending nearly

to the base of the hills lies a beautiful lake about 3 miles in circumference; it is called "Pih-Khe" Ou" from the village of Pih-Khe". when we now have several believers: they are preparing to build a prayer-meeting-place - a bright boy of 15 I baptized on Sunday is from that village -

At Pa-Pa we had a service nearly all the afternoon, made a call in the next village. We had a large company in in the evening - preached the Gospel to them - then there were a lot of matters the brethren wished to speak of - I rejoice that they tell now fully the exact state of things and show more solicitude for the welfare of the Church than ever before. It was midnight before I was in bed -

Tuesday we looked at two building lots, the one nearest the present meeting place at the entrance to market near the village well seems to me to the majority to be the best.

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We had a most interesting meeting,
not being market day the business
men could come in. I started

with Paul's "Let all things be done
decently and in order" & set forth
to them the necessity of following
the divine pattern in the building
of a Church. Told them the reason
our "American Church" now has
so good a reputation generally
is because we have followed this
pattern as closely as we could &
demanded repentance before ad-
mission to the Church - it is a
delicate matter to carry on any
interest like this, but I trust God
will honor His name there.

I left a little after noon, called
at Hue-Sun & Hoa-Lou-Pi, where
there were some 30 at worship on
Sunday.

At Phoi-Ling I called
on the "City Council" or Aldermen,
two of them were in their office
& then at the Chhi-Sing shop
meeting several of the leading young
men of the Province.

men of the city & the Lau Sian Lai ²⁰
from Mon. Lian who took uppin
with me in April. All the even-
ing was passed in cutting on some
of the leading men who are interested
in settling the Khoi-Ling difficulty.

One of them gave me an invitation
from the Magistrate to be his
guest the next day, but I did not
dare stay away any longer -

Wednesday May 15th

We are steaming down the river on
the Para Sing, have just left Khek-
Khoi: the day is mild & cloudy
so I am very comfortable in a
khaki suit sitting on deck: We
stop at Phan-Khai. They sent ~~one of~~
the Church Traders up to Kit-
Yang yesterday to meet me or
have a most pressing request
that I be sure not to pass by, but
call on them before returning to the
Compound.

Thursday May 16th 21

Yesterday the stay at Phan Thui, between the morning and afternoon boats was packed full - The brethren are greatly exercised over the situation - Pir Merel is talking in people by the village - promising them everything they want in the way of legal help - The leading men of the town he is doing his best to keep from coming to us. They know we own the church with a clean reputation & wants to attend our chapel - if we will give them a word of assurance that we can protect them from Extortion - I told the brethren they must remember that brilliant prospects may be only such as were put before our Lord when he was promised the Kingdom of the

world & the glory of them - 22
and we must "not fall when
he overcome - I was glad to
hear one of the Deacons say
"The last two nights I have
prayed the Lord to bring them
to us if it is His will; if not
we do not want them."

Two of the Head men, one an el-
derly man, I have met before,
& the other a young man a very
bright able business man, really
mayor of the town. We had a
pleasant chat & just as they
came to the business proposition,
the boat was announced - so I
left with the possibility of seeing
them when I go in for the Sunday.
Since coming back I have been
busy enough - took time this
a.m. to call on the new couple

who have come back after a ²³
most delightful honeymoon at
Double Island.

Yesterday I had a delightful sur-
prise in a home letter that come
by the "Tacoma" or "Victoria" -

Friday May 7th

Warmer to-day but only of this
evening; that however is warmer
than so odd at home.

This morning I had a good
lesson with the class on the 28th
and 29th chapters of Genesis - and
at chapel I translated a part of
the Ex. Pres. Harrison's speech on
the future of Missions. there led
in prayer with deep earnestness.

Nearly all the afternoon I passed
in Serrator getting money for fiction
1300 - toward rebuilding chapels, and
in quieting a little trouble among
the brethren and sisters in Serrator -

Saturday May 18th to Saturday May 25th

A whole week and no journal written - it must be jotted down from Nature's own journal record which never fails to record, tho we may not have access to every line or even every page.

Saturday last after the usual closing up of work before leaving. I had the pleasure of being the first guest of the new household, taking tiffin with them. They lent me The Sky Pilot which I read with great delight on the launch going to Phai-shai.

Then the great question was, "Will the head men of the town come to worship with us or will they let the French priest wheedle or frighten them away?"

I stood firm against any promise that we could help them if the priest or the Mandarin should make them trouble. I did go & call on several of them in the afternoon and had good opportunity to speak with them

about what the Church is and how
to be established -

And after all they did come, about
a score of the leading business men
of the town, fully half of them with
titles - a solid able company of men they
are & you would hardly know they
were not old Church goers save that
others found the hymn and the Scripture
lesson for them - How much of dif-

ficulty may arise from their choice
of the Church that is known as the
Church having no political backing,
& how many of these men and their
townsmen will accept Jesus as
their personal Saviour no one can
tell, but it was a noble choice
they made means more than breaking
away from the traditions of China,
it means truth & honor rather
political exploitation of religious error,
may the Lord be very gracious to
them and accept a great multitude
of that region as His own children.
They seemed to enjoy the singing.

