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Another volume begun. On board the houseboat. I hurried through matters at home. Got my home mail. Finished Sunday letters to other places. Besides calling upon some of the people I entertain the Ashmun family at tiffin.

Nothing of any moment has transpired since I left. Clara and the babies are looking very well. Jay is walking about bravely and looks rosy though O. says he has been coughing badly. Anna is full of life as ever. She came down with her mother to bid me good-bye at the landing. I left at 3 o'clock but did not take the 4:15 boat because the cook did not get there in time. While waiting I talked with the men who conveyed about 7 tons.
John is busy getting off his mail so I have not the last page for him. Ann Eddy has not time to write from her either so let me add my best wishes for a happy new year to you dear ones. Much love from your family,

Sincerely,

Claire
a few Calendars I had with me. My fellow voyager of yesterday Mr. A-Khim was on board & we talked most of the way in the Launch & on a small boat I took for a mile or two. He says he does not believe much in Huanghway, believes he has succeeded by learning how to do things, being diligent & prudent, having but one wife, avoiding places of ill-repute shutting opium alone. He is a shrewd observing man & has some very good ideas. He began as a poor boy at 13 yrs of age to make his way, learned ship carpentering, became later a contractor for house building. I shored so much general knowledge while building
The Sugar Refinery (shown in pictures from Compound) that the agent of Jardine Matheson Co. took a notion to him to act as their "Compound", i.e., Cashier & Tooter - all business with the Chinese passes through his hands. He was able to give $20,000 security but declined to get another $20,000, for cause he would have to give half his profits to a bondsman. After 2 or 3 years this money was returned to him. He is a bold far-seeing investor than large tracts of land he has reclaimed by means of dikes. He put $18,000 into this steam-launched venture then built 32 small boats to carry passengers from the wharf into the city of Chao Yang also opened a shop for selling steam-coal, fertilizers near their pier in Kiel Yang. Soon he
say others will open shops &
their too, the business is "tram".
he transfers Chinese ideas into
his English. "E. Eden Co. is the larg-
est contractor in Swatow - one house
the 8. Island house was built by
him also 2 of our China boats. He
has a sailing vessel now unloading
a cargo of logs he bought in Foo-
chow, a younger bro. has a mill
or two for pressing rice cakes &
tracting the oil. All three are vir-
tually in partnership. I imagine. They
own scores of shops in Swatow.
They are interested in a system of
Waterworks & in the proposed
railway but the time is not ripe
yet for them. A-Khîm was looking
for a steam dredge in Hong Kong.
He must begin soon to prepare
for running a line of steamers up to Chao Chow. Tin or his char-ter will explain. If they open the line probably they will run boats as far as Samut-Po. He says, which will mean much for Mission work there.

Saturday, Dec. 18th.

We passed under Hia Phing Bridge at about 7 A.M., waited for the tide & then the merchant sail. Homeward to Nui Sin. Reaching the city at Sundown. It was not good for much all day. Did little but sleep. Read a bit in the papers. Had a pleasant interview with the preachers & discussed their work the past few weeks. The prospect for closing her next month.

I prepared for Sunday dinner feeling a cold.
Sunday Dec 15th

This morning I walked to the "Sapa" train 3/4 miles, marched at the front from service in Luke 3:14. Also led A.M. service on second Communion. Am very glad that they agreed to join in the study of Mark next year. All the chapels in my field are planning the Congregations have voted to follow the Girls School in reading the lessons marked out. They also voted to pay the expenses of rebinding a lot of books at the Chapek.

I walked back after P.M. service, have been at evening worship still quite fresh yet but am chilly. The air is cold and piercing.
Monday. Dec 19th

8.30 P.M. Reaching Stein Hoeng bridge again. We left Kui-Din at 8 A.M. & were obliged to wait just below because the tide turned & the wind would be contrary for quite a distance. The boat "Hope" is accompanying us. One of our men went below now the craft. The boats need to be "Docked", the bottoms scraped, painted with coal tar at least once in 3 mos.

I have noted much to do today.

Tuesday Dec 20th

By 7 A.M. at Chao Yang met a boat in a small boat & went ahead. The mud walked 5 miles & took the 10.35 steamer reached home 11 o'clock. All well, nearly my body home.
I have been busy arranging for the Sunday School exercise Christmas day. For work next week next month. Heineken has been in & we have discussed a diagram for illustrating the Contract in Gen 1:1-3 and Rom. 1.

Wednesday Dec 21-

A quiet day here, various employments, Conferences regarding future work. Prayer meeting at 3 A.M. led by Mr. A. Jr.

Thursday Dec 22d-

John is toddling about every where now. He understands a deal that is said to him. He came in to my study & began to throw some pamphlets on to the floor. I told him to pick them up, he did at once begin to put them
back. He is full of smiles & enjoys himself hugely; until something comes up to cross his face seriously when he is likely to lift up his voice in protest— but for falls & bumps he cries very little.

My time gets very much broken up in some way but I am doing a little toward closing up my year's work. I called in the afternoon at the Hill mansion on account of young Mrs. Richardson, who is just out from London.

Friday—Dec. 23rd—

I went to Swatow in the morning—Clara, Miss Dunwoodie & A. K. ("Dred") went to call upon some sisters in Swatow, who do not attend mosulah regularly— I made arrangements with Bradley & Co.'s Com—
fromor to send money over to her some when I want it. He agrees to do so. I send a check to the firm requesting that the funds to start I be will despatch a man with it only charging me 20£ therefor.

In the P.M. I was at Dr. Ashman's asking him about some matters. Chhiáng Sūi, the young man who made so much trouble 3 yrs. ago came to show his desire to return. Dr. A wished me to stay on and had a long conference. I found out some time since that he had put a lot of gambled accounts of events of 3 yrs. ago into a Church record book. Mr. brought these up to him. He admitted they should not be there. But his desire to confess I from is a desire today as little as possible. Thee's deflection that
stated out, I have only 2 yrs 11
ago had about broken up. This
a sad history.

Saturday.

Mr. Seymours our Consul called in
the forenoon. We enjoyed meeting him.
He is from Burlington. VT. is a genial
man, much of the politician in
his manner. Clara has done a
great deal about moments in
getting all Annie's Dolls. Her doll's
bed, horse, sled etc. furnished
with what we had in the house,
and a little more got up a nice little
Christmas tree for the dining room.
The children were both invited
to a Christmas party at the Hills.
But Anna could not go as she
had a cold and could not dare
her to go out.
Jay met the nurse n-12 reported that he was a good boy.

Sent down a present. Anna a nice doll & Jay a white fur monkey that will throw any amount of throwing about.

Miss Scott & Miss Dunneidie came in after supper. Helped decorate the little tree.

I had an invitation to read the Christmas Service but wrote Mr. Hill that I was not used to the English Service & thought a Cayman accustomed to it would give better satisfaction. I read it once on this board & would never have to read it again.
Sunday Dec. 25th

"Wishing you a Happy Christmas"
is the legend this year, as the
day comes on Sunday. Moheda
good 9 o'clock service. Sermon
by Dr. Heng Jr. John 1:14. he was
in to talk it over with me the
day before. During the service I'd
a pleasant note from Mr. Hill
saying that Dr. Lyall had volunteered
to read at English Chapel, which I
was glad to have.

Clara did not go out but stayed
at home with Anna, who was much
better but not well. She enjoyed having
her dolls and other toys, including
part of a set of tin dishes I got
in Hong Kong. I got a nice little
pocket Testament and beautiful
Christmas plate that came from Japan.
I had given Clara a chair, 1/4
rattan. I for the house celebrated by
getting cloth for a pretty but inser-
pensive curtain to hang upon a
portal in our hall so as to make
a sitting room of a part of it.

