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Monday, Aug. 28th, 1893

Corner where 3 roads meet & there are 3 small shops. We had a very good audience there: the rich young man was there listened quite well & asked some questions - he wanted to know if the soul was raised or both soul & body after death.

The next stop was at the room where the old man who came to worship yesterday, lives - he was reading the scriptures to give him: several came in & listened, among them an old lady who said she wanted to worship but was afraid her children would hinder her. No want to see the old woman with the one had some further opportunities: an old woman here by was anxious to go to worship yesterday but her grandam would not let her go; she urged her
to pray at home. It is pitiable to see how many children in this place are afflicted with 2000 boils. A young man came also who evidently had hernia, of 3 yrs. standing they say.

A Háa proposed going to the "Haka Village" this A.M. Tashkin Ughân. Then to go also. Háa-Áuy has come from Suvatow. Mr. plan all four going - I he says A-Mi is in from Tashkin. Reports that the Aa, Aqim is much interested now that they are acquiring diligently on the question of baptism. A-Mi explained the Scripture to him. He said "immersion is right". This came to the ears of the Presbyterian Doctor. He was in high dudgeon but A-Mi was able to defend himself.

I had a pleasant half hour with a few of the boi. Tashkin was again the 1st of Colossians versus passages relating thereto
Who ran family spent read in some - exits VIII - and of ch-

there is specially appropriate here.

Friday, at Island.

Clarice and as well, but children
are having a cold that is
dying.

We shall be here probably till
the end of the month.

With ever much love,
John.
Your familiar spirits deal with me.

Sorcery; the paragon (said) 111 as utterly valuable. For the living peering into the dead is exactly what the Chinese do continually.

9-110 P. M.

Just wh. from the evening meeting, I reviewed the lessons of yesterday morning, also referred to the prophecies of the judgment in Judges 2.13.14-15 - Daniel 7:9-10 - Hebrews 25; 3169. as well as in Rev. 20.

I also got the names of the people who are at all showing interest in the truth. We had a good no. of hearers at the upper village; this morning we talked in a little hut for a time. Huien, Thin, etc., while Hark-Dang had a hearing outside.

LATER: Mr. MT outside & had a no. “Several talk” who listened with more or less interest. I spoke some time
then the Kinkang Mutsun much to the same ground enlarging on the different points. Disagreed to the Pauline method of witnessing as to what he had himself experienced. He gave a most vivid account of his former zeal as an idolater & poems of his brother who became a Christian. He would fast (from meat or) 3 days & go 50 miles to a Buddhist shrine to worship, that his health might be better—but it only grew worse: finally he was told that the idol only represented a dead man, and that by performing so he was intended to do no good. Gradually, the light decreased on him. I was intended to note that as he said, "Now I will tell you of God's great mercy in sending His Son Jesus to die for sinners"—he simultaneously stepped up to the top of a stone beside which he was standing & written with increased fervor of earnestness. He has the making of a preacher in
him, if he is not wrecked by 5
encirct.

The P.M. letters came. Peace at the Chick & the Island; nothing new said that the baby has a cold.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2 P.M.

In the boat at X Island starting for Rich-Child, tide running East-wind (the steersman has clothes but now it is turning back now he has it again) — both in our favor —

This A.M. the wind rose we were sick. I knew the boat could not come outside for me so I got out with the cook to walk across the hill & take a boat for Rich-Child.

Happily we met the boatmen who had walked across to carry my luggage. So I returned & packed up everything I reached the Island before noon and had an hour or two there. Cleaning looking much better so with Anna Ely hit the baby girl has a bad cold.

8:40 P.M. We sailed up in 10 minutes. All seems to be going as much as usual here in the compound.
The English patients are here. I am glad to find that the boy has cast away his amulets & charms he wore about his neck.

Wednesday, August 20th

The "Hokim" was very late in arriving so I could not go to the island today, the boat being needed to bring Mr. Boggs ashore. I attended to various small matters. Saw the English Consul about a house back of the Consulate, formerly occupied by the Consul's family, but 2 women, the wife of one and then to the Chinese say it is in a bad location. 3 roads meet there. There is neither road in front of it down which the "Devils" can evil influences come unchecked. Mr. Scott was very kind & said he would
write to the gentleman in Shanghai to who has Charge of Her Majesty's
property there if an execution can
be made to the rule of the house be
rented. I want to get it and
let some of those who are in a
house next the Roman's house
go in there for a year.