I preached on God's love to man, illustrated by the blessings given in this life & His mercy after man sinned. There is a picture of Cain & Abel Cain standing over the fallen body of his brother and one of Joseph's dream at Bethel, I.S. pictures from home, hanging in the chapel which I used to help show the awfulness of sin & God's mercifully opening a way back to the sinner cut off from his father's house.

In the afternoon about a third of the men came again: the lesson was the funeral & resurrection scenes in Luke XXIII: 50 to XXIV: 12.

I went out and called on them at their shops after four o'clock drank cups of tea innumerable and found them all very gracious.

Yesterday I could not stop on my way in so sent my cook on by the morning launch to take 100 new hymn books they ordered and ask the preacher or one of the Church officers

to get on the launch and come ⁴
up to Kit yang with me - The prachis
baby boy has fever & he could not
will come as the Asst. Treas. Ngun-
sing a young shoe-dealer got on board.
He reported all well prospect of a much
bigger attendance next Sunday. I
feared there might be some danger
in this as there has been plague in
at least one part of the town. But he
thought there was none now - we arriv-
ed to have the boat-stewardman Bo-Sin
come in to look at the land and de-
cide what he could do towards super-
intending the filling -

At Kit yang I arranged with men
from Kho-Khoi Ping to get the deed
of their land recorded and with no
little urging got the boatman we hired
to push along without much tide in
his favor till we got out into the South
River out of sight of the city. Now in
the latter half of the forenoon we
are creeping slowly up the Pu-
ning Canal -

But I must go back to Sunday morning
when we had a good prayer-meeting.
I reminded them of Carey's text and ser-
mon - "Expect", "attempt", which I set
before them when we first considered the
great undertaking of a new chapel -
They don't expect & attempted the first
steps - now they gained what no one
expected - the allegiance of the leading men
of the whole town (we heard yesterday it
was interest that we might have a
good chapel as well as the French
Catholics that first awakened these
men to a decided step towards us)

at 10 o'clock I took a small boat
& spent the night very comfortably
out in the river with cool clear air
to breathe. In the morning I awoke and
looked out from under the mat that
formed the roof over me to see the
morning-star shining brightly, which made
me recall the promise to him that overcom-
eth & who it is in an serving him, how
glorious He is & what he gives us.
Three brethren from Kware-Pore met me
by appointment at Chi-Bue and we
walked a mile or two through the fields
to E-him made calls & discussed their

plan for a prayer place - I called 6
at the mansion of Gen. Wong, Ng-
Kim-Hok, a wide-spreading establishment
and kept in fine order - He has a Gradu-
ate from Kho-Khoi Pang to teach the
young men & boys.

At Kwan-Pon I had an informal meet-
ing with the brethren to consider the
plan of holding three ^{afternoon} Sunday Schools
one at Kwan-Pon, one at E-Him when
they get a meeting place, & one at Chieh-

Chie. Sunday last the chapel was full:
in the morning, all the empty benches
stood above the door, for which I told
them to pray in January, now taken
down ^{even} then there not sitting enough.
but the P.M. meeting was small ^{at 6 o'clock}
The meet to Chieh Chie later in I preached

in the court of the building used for
meetings to a goodly company (including
most of the head-men of the town, they
told me afterwards), on "Whence, Why
Whither?" Confessing myself almost
entirely ⁱⁿ a ^{new} narrative & had a
good hearing - I was glad to recog-
nize a number who had listened well

the Sunday night we met there of
in April and several dated their
first deep impressions to that ser-
vice - We had another star-
light service, somewhat less
nearly 200 present. I preached
on "as Moses lifted up the serpent
in the wilderness even so must the
Son of man be lifted up," had
some liberty but do not think
the meeting was as impressive as
before, not as good preparation of heart
as after a Sunday's work & the Communion.
Liet Cheng followed on the Resurrection.
I slept in a boat again, got a fine
early start before daylight & was back
in time for 8-30 worship -

Class & other work with a num-
ber of small complications have
gone on from Tuesday till Friday
noon with no especial variation
from the usual week's occurrences -

Saturday Noon May 25th to Sunday the 29th 8

Calling at Au Chhân & Thon Leng Took
up the afternoon of Saturday, in the eve-
ning I had a service at Au Chhân & a
rather lively time putting down some
who opposed. The place of meeting
is a small room no more hardly
think fit for a stable at home I has
a little loft over the outer half, but we
have a good clock there now and I
told them they should look to a
chapel to match the clock now.