Cutting off a part of the longer por-
tion makes quite a homelike little
room: the only fireplace in the
house faces the front door so the
only way to sit by your fire
side in privacy is to be contain-
ed off.

The Sunday School concert
in the P.M. passed off well
the children spoke excellently
Dr. A. made a good address.
Joe stood up on a little Tabbamby
tried to emulate the Doctor by lifting up his voice ostentatiously as Dr. A. became emphatic. He was able to quiet him but was obliged to take him out. Anna was also present but she in Clara's lot as kept quiet.

In the evening our usual Sunday evening service was held in our new little Drawing room. It is a cozy home place; the eleven present could be seated comfortably with the little organ brought in; yet there was room for 2 or 3 more. Dr. A. spoke on "faith as a source of knowledge," based on Heb. 11. It was good as all he says usually is.


An extremely busy day. Our household came and also Campbells from Rio. Being, the first we heard of the party of 4 who left here Dec. 18 having arrived. They were 14 days on the way a trip that can sometimes be made in a week as the water is low. Now it is a tedious journey. The thermometer stood at 37° which is very cold for here.
Sunday Dec. 27th. 16

More mail from the Campbells to-day & consequently more writing & treasury work. They all will. Clara & I meet to-morrow that P.M. I had several rounds on called at the E. P. Mission, met Dr. Constable reading a letter from his lady love, a Miss Harrington who is in Singapore can not get away to be married for a year. Mr. Hynd was not here & invited us to supper then to-morn or some other day this week. Mr. may go Friday.

The service to-day has passed off quietly. The Students class made a fine showing. 9 of them spoke this morning & 9 this afternoon. I sent off my home letters to-day.
Wednesday Dec 28th

Dr. Layng's Children "gif a barty" to Day & Amnerous invited. Came back hungry with a doll, a horse, a goose & a presents basket - 2 for herself & 2 for Day & Junior.

Our Exercises go on with usual regularity & there seems to be a good spirit among the Chinese.

Thursday Dec 29th

This attending service at 7 A.M.
10 A.M. - 2 & 4 P.M. with the time between filled up with Chinese consultations, writing or Mission duties makes full days. Stay at home from, or a part of the occasionally. Clara is having an easier time as Miss Dimmendorfer & Miss Scott &

...the Bible Women...
leaving her the Class here is in the Compound. Miss Scott will work in the part of the field North of the South Branch of the Kehk Yang River. Miss Grewedie is in those South of that Stream; they are just about as many Bible women from one side as from the other. The relations is about the same.

Friday Dec. 30th

Reports from the native helpers at 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.; many cheering testimonies. Taking all together, Clara sworn to go to Dr. Lyle's to try before the bar and the evening hit poor Anna here with sickness after Maloria Dr. J. calls it or C. C. Credent
go, I was very sorry. As 19 she has not had such amusing in some time. Day keeps very well. is the picture of health. Plump Freddy. Has many admirers among the Chinese & people in the post. He seems to be a very affectionate little fellow & is sensitive too. He & Anna are gaining fond of each other. But while she is ticklish she does not like him to do "monstrous" & calls out "Mr. Baby, I don't want No. So, my Baby, I don't want you," which rather puzzles him that he takes it philosophically.

I went to a film show & then at the Co. met Mrs. Mrs. Gibson, who are just back from abroad improved by that. Stay as long.
The last day of the year. It was celebrated here in the Community by a grand St. Andrews Ball last night at the Club. Everybody except the missionaries were much interested in it. It was one of the rare social occasions when all classes meet together. The outdoor staff of the Customs, the Mechanics, families, were invited as well as the indoor staff and the merchants. Most of the people in the port are Scotch, and this is an occasion much made of by them.

With us it was another full day. Many little affairs took up my morning. Seeing different native helpers and arranging with them about their work etc. Dr. Partridge was in for quite a while getting some Chinese books preparatory to his planned trip up to Peking in a week or two. Mrs. P. has taken quite a severe cold which is confining her to the house. Clara had her weekly prayer meeting at 10 o'clock. "Auntie Scott" coming to stay and Miss Scott, Anna while she was away, the fever still continued this day, but was not as high. Anna was feeling brighter and better than the day before.
At the prayer meeting there were the usual requests for prayers from the many never any long pauses or lagging at our Chinese prayer meetings. About 50 were present. They are always interesting meetings. Any good sister—a bright young woman from Hsin, where I go next week, got up and said she was raising two nice fat pigs but one of them "Siang ti ti o ting kiu" (God had called back) and the other one was sick. Would we pray that he be spared her. They certainly make their religion very practicable in that they bring in all their domestic affairs in a way that strikes us as rather amusing sometimes.

In the afternoon was the usual long church meeting from 2-4 P.M. 15 Candidates applied for baptism. 6 of them boys from the Boarding School; 2 women from the class. 4 of the most interesting experiences were given by men from Yang Chou.

Spent some time preparing for the sermon I was to preach tomorrow morning. And had some of the brethren in helping them with work they had to do. Saw the old peacout in a sound sleep.
Sunday, Jan 1st. 1873.

A bright Happy New Year to you. May it be full of rich blessings for you both.

At the 7 o'clock meeting this morning 8 of the candidates for baptism were accepted, prayer was offered & some passages on the resurrection read.

At the 10 o'clock service Dr. A. led the Praise meeting, in which a large no. got up and testified within a few moments. Then he spoke of the Chinese in America, of some who had been converted & were doing noble work for the Master. I then preached from Luke 10:42, dividing it in 3 parts—

1. Good which can be taken away,
2. Good which cannot
   "             "
   "             "
   "             Fits 
Hoping this good part we should do that which is good. The Antithesis is better expressed in Chinese than in Eng. Several spoke to me about the fluency with which I spoke, but I did not have the action and freedom which I like to have in speaking. Good attention was given me by the audience. After this we went to the baptismal pool where Mr. Ashmore baptized. It was after 12 o'clock when we got back home.
Dr. P. had charge of the communion service in the afternoon.
Anna seems to be improving slowly, but is still far from being well. She has come fever today, but less than yesterday.

Monday, Jan 21st:

Mail for China—good letters from home also from Mr. Bobbitt. I left him about my books for pantings for going away.

Tuesday, Jan 22nd:

Nearly my whole forenoon was taken up with tracing work. Dr. Carlin & Dr. Scott & Mrs. Hunsicker were all in to get my dinner. Then just he's the rule of
Exchange for last year 24.

Had much figuring to get all the personal accounts made out. I remained at home in the P.M. I Clara went to town, attending the \footnote{F}during the week of prayer. 

Wednesday, January 4.

Finished testing my quarterly accounts. Letter to Mr. Mrs. Bank \&c. Inquiring statement from several telegraphs. I attended the lot of little matters. In the evening must turn A to & consult about plans of work for next year. Clara helped write the letter of my journal.
Anna had a much better day, was out running around like a merry as a Cricket.

Edith Ashman was in during the afternoon & Anna was very happy with her for a long time.

Before supper too, after the lamps were lighted she & Jay were having a jolly romp. Dr. Miss Scott called a few moments then; they both then for Ann. Bow. Thu. A.M. & Mr. A. Jr. goes for the vigil about Khok-Khooi. Miss Furness had already gone in the "Grace" to the Kirk Yang district.

Thursday 15th.

I left home a little after 9 A.M. to catch the 9.35 boat for Chao Yang.