I kept busy at home, read the mail
for "Oceanic"—good home letters.
I am excellent one from Mr. Mogle
of Aving Park, Ill., who supports one
of my native helpers.

I went to Shanghai on an errand and
was invited to supper with the Gibbons.
Mr. G. showed me the plan for teaching
the blind to read write Romanized
Chinese by using the Braille system
of dots. I got back at the close
of our foreign meeting and the demands
Thursday, August 31st

I wrote a no. Fretted, arranged for leaving home, made a short call on Mr. Boggs & left for the island at Long King came with me on the way I showed him how to use the stylus & plate for blind writing.

My had unexpectedly good opportunities for speaking with Miss near the temple. Last year all who came to the great feast were not inclined to listen to this truth.

Miss Patten & Mr. Steele took with us; they came down with the performances. Steele got some posi-
toographs of the scenes. We had a prayer meeting at the EP mission led by Mr. McDow. He is a capital fellow—but his leading a meeting is not inspiring.

Dr. Riddle came over and gave us some medicine for Jay who is having a hard turn of this epidemic cold.

Friday Sept 1st

Warmer to-day. I have been on horse all day. Jay appears better but Anna's cold is at its height. We sent some mail off this A.m.

Clara has definitely decided to give up the Roman's class. I think it is best taking all things into consideration. The family is
a great deal of care now to while she can relieve the ladies when they wish to be away it will be better to let them take the responsibility. Saturday Sept. 21st.

This evening Mr. Gomperts, a cadet from Singapore had been in this evening I had to show some sentences I had picked up from time to time which he copied down.

The larger part of my day was given to writing Dr. Duncan, the children are all better but I have caught the diastheria. I had a fine bath before dinner.

Sunday Sept. 22nd.

Clara Armor went to Tong Do with me to day. We went to the corner Hotel across the street in
ever saw there— in the P.M.— "the old man in whom I was interes-
ted came in the P.M. also another
Elderly man whose wife is a Christian.
The old woman whose son was a medium
came another woman whom I met
in preaching. a large no. of the
"outside men" now present— Ann took
a doll & picture book that at-
tracted a crowd at noon.
Mr. Brown— favored in having
mind still with us each way.
Dr. Brown's wife the daughter of
Dr. Carlin's nurse met with us
the farmer's home is there; she had not
been back since her marriage. the
mother greeted her with much less
show of interest than she did Clara
& Anna. My returned in time to
hear a good talk from Dr. Rudolph on
Jst. XXX. 13.
Monday Sept. 5th -

I set out for Hak Chick at 7.20 v. had a fine sail w' she very stormy all day - modern annual a/e settled with 3 of the Hak Ka Missionaries went a/e to a fourth - Mr. Campbell this am our guest at our house. M. C. helped me get my Bible school a/e drawn out. Am made a copy for Dr. A. Then have been 31 different students during the 9 mo. The Campbells had a good profitable stay in Mocas.

Tuesday Sept. 6th -

After a little writing of preliminary work I went to see the boat "Grace" now on shore for repairs other came down here. The Amah who went to England with the Hills asked for a passage. She can talk a sort of
English & is known as "the Duchess" &
oncree of her airs, she is most
sublimely self-satisfied, enjoyed
hearing her talk about what she
saw the wonders of "Lan-tan"
the very near house, that Mr. Rich-
and son roths "have got" — she
is a good sailor, & can be very use-
ful on board ship — English. Know all
Clara, Anna & the baby went back
in the boat to take Chick.
I found myself very tired after my
two days of hard work with an at-
tack of this cold or hay fever or
whatever it is, to throw off at the same
time.

Wednesday Sept. 6th 3:15 p.m.
Mr. Mackenzie is working at my
typewriter a little. He seems to like
it very much.
Clara came back this A.M. this A.M. with news that they have a boy at the Whitman Home; a boy was born to Mrs. Siegel at the same house a few days before to the Chinese think the King-Tiun of the house is wonderful.