Sunday we had a good congregation
at Hoa-Lou-Ni and over 300 at the
baptism. Five brethren and three sisters
were baptized and received the hand
of fellowship at the afternoon service.
The first was a bright most attractive
boy of 15, the fourth one in the family
to be baptized. His mother was a
medium, had a devil the Chinese say
I agree with them: the father, an ex-
soldier was an inveterate gambler,
now they are among the most active
members of the little church.

He offered the prayer before the
baptism and she was drawn,
to help the sisters into and out
of the water - It all went off
without any regrettable incident -
The biggest of the men, a man
nearly 50 was so afraid of the
wrath of his old mother that he
drew back after he had been ex-
amined & accepted - & she was
away from home at a leather
festival watching the theater too.
But I laid hold of him at
the waters edge & "compelled" him
to come in - "But I have no clothes
to put on - she has them all locked
up -" "That's no matter I an-
swered, "you can borrow a suit."
"Come in" - and so he came with
his Sunday-jacket and trousers on,
just as I was saying "don't let

these women folks be ahead + 10
of you in courage" - I was glad
he did not need this argument.
He was very happy afterwards
& said "Thank the Lord" most de-
voutly several times when I gave
him the right hand of fellowship
again at the evening meeting at
I-oa-Pa. We had such a good
Communion service in the even-
ing the most of a religious meet-
ing we have had - it touched me
to hear voices for the first time
leading in public prayer. I did
not mention that of those baptized
the youngest was that son of the
former medium 15 - the oldest
a man of 72 & a woman of 71 -
Monday I made visits at K'ho-
Leng & Phin Leng city. took a paper
with one of the City Council at
their public office - The large

Square there at the boat landing" was occupied by theaters, several stages already put up. Such a crowd of small boys as was scampering about under & in front of the stages - they began to hoot when they saw a foreigner but mine host checked them - & they contented themselves with running after me & all of a sudden a little chap, well dressed came up put his hand on my arm with the usual Christian salutation "Mok-sy pheng-an" - "Pastor, Peace." & tucking his amulets under his jacket, "Where have you been? Are you going to Joo-Pa?" Bless the little chap. He disappeared as suddenly as he came but it cheered my heart amazingly to have such an unexpected greeting out of the "maddening crowd" of

little Pagans in the stronghold of ¹²
the enemy - may he yet know the
peace that cometh all under-
standing -

In the evening I was cheered
by the coming of A-Hong from
Khai-Kie. The dear boy had
travell'd over 20 miles, running
a good bit of the way and
worked hard to persuade a
number of people who are new
hears at Kan-Nien to do
their duty and pay money out
of their number had promised
to as indemnity -

^{Monday} Tuesday Mr. Speichee was
at Shin Ling (Ou-Ning) too,
and we had the doubtful
pleasure of watching the great
idol procession and seeing

The face of the Mandarin ¹³ Prince
The foolishly wicked city wastes
they say, 100,000 - silver & heavy
& 50,000 U.S. gold on these few
days of festival - They had
many beautiful banners and
canopies carried through the
streets. There were a lot of
paper covered dragons with
young girls sitting on them
& a lot of theatrical actors,
mostly men made up as women
sweeping through the streets
& talking a lot of nonsense
& this is their worship! That
was the sad part of it -

The Mandarin had agreed to
meet Mr. Speicher at the ^{friend} shop when we visited but ~~that~~
to excuse himself & make Mr.
S. go to him by sending word

the road was too crowded. he ¹⁴
could not pass The Eastern Gate.
He did horrors & made the call,
invited us to dine with him.
which we did to my great un-
business. Mr. Speicher at Ket-
Yang has become used to such
functions but they are a burden
to me yet. He is a little
thin man with a limp & gnu-
milious to a degree. He is of a
family that stands high in
official and literary circles -
He has 9 sons I understood, -
the 8th a fat youth of 8 yrs
was running about the recep-
tion room. He had some
very pretty drinking cups -
Carved coconut shell and
painted & silver dessert spoons,
ivory chop sticks - I manag-
ed the shark's fins and other

dilemmas I mastered but came
near being overcome by the dump
lings.

After a long and fruitless dis-
cussion of some long standing
troubles it was past midnight
when I went out over the muddy
paths to the boat that had
been my home since reaching
the city, & set out for K'it-Yang.
When I met Mr. Speicher, took
tiffin with him & boarded the
afternoon launch.

From Wednesday evening when I
reached Kak-Chieh till I left
Friday noon it was a most
busy all day tap till mid-
night.

A. Khai, the young
business man from Tân Lê²
was in with deed to the
newly acquired place for wor-
ship in that important center
of 10000 souls.

They raised 700 - a very few of ¹⁶
them and I gave \$160 - from the
Aunt Abby White fund.

