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Tuesday, May 14th, - 60
Still hot. Chinese in the fore-
noon. In the afternoon I spent
some time preparing a Bible
reading for prayer meeting.
At 3 we went to Double Island
as the tide will not be right
in a few days for going down,
boating & getting back in the
evening. We have had a good
sail before both pleasant
evening with all the mission
people together - & at the island we
had some good opportunities
to talk with a crowd of people
from Phow-lang district (Pu-
ning on move) who came to
worship An-Ta at the temple.
Going to the rates returning
Claire & I had very good chance
to talk with one or two of the Mission
excellent listeners & Clara 61 says some of the moments as well. Wednesday May 15th 1889

Hot. I must sew on in the

afternoon at B's request

so my night all time be

there & some one be talking all

the time. A great many came

& some my good listeners

others more inclined to talk or

a few to argue. I was much

interested in some of them & a

young man who had been sitting

at one side nodding his head. He

said 'Teacher, my father

says not to worship God. It

is not good, shall I ought to

to listen to him?' I asked

him who was the father of his

spirit. He was the highway

yer to obey. Yet the word was

called away by a young
Man of the Customs outdoor staff who had been in before to get directed to the abode of a European who he said was near by, said to be dying, I got a guide for him. The man was back to tell me the man was better. He seemed to need medical aid and anything we could do for him in a missionary way would be acceptable. I went to call. Learned from the boys that the man had been a hard drinker - I found him up one flight in a neat room with tiled floor. Upper central room fitted as a school room, where he taught English. He is a slight, pale man short with a wonderful growth of Auburn hair. Neat in appearance but evidently a man whose strength is not in talking a little lower he
told me of a sudden severe illness that he was saved by prayer. He thought his last hour was come the prayer with all his strength the Lord heard and saved him. He speaks most sincerely has evidently led a well disciplined life. But says this sickness has brought him to his bearings. He has some cranky notions but seems to have the worst of the matter in him. He is a friend of Mr. Sage in N.C. whom I shall interview. Mr. had prayer together before left and sent him newspaper of Moody's in the afternoon. Mr. had prayer meeting in the evening 5 of our mission. Mrs. Arquhart, Mrs. Sidford daughter about 12 I guessness a Miss Stevenson. I led reading Zechariah 3:11 11-29.
The figure of the tent. The promise of Noah. Abraham called forth a dweller in tent - the easy, beautiful, patriarchal life - then God dwelling among the israels in the Tent of the Congregation as the Patriarch among his people - the Christ in the tent of the flesh - officially the tent that shall not be removed in the future when "the tent of God shall frame men". I was glad to hear Mrs. Arundell say that my sermon Sunday was of special interest to her because at home they always sang the 118th Psalm at Communion - it brightened before her eyes all the old church memories faces of those who used to meet there - many of them now in the formerly Mr. C.
trump from St. Jel. saw the Barons about his house up country. He lived for one year. The people there are wild & threaten dire vengeance on the men who rented the house. He is also in trouble about the Howells' teacher who turns out to be an opium smoker as I at first thought him to be. & they think he stole 4/50 from the Campbells' cook Tuesday night.

Thursday May 16 8 P.M.

Nutter's 86° in his P. I's study at noon. The sun pouring down tremendously. shadows all under your umbrella, almost under your hat. I am putting out my reading acts with L. H. finished 8 chapters to-day. He told me that my speech is "plain." I hope it may increase. Poor good audience to-day in Swatow. Yesterday I omitted to write that our mail came.
A good letter from Father—66 paper fell time. glad to hear from the Watchman.

made an interesting discovery to-day in language. the common expression for anything that is profitless is "no count" is "to iâ"—which means literally "no shadow" i.e., not enough substance to cast a shadow. it is warm, I am very thinly dressed than my sleeves rolled up, my elbows — but the little frizzing drops of perspiration on my hand make it glisten as if sprinkled with silver dust.