I wrote a letter to Dr. Polman this A.M. Must write to the young people of the Church at Monmouth Ill. also to a Swedish Ch. in Detroit & I also to Dr. Miller -

Thursday Sept 7th

We were invited to tea by the German Milchling who is now stationed here. Dr. Thuy, Cathlin Miss then she had a rather pleasant time. She has a piano made by Aved, a French Mfr. which has an uncommonly sweet tone. He plays well & enjoys the music
He said he was going up on the 15th morning, I met up with him at 6 o'clock, reached K.C. early and done work. I was anxious to finish, saw Ji-Ann about some repairs on the Student's House or those going on now upon the houseboat. The latter needs much more than we expected. White ants & rot had both commenced on the outside of the stern which is a stick of pine 4 inches thick & some other timbers are not in perfect order. The two half round timbers that go from stern to stern, one on each side just below the outer edge of the deck planks are being wholly renewed.

I expected to come back in the gig at noon but no: a line saying there was a typhoon close by and he must go at once. So I took one foot line sail-tide favorable but a head wind -
Mr shifted a deal of water but kept right well up. I made the landing in an hour a half less time than the fig.

I had a good prayer meeting here in the evening led by Mrs. Milne.

11-55 P.M. Friday. Sept. 8th

The wind is blowing furiously, has been all day. The barometer seems to still falling. I am afraid the typhoon center is drawing near. I well pass at the south of us which will give us the full fury of it. That means only watch, wait, and close the children have slept soundly ever since they went to bed; this is the second time I have been awake. During the day I wrote letters & shut up the typhoon windows.
There is only one leak yet in '17-
the dining room - the house quivers
like a steel ship in a heavy gale.
I am feeling a bit more sleepy
shall try for another nap.

Saturday - Sept 9th -

The wind was at its height - the
barometer its lowest - after 2-
o'clock - it was up again later -
1st of 2 I felt not a little doubtful
as to the result - but we
are thankful the crater passed to
the South of us. Had it been new
with our full exposure to the South
East SE North, the danger would have
as the wind veered from South
East exports around to So. Not
would have been great - When the
typhoon center passed to the North as it did 2 yrs ago. The wind blew from No. East to No. 4 and about to No. NW + West: then the force is a little broken by coming over the land for a distance but for the So.E., it is over the water only.

Our house was not damaged. Soro by the fall of our blind which was repaired by evening. All the bath houses South of us were levelled - I wrote on the typewriter most of the day. At 5-30 P.M. our mail per Rio came. I was glad of Mother's letter from Ed. Ed. showed them by Garfield's mail. Father is enjoying the weather. I especially enjoyed hearing Ed. say Ford's speech, all exciting.
through of the mill. Mother went off. Then was a notice in a Boston Journal, as Mrs. Partridge said, of his being mentioned as a candidate for the Senate—first she thought at Washington, later in the Mass. State Senate.

He called at the E.P. Mission in the evening. Sunday Sept. 10th.

A most quiet restful day. I read a volume published in memoriam of Rev. Robt W. Barbour, a Scotchman whose father was one of the chief supporters of Mrs. of the E.P. Mission our neighbors. I believe it was at his house that William Burns was first urged to go as a missionary to China.
Our son Dr. Burbank was 20 years ago. This son, who
had been a remarkable man, of
great intellectual powers, really
of genius, took a great deal of
medals and fellowships &c. Some of
his poetry, many of his sayings
are well worth reading; his letters,
too, though a delightfull spirit
as well as indicate the richly
furnished mind. There is an
introduction by Henry Drummond,
a sketch by James Stalker,
both intimate friends. After
reading the book one feels as if
he had been in the society of the
noblest most cultured Christian
men & women. The volume
is elegantly printed & is only
given away to special friends. The Gibson's & the Mackenzie's each had a copy.

No. had a pleasant service that P.M. I a walk on the beach later.

7:45 P.M. Monday, Sept. 11th.

The barometer is very low again, a strong No. wind all day & cloud moving Westward against it, which the Chinese consider a bad sign.