I wrote some time ago of the
triumphant death of A-Mi -
one of the recent converts in
that town - the wife of one
of the older members, A-Tu, also
had died a life-long bitter
heathen opposing her husband -

A-Mi's little son fell ill -
his mother heard him saying

"There are the angels with
lamps - - to take me away!"
"I see Father up there; there
is fruit he is eating, his face
is smiling, he is waiting for
me - I see A-Tu's wife -
her face (Hāng Hāng) all
grim & woe - she is down there
not when my father is" -

'And the "brethren were greatly" ^{14.}
comforted by his words" they
added. I wish they would
also be more apprised to the
awful condition of the lost
multitudes about them by
such startling visions -

Friday I had the pleasure of
the company of Mr. Grundo-
McKenzie on the launch to
Kit Yang. we had a very
pleasant evening with Mr.
Spicher and enjoyed some
recent additions to the reper-
toire of the Phonograph -

(This was written crossing the
bay - waves high & water
splashing on the paper so
it was pulpy)

Mr. Mack. I took the same ¹⁸
boat, one belonging a Kit Yang
brother, formerly Mr. Spence's
steersman, to Sun-Chin, where
his pony and burden carriers
met him & then back to Nam-
Khai - Hak-kin I made
calls and preached at several
villages till after one o'clock
I was sorely suffering from
a little cold I slept most of
the afternoon & then called on a
met-to-do young lumber mer-
chant who is a case of the
good seed falling on stony
ground ^{among} or thorns or both -

He admits all you say and
that he has no peace of mind
but does not yield - We agreed to
join in prayer for him.

Sunday was a good day, the
largest congregation the cur-
rent Chinese fear and attraction.

I preached from Paul c. 19
Lupton, especially dwelling on the
"true living God". Contrasting the
false dead gods they worship
here with the Lord Almighty
the living God, the Creator of all
living things and who can restore
to new life the dead.

There were three cases of discipline
one brother is teaching a heathen
school. 3 brethren were deputed
to exhort him. another has
married a wife therefore cannot
come, rather he is taken into
her family and has no voice
in family ^{except to obey} affairs. - The was ex-
cluded: and old man who joined
the Church in June has not
been attending service for a
long time and has also mixed
a little with ancestral worship.
Some were in favor of exclu-
sion, but two brethren were

went upon him at his little²⁰
Ang spot: he came back
with them, expressed his reali-
zation that he had sinned & asked
for forgiveness & for our prayers.
He was at Communion with us.

It is now Monday noon June
3rd. I am at my desk again -
Mr. came down last night to
Kityang. I took the launch
this morning. had a very quick
trip - three hours, but it took
another hour to get a boat and
row across the bay -

The day is a glorious one
sun is hot but the East
wind delightfully cool.

Tuesday June 4th to Sat^y the 12th 21

This has been a busy & trying week. A cold caught at Ket-Yung last Friday evening has both-ered me more or less & there have been numerous Mission compli-cations to bother me. On the Island of Samoa the people were too urgent in collecting an overdue subscription & the recalcitrant subscribers joined the Catholics & got a number of them to come & have it out with those who denuded him. Most foolishly our people fell into the trap & had words with them & came to blows - The Priest appeared as prosecutor & tho' the Magistrate & the Islanders all favor our

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Church it is likely to go hard
with them. I do not know that
any church members were in the
quarrel, but a number of at-
tendants were. I hope this will
be a lesson to them.

We have had the classes regularly
this week & explained the model
of the Tabernacle which is very
useful.

Yesterday He Khui - Kie men ap-
peared with A-Hong & brought
\$300 - of their debt to the English
Consul, they gave a note for the
balance. They wish to have a
Prayer meeting room opened at
their village. I told Hak-See
last night to go in there.

We had some ice-cream yesterday
all were invited by the Gombeks -

It is a great blessing to have²³
an ice factory near by; they
only charge 1¢ U.S. per lb -

Friday I officiated at another
wedding - A-Wong's boy & Iain
who married a girl from
Go-Chhan, a nice looking
girl too. I hope she will
become a Christian.

Sunday June 9th

To-day I have stayed in all
day. Dr. Laying is treating me
for my cold and advised my
keeping quiet. + I have read
Dr. Gordon's life again. A
constant source of inspiration,
wonderfully blessed and wonder-
fully used he was.

Last night I was up till ²⁴
11 - Examining into the case of
a theft from the trunk of a
medical student - A Hawai
the young man who was put
in prison at Chao Yang two
years ago & since has been
~~discharged~~ dismissed from the
Church, was here & suspected
I found there was a clear
alibi for him & let him go to-
day after exhortation & prayer
together. He seemed touched.
Mr. Waters reports the services
to day as unusually good -
I believe there are better days
in store for us spiritually