Friday — May 17th

"Chant fugaces" — it seems past a day or two since Friday last. Clara has been writing home to mother. I have been finishing a letter to the spring Lake Mick, Ch. & S. School who sent me a contribution.
I am getting quite fast in reading Acts— and am putting in most all my time in that way. Hyatt meeting led by Mr. P. Who read Pts. 23—

Saturday May 18th.

Reading in the forenoon. Mr. Norwell came up unexpectedly at noon and dined with us. They are still in trouble about the thief. He has also heard word from Boston that he has been assigned to this work instead of to the H ak-Kas as Dr. M. first wrote—quite a complication. We all went back with him to the old Mr. Ch appes going. I read papers most of the way. We had a fine boat and a pleasant social evening but could not get home till very late.
late on account of the tide.  

Sunday. May 19th.

Cooked. After A.M. Service.
Closed (I accompanied the Elder of J. H. to Swanton. I have been
enjoyed as long a crowd nor heard two of the preachers speak
with so much force. 2:45 p.m.

Just being the young man take
the foolish rich man. Ps. 49.10

Rom. 1: 18 — I talked to quite
a no. after service. But
was obliged to leave as rain
threatened our boat was away
up at the E. D. mission so we
had a long walk in the drv-
ing rain. Fortunately we had
shawls so did not need the
coat. After we got on the boat,
it was a rough passage.
The Elder did not come to
rough for him. After dinner
we both slept to make up for
late hours the night before. I
did not go to P. I. Line today.
At 5:30 we called upon
Miss Fales with the P.S. to
Consult on Invasion matters.
Miss F. is not well. But
I hope the Island soup
Case will help her get through
the summer comfortably.

I had a quiet evening
reading papers.

Monday May 20th.

Our mail was brought in before
Breakfast— A ship came in
late last evening on unusual
occurrence. Two nice horse
letters one from Mother telling of
Mrs. Tallmire & the Italian—

the other interesting news from
Feather stating that my
Articles had been published—

2nd Aspin of the Garden—

Rule, except you was just about
Sending me home when one
Around there which Clara has
put Rome as it has 10 nearly traveled as far around the Earth. The Hatchman has not yet appeared—April is the last week. To-day I had a call from the Elder who is giving me a new block out for the Acts xvii v.16 leaflet in the City. He has a copy of the new Orangemen's Proclamation. L. H. is to translate it to me this week. I shall write it here, but if it may not be suitable for public reading at home, but I want a copy you will put it into shape for printing. It can get up an article on an Oriental form or something of the sort.

Mr. I expect between 2½ & 3 hrs on the proclama-
tion this P. M. It is quite interesting. I am almost writing a letter to Dr. Johnson.
Tuesday - May 31st - 71
Cloudy & Comfortable. I received a letter from Mr. Campbell very early and Mr. P. Clarot dropped down to the Island to see Mr. Kerr & ascertains definitely if they are coming to this work according to the last letter from Boston or intend to stay with the H. K. Mission. The folks in Boston overlooked writing them definitely for some time, & after writing that they should go to the H. Work, afterwards changed and appointed them to the China. But they have decided to get another teacher and continue until more definite reports come - as the change was probably made in view of the prospect of Mr. P. is early return. Now he is so much better he feels like staying till 91.

Wednesday - May 31st - 71
A heavy rain in the forenoon.
Traveled to Hangchow.

We had a good meeting in the evening at Miss Wildes'. The lady, lady and Mrs. Atkin who is here, Mrs. P. and Banying got the first prayer meeting in Jerusalem after the Lord's death. No one was present. They have come up from the island. The Campbells come next week. The N.s took supper with us. We had a pleasant social time. Thursday, May 23rd.