I went to Ko-Chieh at 10:30 A.M. with Mr. Gomperz, Mr. Jim Storer, two Cadets, but we did not get there till about 3 P.M. I walked a mile to see if the wind was so strong for the North. I had no time to do a very little v.

\[\text{Catch the boat to come in to turn as ours was forced with anchor's chains for the home boats in the Country, which were driven over a}\]
bank at the exceptionally high tide water last week; they were left in a lagoon and cost $5 to get them out. We came back in half an hour—some damage was done on the Compound; our beautiful arbor of Bougainvillea is broken down.

There was a terrible catastrophe at Breaker Point the second night—house station below us. A large ship loaded with lumber from Singapore for Shanghai went ashore Friday morning, the following Saturday. The Captain, wife, and daughter (a China girl) fell into the crew but another son of the Captain's a Malay household man was lost. The S.S. Oak-Span left her Friday, but anxiety is felt for her safety.

Mr. Mitchell came in after supper, he gave us some of his experiences throm about the customs that are instructive.
Tuesday, Sept. 12th. - 23

A high wind all night but notatory

phon. So day no less than cool & comfortable. I have written letters most of the day.

The children are quite well up this cold day. Try to count and think he is getting a larger vocabulary. He threw into him the announced "Big 'o-re-laï" (rain come).

He calls the servants to morning worship in stern tones - "Laï! ac-poi" "Come, worship." "Fii-teo," is his table announcement at meal time. He always calls for small fruits in these terms "Mania - fii-teo lai" - Piï's Anna is beginning to ask about "choke (home of ancestors)" and "so they table then and bookes?" She continues greatly improved if the baby program, finely.
Double Island; Swatow 13th 1893.

My dear father:

I have just been writing a lot of letters to catch up with my correspondence which has gone a long way ahead of me; I stop on that to write you of something that is on my mind and will be better out than to be there too long. You know we have been at you a long time to come out and visit us—you may be packing up now to take the journey, if so this will wish you bon voyage. If not then I want to take the usual Chinese method and propose a compromise, namely that you come half way. It is by now means improbable that we shall go home next Spring and it would be very pleasant to meet you on the Pacific coast. I have been talking with Mr. Campbell about the weather and the country in Washington and find what he says is all consistent with that article in the "Harper's Monthly" of last year that I mentioned once before. I was much pleased, too, with a picture he showed me of Mr. Beaven's house, which is on an island in the Sound. Mr. E. found his health was not promising, so to provide for the future he decided to buy a lot of land build a house and set out fruit trees, as fruit is a good and paying crop there. The hard times came on him just as he was finishing his house and he could not realize on other property, but he managed to get a loan at 13% with security of some land and the understanding that he repay as soon as any sale was effected. I was glad to learn from Mr. C.'s letter that he had been able to finish the building of three churches in his field, even though the times are so hard, some of the time he worked on the buildings himself. I do not know positively about the climate but have written Mr. Beaven to write you something about it as he has found it. From all that I have heard I am confident a Winter there would be less trying there than in the East. I am sure if you should go out you would find that you could be doing something to help some weak church or do something for the State Missions or the struggling schools they have which would be far more satisfactory to you than remaining within sound of the Colby bell.

It certainly is no great risk to try a Winter there; I should think Aunt Harriet would be ready to occupy the house for the time you are away, which would avoid the trouble of making any change there.

Mother would enjoy a visit to her relatives in Sehome which is not far away from Centralia and the place where Mr. Beaven is living & working.

I could lay out a fine programme: go to Chicago, stopping at Buffalo. Mother Hess's address is 610 Elm St., Mrs. Haist's is 1037 Ellicott St.

At Chicago you could see the remains of the Fair and the University and a great many old friends. I should like you to look up Edward Scott, he is a surveyor on the Elevated R.R., headquarters at the Monadnock building.

At Minneapolis you could find A.B. Cates, by the way he married an old friend of Miss Dunwiddie. At St. Paul you might call on James J. Hill the wonderful Rail Road builder, who was obliged to "bet" borrow his fare to St. Paul at first and now owns a road some 5000 miles long with two Eastern connections as well as a terminus on the Pacific coast. He is doing a great deal to develop Washington and is said to be one of the best informed men in the country, in Geology, Mineralogy, Chemistry, & other lines besides building the "Pennsylvania Railroad of the West" at a cost of not more than $55,000.00 per mile, as against some 50,000.00 I believe it was for other roads to the Pacific. The "Great Northern" runs to Seattle I believe & they are talking of a line of steamers across the Pacific.