After going several rounds in Swatow I had time to wait at the landing. A. Mi
was then with calendars and books. I joined him & we had a good & audience as large as we were obliged to move on as the road was blocked. Again at one side standing near the water a crowd gathered & listened till the steamer whistled the second time. I must needs go. I now bought books & more calendars. He says the evening audiences at the chapel are large & quiet. The people staying late. I note a note to Dr. A. asking of my help. Cannot be sent then. The launch was crowded, having a "cabin passage." I slept for a chair from that lower region & took a room to place it among baskets, bundles & Chinese. I did not try to get into conversation as my nearest neighbors was entirely returning from the examination at Chaos Chows. I think they are not profitable lectures. I read Dr. A.'s "From everlasting to everlasting, a little in my pocket Testament."
Nearing the end of the journey they began remarking on the thickness of my clothing &c, one asked as is commonly done "A month you eat, how many dishes silver?" (ie: what is your income? or what your expenses of living?) He added "You are in business here, are you not?" which gave an opportunity to tell him that foreigners for of these parts - business men, official, & master of the doctor the latter are not how to make money. An old man asked "Why do you not read Confucius's books?" which I explained we did that a Christian teacher had done what no Chinese man had ever done, translated them into another language; further more recognize the good in his teaching. But, it's pity, his disciples don't follow them out. He admitted the change must to reflect...
that I read my books about 12
how to find silver & iron & other things
in the hills. I told him I had such
books but this was one Holy Book.
I had some leaflets in my pocket &
on producing them had a great
claim for them, might have given
away a hundred. They are small
and Dr. A. has recently prepared
passages of Scripture in colloquial.
We have had a good run this far.
Yark 6 miles above Hoen Phong.
Mish I knew how they are at home.
Anna was not so well this morning
but when I kissed them good by the
two were most contentedly playing together
in the nursery.
A great Exodus these few days. Last
week our whole fleet was moved
together. 2 Piroche's boats, 4 house boats
of the "Samhun". The 2 native boats left
Thursday. 2 house boats yesterday & 2 to
today. I used the Samhun to go over to
Shawor this morning.
I read a little in Genesis this A.M. and impressed with the fact that the work of the First Day & the Last Day are the same. "God divided the light from the darkness" & at the last He will make the permanent division between the Children of light & the Children of darkness.

Friday, Jan'y 6th.

At noon we are within 5 miles of Kiu-siu by water; half a mile back are 200 ft. & a mile from that city in a straight line; but the mound up of this stream are tantalizing.

The day is warmer. I have been studying Chinese. Genesis Colloquial.

Fie looking over some articles in the edition of The Encyclopaedia Brittanica in box we carry I got from Chicago for 0.25 (U.S.) post paid. It is not my full but is fame use for reference.
8.30 P.M. at Khin Sin 30

The two teachers are here and two pupils, one man has called to say he will be on hand Monday. We are getting ready, buying cooking utensils and other needed implements. I have sent my two boatmen back. Keck only one man besides the steersman. The preacher's boat, "Hope," is here and the teachers Long Teng, Pang Song sleek reat there. If two thirds of the men who declared their intention of coming actually appear, several must live on the boat with them.

Saturday - January 6th

Mr. Reed worship at the Chapel return 9.10 o'clock - a man is there "boating cotton" for filling a cornet which delayed us a little. Starting, but he lived ahead of the bow and sat quietly. As we rose after prayer I was pleasantly surprised to see the young school teacher I met at Khin-

Long 11 Nov 1904 at Kau Tam in this...
own village 2 mos. ago. I invited him to come here but had little faith that he would appear. Whether he will stay to study or not remains to be seen but he is here. I intimated to P'ing Sing that he desired to read our "Holy Books." May the Lord lead him fully into the light. Make him a blessing to his people.

Saty evening - I studied one sermon for to-morn's fr. Heb. 11:3

I suggested an outline for one from VIII:25 to P'ing Sing who goes with me to Hie. Also one from Rom. XIII:14 to Luang Heng who remains here. There has been a great deal of noise to-day over a new racket for the goddess "A-má." I have just been looking at it in the temple as my passet by on the way from evening worship. It is a
beautiful piece of work, rich 32 yellow stuff almost covered with gilt embroidery surmounted by a large, flashy head piece Vernon. They say it cost less than $15—but those who did the work charged very little for it as not to get merit thereby. It can be used as an illustration by way of contrast—These idolaters must make or provide for their idol-goddess a new garment. Woman go at midnight to put it on her. She can neither make it nor don it. Soon its beauty will be all dull and tarnished.

The God we worship provides for all His children a robe of spotless righteousness ineffable splendor whose glory never can be dimmed. They must provide for their goddes—Our God provides for us.
Sunday June 6th

Father's birthday - I wish the night had been mild and beautiful a day as we have enjoyed here. I left the boat before 9 o'clock with a boatman to carry my dinner basket to Pang Sui as a helper for the day. The sun was warm. I was quite met with perspiration; by continuing to make the most of my resources I managed to get my clothing dry. I did not catch cold.

Heat was a better ambiance than usual - I preached from Heb. 13:4 from 10:25 am on some subject. The afternoon service on Sunday school plan was encouraging. Nearly everybody remained. The majority eating at the chapel. They all learned the Golden Text.
all who could read did so
their best; they divided into
several classes seemed to take
a genuine interest in the service.
They are going to buy 20 of the
new hymn-books & 20 of the
lesson charts which is interesting
for them. I had opportunity to
find work & learn by a sister who
came to take boat for Swatow.

Monday, Jan. 9th,

I was at the Chapel this fore-
noon & gave them a collection
of passages on the value of the
Scriptures: this P.M. again went
to hear them read Mark first chap-
ter - 3 or 4 of them swam, and
they did ponderably.

In the forenoon I read some
Chinese with Mr. Angley this P.M.
looked over the Church Record with him. He says the Visiting teacher is threshing with questions about Cain's wife. Why light is put before the sun in order of creation. And the numerous queries that come up at home about the origin of all things. Lightening thinks he really desires to know and not simply viewing. He will live with them in the boat for a time at his stakeholders.

Tuesday January 9th

This afternoon I was at the chapel and learned them read, also took up the passages referring to Mark they were able to give quite a full version of his life so far as it is recorded. After dinner a little eating tiffin taking a walk also
practising a little on a very small organ. Lühtenberg came & I read several chapters of colloquial with him; talked about Church matters with him, got some valuable information. What I really do, asked about my sermon on Communion Sunday - was relieved to find that the language was not reprehensible. The Chinese admired my division of the subject only in preaching they did not get the transition quite clearly & one illustration I used puzzled them because it was not fully explained.

One reason of these defects was the lateness of the hour Dr. A. spoke longer than he expected. I felt afraid after keeping them too long; but I think I should not have made a transition that would have been right for an American audience whereas here our scholars state mortally
When our head is completed the discussion of the next begins. I took a walk through a small and came on the way.

I am sorry to find that the man who had charge of getting the blocks printing the new hymn book was very careless and a lot of mistakes were made. I wrote a letter to him, lime stock printing till the errors can be removed.

Two brethren from Buna Child River today came in this afternoon; only one of the latter stays now. But another Pong Sen's brother intends to come again in a few days.