A comfortable, but uneventful day. Writing in the forenoon & Chinese with Mrs. Partridge's teacher in the afternoon. I took a short nap after that. Then tea. Chihmin's man came over to get some books. I went to Shanghai for scientific roller books for him. This time 12 1/2 is worth. He has ordered about $25 worth this year. This would make at least $200 for a home dealer. Miss F.
had charge of this 
asked me to 
take it this year. I took a 
short pull in the little boat 
which is still here. Clara 
got to Go-Chhain to-day with 
Chin-Po. It did not have very 
good listeners; a theater was in 
progress and all the people were 
very indifferent. The mosqui 
toes on Po had this evening I 
have put my feet in a pillow 
case to protect my ankles. 

Friday - May 24th. -

Rainy again - did some work in 
my study in the forenoon & had 
Mr. P.'s teacher in the P.M. had 
a long talk with him about our 
Baptist affairs at home and after 
reading Acts XX - talked with him 
about his preaching in Swatow 
Sunday. His subject was prayer 
but had not 'taught' a text.
I suggested that he expound the Lord's Prayer, and referred him also to Solomon's prayer II Chron. VI. Mr. Howell came in at about 5 o'clock. We had a game of "bean bags" on the front verandah. Miss Field came in to read us an article on Confucius. She has written very good - only I was a bit disappointed in her conclusion. When she gave her opinion as to the failure of Confucius-ism as a system to produce moral men. It is a valuable article - the fruit of much gleaning.

He had good prayer-meeting in the evening.

Siao-Ting (father of Lung-Hung and Lung Kian) was sent for during the day to go strong with a man in Swatow who was troubled with evil spirits. He had called on -
Chapters. But they failed to 
examine the troubles. S. J. was 
absent. But when he arrived
He found the man had set up a
Shrine upon his idols. The official
told him to pull down the temple in
the Commissioners' Yard, which
was built, I was told, but the
stone only put in repair, by
Goodrich, the last incumbent.
the Nantucket man who claims
to have a marriage certificate for
Mr. M. Sidford told me Monday
evening he would look it
up. It seemed to him it to be
government property, so he was
not able to remove it without con-
sulting the Inspector Gen'l (the "I. G.
I. as he recalled), Sir. Natl. Hart.
But Mr. J. is going to close
up the temple as he says.
Saturday-May 23rd, 76

Still rainy - Hong also surprised me by appearing to-day. The first good opportunities to French in the villages they have visited.

A remarkable story comes from Khoi Khoi. - The wife of Chin Sian, first grandson of Kinh covariance supposed to be dead, but after two or three days up, a vision was to pray for her that her soul might not be lost...

A Thong brought this account from there. Last Sunday, the Christians were much rejoiced at this proof of the genuineness of the faith. - Mr. H. had a call from Mr. Wingate former Consul of Foochow - a graduate of Bernalin - very affable.
A very rapid talker is Mr. J.J. Wingate; he is retiring to live on his farm in New Hampshire near Exeter. I have been quietly in the house to-day; the foliage is beautiful after the rains.

Sunday, May 26

Cloudy. I wore a light overcoat in church. Rainy. Thermometer at 68°. We hope the Chins will not suffer but if heat comes on suddenly there is danger they will. Mr. Partridge preached in the morning on the sin of lying; its punishment in the Scriptures. He took the subject in a most sense so as to use Adam, Achan, Ammias as an alliteration answer aptly applying—a sabbatical run out of case.

In the afternoon he preached from Mark III: 35. Brazen toward night, Mrs. P. had a bad cold; not out.
Monday May 27th

Not quite so cool, a pleasant day mostly given to Chinese. Mrs. O.'s cold seems to be better.

I spent the evening with them. Tuesday May 28th

A trifle warmer. In the forenoon I dictated a letter to Hong to be sent to the churches to have a contribution made for the famine sufferers in the North. Rather late. I have been waiting to see if something would not be done in regard to the matter I tentatively proposed to Mr. D. that at the 4th Sunday of next month a collection be taken. Events that time then will to doubtless some who will welcome aid, if it will do the church good to give.