Either this line or the Northern Pacific can take one to the coast. There you could look about and I am sure pass a busy and profitable Winter.

(over)
I will confess that for ourselves this question of the Pacific Coast is getting to be one of not merely a passing interest. I feel very apprehensive lest the children who are somewhat delicate would not well bear the rigors of the Maine climate, whereas the climate in the Evergreen State is much nearer this than that in the Pine Tree St.

Then the distance from China is so much less with them there and only 20 odd days on a fine steamer between us I should feel as I should if they were East. I know they would have better advantages in the East, but I have no ambition for them to attempt great things; my first wish is that they may grow up to work with their hands and get strong in the open air, then as there is opportunity for them to get intellectual culture they will be in the right succession, but the first thing with them is a life that will strengthen their muscles and conceal their nerves.

Clara & I have talked it over occasionally and are both in favor of planning for some sort of a home in the home land and for one on the Pacific rather than near the Atlantic. Of course we cannot tell what is before us and do not wish to take too much thought for the morrow, but we do wish to plan wisely as we can in view of what seems to be our life work here in China. And if we should break down or for any reason be obliged to go home permanently I feel quite certain it would not be best for me to settle in so cold a climate as that of Maine.

So you can see that we are more and more interested in the country near Puget Sound and feel that it is nearer us now that we have a line of ships running there and the possibility of another. California I have no liking for; the whole tone of society is exceptionally of the earthy. In Washington it is the unquenchable testimony that the State was settled by a better class of people and the tone is better.

At present we seem to be quite well and I am not sure that it will be absolutely necessary for us to go home next year but it probably will be prudent. Dr. A. favors it. He expects to go to Japan if not to the U.S.

It may be that if we go home I shall need to use the money in your hands but hope not; we have quite a little surplus at present and it may enough to meet all our necessary expenses. I let Mr. Campbell have $120.00 U.S. that he expects to pay sometime before it falls due in Jan. '94, but if he cases to make a deal with the lot I took from him and let me have the other half of that lot in Centralia I may turn this in on that so as to have the property in my own hands. That however is not at all certain. He may not want to trade and if values are likely to fall in the U.S. I may not wish to do so.

We ought to be getting another bit of that Oriental Bank salvage in which so many missionaries as well as others were bitten.

I hope your holdings have not seriously suffered since the crashing began in business circles. You will feel quite a burden of responsibility roll off when you give up the Convention work.

We are thankful to have gotten through the typhoons all safe thus far and that we are as well as we are at present. We plan going up in a few days now. We hope to have a busy season of country work. I am giving up a part of the routine work I had here so shall be more free.

I should be glad and so would my dear wife if we could all the time be in the country nearer the work, but these are of course advantages here at the present.

I must close with very much love and the hope that we may meet in the U.S., if not in China before very long.

Your Affectionate Son

John M. Foster.
Wednesday Sept. 18th 1873

Very rainy - no steamer for St. K. since that on Monday, which I missed an ace of our long trip to N. C. I feared there would be no chance to catch the "Ris" - Mr. Simpson sent me word that the "Taihang" was expected. I watched the signals with great interest as I finished letters to go by the steamer. Between 10 o'clock the drum on the signal mast was fired for the third time, so I made out the "Taihang" coming in. Mr. Carlin this good man was going to reef the sails, but I managed to save the good ship. Then I set off to walk in the moon over a night in fact, but about 6 o'clock she came steaming down the bay, a fine night, with light all set, like a cyclops, the light on the foretop a blaring eye. If any letters get home by the "Ris," it will be because the "Taihang," coming in from Mt. Grayson yesterday, I wrote about all day - Mr. Phin. McQuaide took another vessel in the evening with me.
Thursday - Sept. 14th

Cold this A.M. I wrote all the forenoon this A.M. I was tired
took a nap - am preparing for prayer
meeting this evening shall speak from Matthew ii: 10

my learned guidance.