I had a very pleasant meeting this evening—tang "Come, thou font of every blessing."—had Luke 17:14 to 22. I spoke briefly upon the passage dwelling on the captivity of the children of Satan, and the blindness of the heart. Which Christ
Comes to take away—

Mr. Song Kim expressed his thankfulness that he had been blessed in working a field no one had touched because it was believed to be haunted; he got a good crop from it; another brother was becoming very friendly to Christianity another that a year or two ago he knew nothing of the truth had the privilege of coming near with his boy and reading the Bible. Long Heng prayed in song a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

In the conversation that followed Mr. Song Kim gave a most vivid recital of his trials when his wife was a medium; he wanted to be rid of the "demon" and started to see some teachers reputed able to dispossess of such things, but when he went to get his hat she would not let him have it.
a trance seized a Knife from him. Off again he got his mother-in-law to help, but the woman again went into a trance and drove her mother out of the house. He went to Kuk Chieh and asked some of the brethren then what "way" in kind of treating such cases they could tell him to pray the Lord Jesus to cast out the demon. He went home (I remember he met with me in this boat) I found a lot of women waiting to inquire of the good. He told them this was no good it was the work of devils, greatly to their disgust. He proceeded to destroy all his idols—sufere that his wife had no return of these attacks. Later he took her to Kuk Chieh, with fear trembling lest she himself over the boat. Longfing recalled meeting them. He explained the doctrines to them. The woman told
him she had a dream that a "No little while before that she was to meet a man with whom she would explain to her the truth. Our visiting school teacher listened with interest, and evidently was impressed. Wednesday the 11th.

The gentlemen last mentioned had a chapter in Mark before the class this P.M. I proceeded to give the Scriptural incidents regarding Mark, which he did very well. The others seem to be brightening up a little. They begin reading Genesis to-day.

Before supper I took a walk and fell in with a young man to whom I had given a triflet earlier in the day. He is one others had
visited the Chapel later on. Another young man with him was very friendly. He led me about and offered to show me about any time. He says that a lot of things came here in about like one “Hole.” He committed defilements until they were named away. He came to the point I gave him some books.

This evening I have been up to the Chapel. He showed them a little with “Bristol.” “Hamburg.” The young ladies wrote over the notes on large sheets of paper, giving the air only. I played the air on a diminution organ that a relative of Mrs. Van Tiek brought out. They seemed to improve a little
in gradual approaches to the 42

times. Thursday Jan 12th

This I was at the chancel again
& they seem to sing a little better.

They are improving somewhat in reading
mark but are not yet elocutionists.

The recitation from Genesis was
creditable but was a hard bug
for them. "We worried a whole night
over it" they said "they conquered the
first four days of Creation.

We began to look up passages in Scripture
regarding the nature & attributes of God &
Commenced a diagram of use of Chi-
inese Characters that may help to
put forth the works of God & the
Wickedness of man.

The teacher, Long Heng tells me,
after a day or two looking over our
books decided the style was so
dimple that in a fortnight or so he
Could master the New Testament. But after hearing a little explanation of doctrine, the relation of the two Testaments & some simple truths with hints at what he is to do. That he tried reading yesterday & being criticized by them for not bringing out the sense, he says, "Oh! it's deep," and he has gone into it more seriously. He has spoken of finding some other occupation because if a teacher does not have a shrine for the worship of Confucius he will have no scholars. So let us hope the Spirit is leading him to serious thoughts.

Friday - Jan. 13th

Raining to-night - a much needed blessing. I fear the people on attributing it to a maid's new jacket to the theater. Today's exercises have been encouraging. They are taking an interest in the work & interesting
ur perceptibly. The two eldest men from Bia Chiek the talked of going home and cutting down their corn in their stead to which I objected, for they are these younglings here was quite enough. I do not want those who are not genuinely interested in the truth. I told them it was more important for them whose hearts are opened to receive God's truth to learn all they could. Then they could teach their children. At God chose Abraham - a reference to Genesis XVIII: 18-19 seemed to settle the case & they said they would go home over Sunday. Smoke plans to come back. They nestled the 17th of the 5th day of
Creation time discussed the progress of events noted in the chapter. This afternoon’s reading of Mark the lessons bring evinced a little advance over yesterday.
The teacher comes into line. The first chapter of Genesis quite creditably. I read half a chapter in Mark. His answers to questions of his remarks indicate a growing appreciation of the truth unless I am deceived.

Then her meeting to Mr. Goodwin of the Greenwood Ch. Brooklyn; he wrote inquiring about Chinese who returned after making a profession of Christianity in America.

Saturday — January 14

Have finished the almanac. Fear he will not get as enthusiastic an impression of returned “professor” as he would.
like, but it is best to "tell the truth" and indicate dangers. There is a tendency to put the Chinese converts which simply raise their usefulness in America or in China: pride is a sad failing of the Chinaman. It is necessary too, that his motives be thoroughly examined when he applies for Church membership. No, do this here, get deceived occasionally even then, this not often now they know we never take cases to the Council. I was able to write Dr. Suyder's statement that many who come back bring new life and methods of work. Rank among their most trusted efficient workers. I have heard also from Chinese sources that our name the Canton Baptists Church stands so high is from the work's gifts of men who have been in America.
The class did well this morning. Had mastered the second chapter of Genesis. Pretty good for 3 men from 48 to 54 yrs of age.

Our old man, not a church member, knows scarcely any character but remembers what is taught him.

The north wind came up just before noon. The came down then to Si-Bé-Phon. The afternoon has been very cold. I have a button which with my large coat makes the boat quite comfortable. The historic water that has seen the snow and winds of 14 winters still holds together serves as protection from the draughts coming in about the windows. This winter I am wearing very thin gauze flannel undercoats and putting on more "layers" as the Chinese do when needed. It is far.
I do not perspire as freely in walking, can regulate the amount of clothing about my body. Thus far I have, for the first time in my life, worn cotton socks how shoes up to this the middle of January, how not yet had a bad cold. I hope I may be spared over.

Sunday Jan 15th - 5 P.m.

One of the coldest days I have experienced in the country. new raining hard. I walked 2 miles to church this afternoon. Wore my winter coat, walked fast so was comfortable. Saw that my right hand was almost numb from exposure, carrying my umbrella the last half of the way. I had my fur cape taken along. Found it a great comfort sitting with a great fire open in front of me, on tiled floor.
under me. One good old sister 47 of 82 yrs. was there. She said, "They asked me along the road: 'Do you think it's cold what you going to Singapore to-day for?' I told them it was all the more my duty to go worship The Heavenly Father; it's a good example for Christians everywhere.

A Dean was there from Khon-Khai. He brings a good report from there: he told of an interesting experience at Chhim-Thon, a large place near Chao-Yang city. He went there on a business errand as he returned home and had excellent opportunities for preaching the doctrine: one young man followed him about everywhere he went, and sought him out in the evening: he seems like a genuine seeker. His father had recently died which may have turned
his mind to serious things. He was still like the man who must go bury his father, for it seems that 10 days after a father's death the family worship once. 100 days after worship 10 times. His mother survived 7 until the 100 days were past he died. 

not see his way to give full attention to "the Doctrine." I trust he may yet come out to the first fruits of a harvest in that region when my harvest is much treaped more as yet.

This morning a man met some 15 mien walking back from Chih-huei Mt. away down in Shui-lai Dist. When they had been to worship the Goddess of Mercy they had made her to be taken to her.
Poor souls, they take a deal of pains for nought. This morning Aman spoke from John ii. 20-21. I from Heb. xi:23-25. In the afternoon he led them in reading the lesson from Mark i:16-28. Happily I reached the boat before rain set in again.

Monday January 16th.