There wise men from the east, the heart
of astrology, these men had enjoyed a
remarkable experience, a star had guided
them - it would be interesting to know
what were their thoughts on the journey;

We do not know just what they ex-
pected but they seem to have gone pre-
pared with gifts fitted for a king.

As they reach the royal city they no
longer follow any star, but ask of men

They are led to the reigning king. Kings
are born in palaces - they have an audi-
ence with the king, an honor - but a
dangerous one with such as the

standards. They are not learned, they
But they who had been favored with a heavenly guide are the ones to give information: the earthly (truly) they cannot give them none. It may be that the commotion raised the hopes, perplexity of Herod may have alarmed them: it must have cast a cloud over the joy of their previous journey; the certainty of their quest may have lessened according to their minds. They, at least, got no gladness in the royal city, the palace was more a prison. They got information from the Jews, but they were sent rather as spies of Herod, than as Heeren's led worshipers.

"But as they left Herod, lo, a wonderful phenomenon. The star they had seen in the East, "went before them", surely no astrologers ever had such experience. They now could have no doubt of it, no need to inquire of any or Scribe. The heavenly guide was leading them."
No wonder they rejoiced with 26-27.
Reeling great joy. They had regained
their hearing guide.

The simple story suggests helpful thoughts:


Sophist stands off and thinks of God as the 
distant, unknowable One. But Jesus shows 
himself not far from every one of us -
I ready to lead us by his hand

guide us with his eye - as his 

presence went up with Israel so 

will he be with his people now.

II. My turn to men - in the sight

of God's guidance. Very on human 

and human. unquestionably as us to what we 

know. I have known what I expect

they may get some general instruction 

from self and at last come to 

'those who seek after truth for them.

III. No may turn back. Again in 

Guide - X T Oct 1 19
They search "apart and out of the way" — Search the Scriptures; for it is written was the authority of which they made the Magi go to Bethlehem — Do with a soul seeking again to find Heavenly Guidance.*

*The most sure word of prophecy is that to which my mistrust.

That all point all move toward the One over whose death place the star rested — The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy — Y The star will arise — The day will dawn so my need not grope — the light will come on shall the plainly led — The highest to publish His are those that are thus highly guided. On men that before at the meeting —
Friday Oct 1879

At home again. The boat came down this A.M. & I was such a good day — no wind no waves. So bright sun. We decided to come in. In 2 hours had everything packed up. Reached here at noon. Fleckrath drew me a very good. Day has been like as a cricket all day.

Helen actually managed on her elbows & knees — pulls herself about wonderfully. Had a small mail from "City of N.Y." no home letter — but the "Sulphur" is due soon — I had a very kind letter from Dr. Duncan & one from Mrs. Goodwin of Brooklyn. My 2nd all week settled. I have had the misery for my accounts.
Saturday Sept. 16th

This morning was much broken up by visitors - I settled the year's account - with Dr. Carlin. Planned with King Long with Dr. Partridge about some horse matters, Mr. Whitman was here - James has been
they are having fever badly, Mrs. Giffen, who are at the house in K.C. with
the Whitman's are badly off. My Steersman, Bob. Sin, also is ill - those
last been much illness among the Chinese since the typhoon. Was
in Swatow this O.M. claimed that the "Yunleung" the vessel went to
Shanghai in 1890, a first-class vessel, was in a bay half way between her. Suddenly
the typhoon came, passed over them; she had two anchors out with 100
fathoms of chain - was steaming full
speed against the wind - yet dragged
her anchors! - the wind was terrific.
She had seaworn enough with 31-go on to the rocks-

Sunday Sept. 14th

Mrs. excited Tang-Ooh to-day- Clara & the two young ladies met us to heed Music- took the Mallet & organ along- also sang on the way back in the boat. The latter presents present's measure. A Chinese woman who came with us was very seasick in the rough water as he first set out yet was so unpleasant that she declared she was on the verge of sickness- rigorous singing was a cure- as had a rather good day there- not a large audience- but attentive- yet- Tang-Ooh has made a good impression with them.

Anna stayed at Double Island with the MacKenzies Children- seemed to have had a happy day- day pretty clear- was good with the nurse- Athene.
My aunt up on our return & found S2
Anna was asleep - so we all stayed
1 took tea at B - 4 1/2 o'clock.