Rain during the night. I told the steersman he must start at daylight rain or no rain. I got up early myself to see that he did. But as I pushed up the hatch over the stairw ay I was surprised to hear the crackling of ice. All the mats, all the rigging are frozen stiff! The exclamations of A Chent, the steersman more amazing. "Stand! like a stick! distressing! To go! how can..."
The last few days she has been quite well again. I was vaccinated last week. She had a bad cough last night. Her teeth are not yet through. Today we are very bright again. Sunshine has come out again. During the day it was very pleasant out of doors, but at night it was still very cold. I am up. My heart has to live to yourself. sincerely yours, A. H. Foster.
drink? rotes. ours everything this way, hands able to death. soon 'no hands no feet.' Can't travel.
No people, ongoing to suffer. I showed him a piece of sheet iron that was on top the clock-house & coated with ice. "Ah-h, that's yet worse horrid there!" He got hold of a bit of circle & exclaimed further. "Round piece like that we could take to be a jewel-
and like glass, cut that and pour to death sun." He swallowed a bit. Said - "Melts to water." He added
"When I was a boy there was ice could get it from the streams like glass. Then there was a famine, this will kill the rest wheat. This shall suffer." I am wearing 2 under & 2 overcoats with lamb & warmer still warm.

Dear Father: John got home Tuesday about 4 PM, having had a long and cold trip down, but he was feeling very well. Only that night he had a fit of indigestion and headache that made him quite miserable for a time, still he forgot about it to a great extent in the pleasure of hearing up the typewriter and putting it in running order.

I meant to write you a letter and it to go by this mail but found he could not possible make the time to do it in.

The two days here were very full, he left yesterday after breakfast at 4 p.m. He is been verygui noth repleased with his first lessons. He has written several stories on it, and likes it very much.

practice on the Remington, and is quite

have not yet tried it, and will have to try

line or keyboard for quite similar.
8.30 P.M. 2 1/2 miles above Shingpung

Afternoon I got the men not much

6th Augt. Time muddled up the
icy mats - their against a bitter North
Wind. I stayed on deck. Helped
work the boat, partly because in
another man short partly to let them
see I was ready to stand the "bitterfee"
as they call it. The wind has favored
not the greater part of the way we
have made good progress. The men
were in a good frame of mind
at night; my helping mollified
them evidently - I did not expect
when I did my first boating on
China Lake that the experience
would ever prove helpful in
China's rivers at the Antifades.
In see very few people out to-
day. The cold is for severe for
them - the frost is too severe for
them. The frost fear has done
great damage. 
Tuesday Jan 17th

Boat Po Song - 2 15 P.m - Very thankful to be here. The rain froze on the boat deck, proof against last night's wind. The wind blew fiercely against us, so the men said they could not start, but after breakfast they made an attempt: it was hard fighting for very much, the horse on the boat makes it very hard to manage in a head wind. I almost insisted, but told the two men would divide between them the wages of the man they should have had.

It must have been an hour or more going the first mile; then we were going around the island, again against the wind, making the remaining 12 miles in about 2 hours, including lowering the mast to go under the bridge. I have enjoyed the exercise & the 2 mile walk across to the steamer.
Arrived at home by 4 1/2 o'clock.

Found all quite well. Anna Fay came running up to the door to meet me. Their cheeks roseted red with the cold as much as from health. It is still very imposing to get this home warm in such weather.

Wednesday family.

I love the typewriter setup. It is a beauty. The room as it is wired, a bit of the types all well in printing form. I am sure it will be a splendid machine for work. The double font of large and small letters is a great improvement over the Remington I think.

I was busy with Sunday matters this forenoon. In the afternoon went to Katrina's and talked a lot.
If matters re-called on Mr. Breeat &
who is at Dr. Lyalls for a time, requiri-
Surgical operation, cause similar to the trouble Mr. Gault had.
This evening it was my turn to lead
the prayer-meeting. I took some passage
I had been studying in which I spoke
It was a good meeting -

The cold continues but is
not so intense. This morning
ice half an inch in thickness
Common - it is said 2 men
and 20 persons in Swatow - There
yesterday 2 boatmen in Haimin
had died - A buffalo here
on the Compound was 20 chillis
it died today -
All of us are keeping quite well. I dare say Anna is better, though she may get the better of this malaria. Jay's vaccination is taking but he is very good with it all seeing that his stomach teeth are coming as well. I wish so much they could have returned to Natervelle a day or two. Natervelle comes here. All the people who went there came in. Miss Scott from the Pan, Dr. S. from Kiek Yong, Mrs. A., Mrs. Pho from Kiek Khai. Son, Mrs. Swencled alias who is still up at Kiek Yong or Pho King. Dr. Curbin was going out last night but the matter has interfered. As soon as the matter moderates I shall see you both. I cannot go against a north wind.
Thursday July 19th - 58

Afloat again, sailing with an East wind back over the course the North Wind brought us day before yesterday morning. This has been a busy day.

A young Chinaman came after breakfast who wanted a letter to the German Consul. He is looking to get the place of "Sin-ta" Secretary. I told him my name would not help him that I would give him a line to that dignitary to write on the ship's papers at a considerable expenditure of time. I packed up two large cases for Mr. Campbell to write letters to him. Mr. Whiting made minute drafts, wrote a letter to two parties, sent a deposit receipt to Hong Kong for renewal, finished letter to Mr. Cam.有着 hair cut, besides looking to the thing I needed to bring with me. Arranging with Mr. Wei to help about the mailing of Campbell's letters & despatching of their freight.
I could not get over until time 39 for the last train 5 A.M. Crossing the bay waiting for the boat I looked over the first draft of Clemsons [sic] but it back.

Then more several cabin passengers, all well dressed, they made numerous flattering remarks about the "whiteness" of my language etc. which I do not allow to turn my head. They spoke of calendars etc. I showed them a novel I had with me. They bought at once, saw on the first dress in the company. He opened conversation I had a long talk. He made eloquent over an eternal worship & filial conduct. I followed as best I could & passed the question of worshipping the living over the dead. Also the danger of saying because a man was cornet, it was right to fall low having come. I did not want a heated discussion so did...
not go into any further warp to
which I was about. I found
he is a graduate, has taken the first degree.
He is in the rice business, invited me to
his ship for the night. He was in
Morning, white shirt and white hat.

on this cafe.

I had a long walk across tonight.

Friday - January 20th.

At this time I did not change
my clothing after reaching the boat.
last night I got a chill in Consi-
quence; did not feel well this
Morning nor kept in bed. Feared
might add to the cold.

To-night I feel pretty well and
am much relieved to find that
all has gone smoothly here.
They shut the doors, stubbed windows
windows with straw and laid their
geet in birds and Kept on 41
studying. They have done quite a bit
of work. Four have gone home to
dig their sweet potatoes but say
they will be back Monday or Tuesday.
Our new man has come and there have been
a no. of visitors—To-day they
went to visit the bilikers at a
neighboring village.

I have been recalling some of last
evenings conversation on the lesson.
I showed the B.A. the Great Com-
mission in answer to questions as to
the source of our funds. He began
talking on the Father—Son in the
prophetic formula—"Father—Son" is
what we have especially needed
nothing new to be claimed by your
doctrines—Told him it was
the Godhead—God the Father, Holy
Eternal Son, the Holy Spirit: From
God—an acknowledged mystery
but a truth to be believed—
recalling the literal translation of the Vs.
"For whom the family in heaven earth is
named"—I felt back on that word that
"Every fatherhood" on earth was a
relation named from proceeded by that
Eternal self-existent Father then.