Monday, Sept. 18th.

Anna has been at the ladies' house
much of the day as Clara was sent
for to stay with Miss. Ogden who is very
ill with fever - Jay ran away while
I was getting Anna ready to go out.

I found him nearly gone at the Chapel.
He had put on his Burnham's
rubber & carried a small "Union
Jack" on a bamboo staff that was
from Anna our Christmas. We had
a large force at work raising up the
fallow bowenwilla in this Am. They got
it over supports on props - Amazucked
at table. What made that big-hip-
ball drop? On being told "too much wind"
she remarks conversely "it must have been
quite a crash". I have been very busy,
with Murray work - had mail & "Juki"
good letter from brother.
Tuesday Sept. 19th -

To-day I have been writing settling (Sept. 30th) is a blank & all the remaining accounts must be accounted for besides looking after repairs - "Ding-sky" is a Chinese expression for repair & so - love another either of which is good colloquial for thank or any other synonym of punish. Jay came in for repairs of that sort this A.M. He was very naughty at Chinese prayers & paid the hardest "repairing" he ever did. It quite took his breath away. For a time after his first hard cry that he has been exceptionally sweet all day. Poor little man. He has a chequered experience, but he does enjoy enjoyment; he will appreciate a joke I think even against himself - When he had briefly been he used to call out or try to "Tom-Sorr Amah-power" but "Tom-Tom Amah-power" is his
pronunciation of it. Anna caught it & mimicked his whimpering tone exactly. Of late in the cooler weather he has not had occasion to call at the nurse for "pow" but he calls out after Anna, often by himself in a caricature of the whimper. "Poo-ter, Anna pow" then his face lights up as in his last picture as men so she laughs consummately. He & Anna call this at each other across the table sometimes till we are obliged to stop them - it is good that he can laugh at his own foibles. Anna went with Clamata & P. M. to see the Kilgus. Mrs. S., then Anna had grown wonderfully. She is tall as many Chinese children of 9 or ten yrs. Her voice is strong. The weather has been threatening but the glass is rising a little again.
Wednesday Sept 20th —

Just back from prayer-meeting at Dr. Scott's — led by Dr. Ashman. He referred to the notices of Principal James's book and some passages to show that the Lord Jesus did know what and who He was — I referred to our lesson of last Thursday evening.

The day had been a busy one — getting off home mail, settling the annual apé with two of the Missionaries, and several conferences with Chinese preachers.

The boat "Hope" started for Kitaké to get the mats repaired.

Thursday Sept 21st —

Went to Pang-an the A.M. with father to get estimate for repairs on house.

Have been at account since.
Friday Sept. 22nd

Warm weather yet. Quite a part of my day has been devoted to the annual account & a large portion to the house which is being vacated by some of the preachers & others to fit the women of the church, who come in at Communion time, into the place that was designed for them. It was a difficult matter to adjust & requires as little care to get it in order (for the people).

Saturday Sept. 23rd

Baby Helen has her first tooth to-day, much quicker than either of the others. She is very active & gets about wonderfully well for so young a baby. I have given several hours to confer...
ring with my native Helen from China. There are some signs of encouragement then -

Sunday Sept 24th 8 P.M.

Helen is protesting against being put to bed, unusual for her: she usually sleeps well at this time, but she had a cold before supper while we went down to call upon the Whitmans and Aldens. The latter are recovering from their fire but are not well. The three little children are no small cure. The Whitman baby is a fine little fellow and a champion sleeper.

We made quite a procession. Clara, Anna, Gay and Anna, Wheeler Helen in carriage - 3 'bunks'.

This is the first Sunday I have been here since Early in August - only 3 in all
Since last Communion.

The services to-day were fine, good.

We had the last of the 13th of Mark in the school.

Jay is gaining in speech, said "big boy" to-day. "Sing-dong bell" is a favorite expression. Anna always called her "Mother Goose's Melodies" - "the Sing-dong Bell Book." Ty was about calling "Sing-dong bell" to "ain't" "want" -

Me must begin taking care not to notice him too much: he is beginning to think himself cunning. His true baptism we by saying "I love you." - Anna says - "That's an old story, Sonny," a quotation from her mother. Anna was a model girl in church to-day.