He seemed to grasp the idea and did not
dispute it in fact enlarged to some
extent on the limitations of parent:
"A father cannot be the sole author
of existence, for he does not know whether
his child will be male or female—
therefore it is evident that Heaven
decides”.

Our pedagogue pious continues
diligent but is getting weary over
the prospect of a public profession
or the prospect of a school he does
not set upon Confucian shrines.
My trust the Lord will lead
him to a source of need such that he
will be compelled to announce the world,
Saturday July 21st 63

a fine day. I had a good hour with the class this morning. I took up the Third of Genesis and explained the nature of the transgression by referring to other passages of Scripture. They are genuinely interested and it is a pleasure to teach them. They did well in giving the narrative of which they had learned four chapters. The project is for quite a full class next week. I spent quite a part of the afternoon talking over a case that may need discipline and planning to give the proper warning that if any further transgressions duplicate, the church will take up the case.

The boat had come to land. I hope to cross the Chitli to-morrow.
Sunday Jan 27th

This morning there was such a heavy
mist we could not see 30 feet
ahead of us. But knowing the road
we got on very well. In less than a
half hour the sun was shining
brightly. We had some opportuni-
ties to talk with people by the way
before service. I had some listen-
ers before the chapel door.

The chapel here is greatly im-
proved in cleanliness. There
was about a semi prayer in all:
we had a service in which sev-
eral took part in the sermon. 

After studying a little in Mark
in the afternoon I feel very downy

for a young woman who was
there. She has a frightfully severe
illness. A month ago, she fell from the
Swatow, Jan. 25 -
Dear Father. This journal came down from Kiu Sin yesterday. From John's letter it appears he expects to remain there ten days or two weeks longer. The little folks here are in perfect health. Anna has had no fever for 9 days now. I trust the attack has been broken. I am rather miserable with her occupation and other difficulties. I have not been out of the house for a week, having had rather a bad spell but am better now.

I hope to be about as usual very soon.

Have been away. The little Minister these days when I could not get about to any work as usual. There are some excellent things in the papers.

Have had many classes for women coming up to the place of going down to Taikoa. We are having pleasant weather again. Paint better cold weather was felt very much by everyone. With love to Mother and Dad, your loving daughter, Clara.
Elbow out of joint strained it badly. It has swollen & matted till it is a half larger than the other. It is very painful. Her husband is very much opposed to Christianity, they say. Thos. hates her for going to Chapel, so he would not be willing for her to go to Hills-Chapel, but they took "away will offer" for her to go: one brother offered to pay her fare so I wrote a letter to Dr. Scott about the case offering to be responsible for the living expenses for the time she is at the hospital: a woman of her village offered to go with her.

An old man hailed me this morning saying he wanted to hear the doctrine to come to the front after my return, said he worshipped the "Human Earth Ancestor" offered ten times more. Told him as fully as I could trying not to confute him, about the work of Christ by reason of which we do not need to burn in case nor offer sacrifices.
He said he understood & could remember a few sentences of a prayer I told him to offer. He seemed unwilling anxious to remain & I feared not as cordial toward the last as he would like but if he is really in earnest to know, he has heard enough to start him in the right way & he knows when to go at this. I sent them an extra p‚in to learn more. I heard that they had a good pupil at the Chapel that they had a good day there. 2 of their members are dressers here at him. So I called on them. Their journeyman is a regular stonemason now.

Monday Jan 23rd

A beautiful bright day. Clear mild sunny. & the Chinese wizards. a "good day." 蛟極好日) as a vast no. of weddings are being observed. A procession passed on the other side of the stream. Just now 12 men & boys carrying floss, baskets & trunks of clothing.
other valuables: 2 boys beating 67
gongs. 5 men blowing horns. Mr. McCredie led the chain which was
draped with a gay red curtain, leaving the bride wholly invisible.
Two men, bearing each two trunks, balanced from either end of a carry
ing pole, followed. This was evidently a wedding of the "white-class" more than ordinary well-to-do.
I had a good time with the class this morning. Read their
Vestite several chapters. Explain a
diagram of characters on the board.
I also gave them some K.T. passages
explaining the fulfillment of the
promise regarding the seed of the woman
the seed of the serpent in the cloth
of Christ who was "made of a woman"
at the hands of the Serpent. Adam, whom he called a generator of wickedness in the final triumph when He shall
fully destroy the works of the devil. Cast him into the lake, see all his enemies become the footstool of his feet.

A. S. from Hie Siao. They came in quite overwhelmed by the death of his daughter-in-law, a little girl by trade they train up to be a wife for their son, the only child left to them. He and his wife both want to go to Hei-Chi-chin in the schools there. I helped him a little toward his expenses & agreed to guarantee them 3 months of schooling. Poor fellow he is always in trouble always seeking help, gets to be very tiresome, but he has been unfortunate & my heart try to be patient & decent with him.
This afternoon, a man and little girl said to be from Anhui Province on the opposite side of the stream I saw an outdoor performance. There were some long ropes with iron rings at the end showing some skill. The little girl was not without some skill in acrobatic exercises. She climbed up a slight ladder with rounds very far apart, turned over, balanced herself and went back. I could not see and walked the tight rope. Poor thing she was clad in thin worn clothing. Looked as if the business was not very proper, or else the profits were wasted. I have never seen any such exhibition. I have heard before of but one woman performing in a theatre. I fear this is a mockery of the idea of "Civilisation." From the "New York Illustrated," along with other luxurious regions.
Tuesday, January 24th

Another beautiful day - I have enjoyed my work with the class to-day explaining the 44th chapter of Genesis answering their questions about the sacrifices of Cain and Abel. One man asked about the nature of the divine Sonship. I could only give him such as the Scripture states and told him of my talk with the "graduate" on the boat. He accepted the statement that it was eternal Sonship of which natural Sonship is but a faint likeness - Old Dżińi Cheng Peh is 71 years old, but he has wonderfully good health and memory. To-day he gave the narrative of Genesis 8th Chapter in full - I am reading this by Li Long's brother who seems quite a promising scholar. I am glad to say...
Wednesday January 25th

I had a visitor this morning who sat through the recitation of Gen. 9:3. In each of the classes I asked some questions which led to giving him quite a full outline of Christian truth, all united in exhorting him to "follow". He admitted in a moment, as so many do, that rain, sun, all good things are from above that the gods are the work of men.

May the Lord lead him to accept the truth.

The steersman left for Tak Chik at 1 P.M., taking letters for the mail and letter to Clare. I am sorry I could not have been at home on the anniversary of our meeting last Sunday—four years ago on our wedding trip of the Hawaiian.
We have been greatly blessed these 12 past years. I have my great cause for thankfulness. The future is grave. Uncertain and sometimes feel anxious about what it has in store for us, but, if God cares for us as he has these past years, we have no need to fear. There have been some heavy burdens and severe trials in our work during this time. But now the way is far easier. The Mission force stronger than ever before.

It will always be a fight against obstacles, however strong the force or fair the prospect. We expect nothing else. It's encouraging the discouraging are ever mingled. I heard to-day that a new believer at Tham Kain has gone off to
Siam: his family threatened to take his fields away if he did not quit worshipping with us. At Hie-Sua, than they are very strict about keeping the Sabbath. I shall try to go there a week from Sunday.

This afternoon we have been cutting bamboo. A great many grow about the chapel, more too thick. They sell by weight at about 2.65 Cash per 100. A man was here this morning to see about buying them to make sugar crates or baskets.

I hear too, that it is possible to rent a larger shop in Phou-Long City (Pom Pring), so that Dr. Scott can do dispensing of medicines there if she wishes.
Thursday Jan'y 26th

Lesson in Genesis chapter 1 first half - followed by numerous questions regarding Noah. This has, the eating of blood, eating of meat that has been offered in ancestral worship, etc. They studied Rom. 1:23 so as to get the Biblical statement of human degeneracy after Noah. I have done a little reading writing. Was at worship this evening. Spoke on 1 Tim. 3:1-10 told them about Raymond Full.

Friday Jan'y 27th

Read a good long letter from my dear wife, which I was very glad to get but was made rather anxious by it as she had written
quite well for some days: glad to learn that Ama's fever had not returned. Gay, though, has had a bad time with his vaccination, "too, too," he says. I hope he will be soon over it. He is such a lothly little fellow when all is right with him: he takes great interest in everything to do with the kind, temperamental turn. Evidently: when I came home, he always comes up at meal times after he has been given his food, and gives me a bite of his bread or bit of meat. Then goes to his mother with it back again. I understand he is much admired by some of the people in the port. which of course shows their good sense. My home mail was unusually small: no home letter except a letter from Mr. Dunn was all I received. The Boston News & Kelley's paper in me's had with me's it is not like to
learn them about for Chinese 76
who could read them to persuade
they would indeed think America
an evil place: such tricks made
by Whiskey sellers; a daily news made
up of election scandals, racketeers,
prize-fighting, various sports, nonsense
about turkey cartoon of mandarins
in high station. Such things
make one feel as if the "perilous
times" were upon us. The end of the
age near at hand.

In the evening we took up the question
of eating meat offered to idols, which
is a living question here. Paul's injunction
Rom. 14: v Cor. VIII
was read of endearing
to impress upon them the altruistic
side of the question. Can we weak
brother be led to violate their con-
science? It was interesting to note that
the older Christians thought the offering
of meat to ancestors was of no mo-
ment: but some recent believers thought it was too much like partaking of their sin to eat the meat they sacrifice to their false deities.

Saturday - Jan 28th

Gen. 31:11 for the morning lesson finished the diagram.

The man who buys the hams was here before the class was over. The whole lot weighed a ton and was worth about $60 - silms.

This afternoon I stayed in the boat and did a little work. Some of the bettermen went out to sell booker, calendars & did well sold some of the latter at 15 or more of the others.

This evening we took up dietary passages - 1 Pet 1:17 & Job 33:12 59.

In answer to a question why God had caused this extreme cold & great loss of crops.
The men who went to Hui Lai 78
an hour. I hear there is pros-
pect of a house there to be rented.
The teacher from Hoi Hoi made
me a long call this evening after
supper. Sunday January 29th

Mr had services morning afternoon
Evening - Hymns, prayer, study work.
At 11 - Chinkia for Hoon Khoo led the
first part giving Abraham's prayer for con-
of the offering of dace. After prayer & the relating
the Hui Lai experiences. Old Zion Cheng
John 2:5, 22. Had fair amount of liberty
& fairly good attention. Mr read the
S.S. lesson in Mark 11-4. Visited about,
They asked a no. of pertinent questions
& did well meeting the Golden Texts
of 4 Sundays. Mr observed Communion
after taking contribution noting on
some necessary expeditures.
I felt rather depressed all day
but the meeting this evening has cheered me a little. Dong-ding says
that the three men from Chinh Leau and two men from Thieu are coming to
stay with the other men for a few days. The man with
the bad arm is going to Kuk-Chich tomorrow.

At T'ai-Lai, a village an

two kilometres, there is a new shop for which
the owner wants 150 per month ½ of
an ann that can be mortgaged for
$50 - provided the shop-keepers relatives

neighbors do not object in the meantime.

The Khoo-Khoo has already to pay
$10 towards it or men to vote upon
that sum today, which is a good sign
of their missionary spirit as they are
very anxious today enough for a new
Chapel.

A making procession heads in the
A.M. with fifty to men carrying
boxes, trunks, etc.
Monday Jan'y 30th

At Chapel most of the day - read Gen 14 so that the question of Melchizedek Canaan &c. I sent letters to Hak-Chiok via Khoo-Khoo.

The subject of infant salvation came up - I spent over an hour trying to get them to comprehend the sweetness of the Atonement they did get some idea of it but not a very full one.

Tuesday Jan'y 31st.

To-day we took up the subject of baptism of the Lord's supper - tried to gather up the threads of yesterday's talk. Had some work put on the board that I think will help to explain the case. They some of them got as much as Presbyterian acquaintances that it is difficult to put them right. The fallacy that baptism is in the room of circumcision is a troublesome error.
I went out at 5 P.M. Thad some so excellent chances to talk by the way. A few or more listened in one place and in a field by the way I met a nice looking young fellow whose mother is a sister of one two from the dyers. He knows of the truth way, it is the right way; he two others listened a quarter of an hour or more. Coming back I met a young man whom I saw last week; he walked back with me was most friendly and invited me to call at a temple when they several Hindu Collectors are stopping, one is a Hindu man. The four were exceedingly polite, asked some questions that gave opportunity to talk freely for some time. I gave them some books. One asked how much the King of my country paid us per month. Another about opium smoking if we all loved it or if it could be left off. Again about our class if we changed again from our country. I gave them. John, Luke, & Obed by Griffith John.
May they be seed in good ground.

The class is large to-day, one left yesterday but two more have come in so we are quite filled up. Shall only be together reading a few days more

Wednesday, Feb. 1st.

Most of the time to-day has been given to reviewing the work outlined on the board. They got some hold of it but are slow yet. It is a help to me in getting new phrases more light on Chinese phrases & Chinese ideas as well.

The teachers are making copies of this to give the members of the class so they may have something to help them remember what has been taught them.

My Norman Collecting friends did call at the Chapel to-day but before 2 P.M. The time for me to be there. They asked quite a deal about the doctrine of what they saw.

I had an audience on the bank at noon ut first before. For over an hour. I stood
on the boat I talked till I was tired, was glad of Longfellow's assistance as he came down, and I am getting better able to hold me up a lot of heavy. Can answer their questions & side remarks &c, & carry the majority with me better than I could.

Thursday Feb 2nd 1104

Hearing Hua Pheng Bridge again—
A Toan came this a.m. with letter from Pak-Chick. Clara is not well so I am hurrying home—
A Toan & Tien-Ket go to Hui-Lai again to mortgage the house if they can. Taking the money with them. The members of the class go home tomorrow. Tang Sing goes to Poo-Fing to see about the new shop that there can be erected. Dr. Scott is invited that she will probably be available at a later date & make regular calls visits then. The women
with the back arm is there. Dr. S. likes 83
toward the arm but says the tendons
are lacerated.

Tung Hang stays at Niu San to close up
matters.

I have finished an article for the
Michigan Herald - written the
first draft of one for the Christian De-
querry. I also read a few chapters in
The Little Minister, am quite fascinated
by it. We are making fair progress
but I am anxious to get back home
I did not go before.

Friday - fire by 3rd 9 P.M.

Favoring tides steadily moving bringing us
to Chao Yang by 7. Bo- or as nearest
as we can get. The steersman carried
two on his back over the mud flat
a long way. I just missed the 8.05
goat - took the 9.20, had a pleasant
chat with the ticket seller, read in
The little Minister also enjoyed that on the launch, had the little cabin all to myself, reached home by 11 o'clock. Clara is in bed by Dr.'s orders but is more comfortable than I feared she might be. Reading my mail sending letters. Money to Ria Long accounts which sundries have filled up the time: no had especially good home letters. I also had a very pleasant one from Dr. Duncan. It is a great delight to find the babies as well as they are. They both seemed delighted to see me - Jay comes toddling about calling to "Ba-ba Ba-ba." Anna is my mother's companion at table & went out to call on the Drs. Cartridge & Ashmun.

Dr. P. has been confined to the house by a severe cold - in bed all day or two & all others ill - 3 ladies away. North Brown had been taking some excellent photographs of houses. I'm going to have my own next winter.
Saturday. Feb'y 4th.

It seems as if I had done nothing to-day, but am sure the time has been occupied as usual. The boat came in & no little time has been taken up in unloading & storing all my goods. Setting accounts with boatmen &c.

Sending steersman with letter back to New York. Sending another to Swatow with &c. 7 Checks for money to Boston &c. 500. A class's annual report which I have been correcting, taking monthly &c. of students' Class (no small item with 25 members) attending to callers both native & foreign, 

Keeping an eye on the babies three here in some way filled up the time. The children have been very good— but Anna unhappily got her hand cut in the sun & again had a hard crying spell when time came to be undressed— I had a tussle from hour to hour last night after 12 o'clock when she awoke forced to go to her mother. She finally gave in & slept for "The City of Peking."
Clara feels very well this A.M., but I fear we had too much work to do at the moment. W.M. is very well.

Sunday, Feb 12th.

Anna went to Church with me and was very well, thank God for a young girl.

Clara got up, had a send, dressed, and sat in the long chair for several hours. But it tired her body so she felt quite exhausted after it.

Then we took two men at morning service from Hui-Lai District City - one is a patient at the E P Hospital. It took some time with them after service.

My first Sunday at home since New Year's Day.

Monday, Feb 13th.

Clara had kept quiet all day and seems quite comfortable, but not wholly well. We had time talking over the probabilities...
If we take a furlough here — it is an uncertain kind of life here. I could not but feel a comforting sense of assurance as I glanced up after our talk & my eyes rested on a motto from the 23rd Psalm: "Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life & I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Lightning came in to-day. Report a good day yesterday: a majority of the kin stayed & did some work to pay their expenses: at service Sunday a No. took part to the dedication of the church members. They want to come back next month. Would I cannot go but Dr. Partridge may be able to give them some time; I may decide probably shall decide to "open schools" for a few weeks more.
Tuesday Feb. 7th - 8.30

Anna is evidently getting a British vocabulary: to-day she has been good & happy nearly all the time, had a nice walk with me after 4 P.M. but at dusk she came into the bed-room crying vociferously. I picked her up laid her down next her mother who her arm round her mother's asked her, "Did you fall down that asked her. "Did you fall down that asked her?" As soon as she got her voice she said, "Yes," "Then what are you crying for?" (4) "I was playing up" and it came down hit your head?" (4) "Yes." What kind of a plaything was it? (4) "A nasty one." Later she proved it was a tin one.

I hear from the Chinese that the whole banana crop is spoiled, the
leaves of Mango & Guana trees "dry" from the
Wednesday Feb 8th 88

I wrote a personal letter to Senator Frye, Singleton, Estes, Reed, E. H. Lyford, John Ward, E. C. Goodwin, with copies of the petition asking Mr. U. Chandlee to retain Mr. Seymour as Consul.

This P.M. went to Swatara & attended the Union Mission meeting, pole representative from our Mission. Mr. Gibson talked about a conference he attended which discussed the office of the Holy Spirit. I had a pleasant chat with them, the Gibsons, after meeting.

This evening I finished reading "The Little Minister". It is a charming story. I like it better for having met with the Scotch people. Don't think.
Clara has been much of
t better to-day took a
pilcher with us & stayed up a
large part of the day. Anna
had been a trifle sickful
for some time it was threatened with
fever. Both are sleeping now.

Thursday Feb 9th.

Mail from the Hakka friends
to-day. Mr. Campbell is better.
Mr. Ashman Jr. is back to-day.
Reports good progress. 125 villages
visited - the people listen well and
admit the truth of what they hear,
but the difficulty of breaking away
from their surroundings holds them
even when they are really convinced
of the reality of Christian teaching.

Meant all quite well. Clara has
been up most of the time to-day
Friday Febr. 10th. 90

Our Cookie Hau Thui is married today. He gave her a picture, framed, & cake. The girl is from a heathen home but may not be a very rank heathen herself. She is inclined to be lazy. I hope the girl is smart enough to have a good influence on him. The wedding was at their house in Kuk-Chick not at the Chapel as the bride's mother family are not wanted to wear customs.

I have been at prayer meeting this evening, a very good one. Thanksgiving was the subject - it is the last meeting of the Chinese New Year. All the Godsons are supposed to go home to join to-day as that gambling & other evils are indulged in more freely for the next 10 days. They come back the 14th of their 12th month. Hau Thui got a meal of 85. 139 t. referred to this in contrast to the teaching.
Preparations are being made for Anna's birthday to-morrow. Poor Anna. She has a serious time trying to say "please". It is a hard lesson for her to learn, but we shall conquer in time: she has done well about staying quiet in the nursery night & since I stayed up part of a night to quiet her, she has slept right through in her own bed. She is an observing little thing, curious as a magpie, takes great delight in "watching" people at work. She is constantly picking up words, expressions, usually speaks correctly, but occasionally makes a slip. This afternoon I went out on the lawn with the opening it was too windy for her, as Edna Thorne of Edith Johnson was at home; then I took Anna along. After we had gone a few steps, I asked, "What did Grandmother say?" and he said, "Edie, have a little cow-though under the tree." She knows what is said.
Saturday - Feb. 11th, 92

We had a little doll carriage for Anna that came out from 5.4 some time ago. Mrs. Partridge gave her a nice doll. Mrs. Urquhart lent her a little gift. This P.M. Edith & Frank Ashmun left. Urquhart's children went to tea at 4 o'clock. Clara had a nice birthday cake & some other things ready so as to make a nice table. The little folks had a good time & afterwards went out to run Fiday. Anna had on her pretty white dress. Mother sent which is a fairy pretty br.

Coming to the little Miss. She has very kind loving, generous friends at home to send her so many nice things. She has about 15 balls of various kinds. She has about 15 balls of various kinds. She knows them all by name. If one has been put away a month she calls the right name as soon as the doll is produced. This last one is called Franic.
Sunday Feb. 12th - 93

Clara did too much yesterday. Had a hard night - she is so energetic it is hard for her to keep quiet. She does not realize how much she does.

This morning I was very thankful to find her better. She has been lying on the long chair or sitting up most of yesterday. Anna went to the two services with me. I did fairly well. Tay appeared at school with the nurse; after the opening exercises he said to them, "I shame on us with delight!" Hailed us through the room. Soon they began to want a little it was prudent to end them out at which he protested loudly. He is a boy - is already in the climbing age, getting into the little wicker chair, that appears in one of Anna's pictures. Hold up both hands to show how tall he is to call out true to see his accomplishment - despite he is murky.
for a lot of funs - but he is 94 very good about not crying when he falls down.

I have been cheered by mail for "Pio" to-day - good letters from Father, Mother and Fanny, which Mr. Enfield also had a letter from Dr. Duncan. He is a good correspondent in replying to letters. I called at Dr. A's a few moments after 8.30 to ask about the prospect for an evening meeting there. She had any special news - belonged me the Advocate - also had a letter from G. A. Thomson of Kurrum who does not take a one-colored view of things in the tribe field.

I am much interested in Curtis's letter describing their arrival on the field. They are they will have "50 years" of happy useful life among that people -