Monday Oct. 25th -

Jay has learned to say "good boy," also "bad boy" - the first phrase he is fond of -
He heard me say that it is a good man to answer a question of Anna about a picture he repeated it - in a moment - "Good Man - Papa - Sing Song Tell er" - He seems to be taking an interest now in picking up words for stringing together his verbal treasures.

I have done little to day but settle the annual ape with J. A. P. & various Mr. A's ape. There have been several Chinese callers during the day.

Tuesday Sept. 26/93

Meeting at 8 A.M., as usual so we can have breakfast before going out - There is a greatly increase of the Irishmen sisters in already - I am very glad I insisted that the house should be vacated for the women of the Church - as they already do live in the rooms. Having them here has been very crowded.
Dr. Ashmore conducted a class in the first part of Hebrews at 10.30 A.M. to 12 P.M. I did not attend the 4 P.M. service. We had not been in Swatow for a long time so Clara and I went on a journey across the bay at 4:30. Had pleasant calls. Dr. Lyall will be going home in January. Dr. Conkland's eyes are still bad so he cannot go back to Choo Choo Hill, he will probably remain here in Dr. Lyall's place. The number of people from the country is increasing.

Wednesday Sept. 27

Mail today from Mr. Choung with two from home letter from Sydney telling them of having O's illness. Service today as usual; the day has been warm and grey. Afternoon I hope taken an hour exercise tonight on Swatow machine found it a great help.
Thursday Sept. 28th.

Heavy mind train to-day. at home at Lurton yesterday I knew.

The days of this week are much alike in the routine of service. I had a conference with one of my native helpers and some rather discouraging reports in certain quarters. We need a revival soon, nothing but much prayer and reliance on God can avail us. I had a good chance to talk with the men who are mending the house boat to-night. They listened well for nearly half an hour. They are good mechanics and bright intelligent men in all things within their horizon. They admit in a moment The Maximiliveness of the Truth.
Friday Sept. 29th

The reports from the stations today are not very cheering — indeed this agent dealt me prayer for Herring on the little band of professed disciples & from the native assistants. I have been at Choked 3 times today — at 11 P.M. the whole family was present but only was not a quiet mouthful, finally was led away in disgrace. Anna sat perfectly still by me & Mrs. Ashmun. Held Helen for a time; she was good.

Jay does not like today 'God day' but is very fond of saying 'Get boy' he seems like the first money people, he apparently thinks that assertion personal enforcement may establish a claim for 'Get hers.'
Saturday - Sept. 20th

I had my native helpers here for two hours and discussed the work for the coming month. We had a long afternoon meeting, several cases ofatrice & 23 applicants for baptism - the blind boy among them.

I was surprised after 7 P.M. by a summons to the hospital. Toward that A. Chang, the Deacon from Hui City, had fallen in an apoplectic fit & they had been working over him for 2 hours - I helped till about 11 o'clock when his temperature was normal and his pulse had risen from 56 to 65. There seemed to be some chance of his rally - I left him & slept till 11 P.M. Not till evening did Dr. Gauss Scott who had been with him all the time excepting a short time for supper.
Sunday Oct 16th

Elder A. Khong & A. Hong, a young preacher, were there. There was no
paroxysm. No change but a little
after one o'clock I found his hands
more chilly and his head hotter. Counted his
pulse and found it was 90 - a little later
it was over 100. I sent a note
for Dr. Scott. While I was writing,
A. Hong tried to take his pulse and
said it was "hard to restore"
for about 10-5. His heart fairly
raced - in a few moments there was
a short hard struggle & soon the
pulse was hardly perceptible.

The first "passing" I ever saw - a
solemn sight on a solemn warning to
those who think to put off repentance
till a later hour. After the first stroke
A. Chong did not become sufficiently
Conscious to utter a word. He could not, however, have closed his lips under better conditions. He had just been telling Mr. Ashmun Jr. that he had enjoyed unusually good opportunities the past 3 months of thinking of Christ to others & just as he took the boat to come down to Swatow he was speaking with some one — as he finished that account he fell — then spoke again — a happy thing, for our thus taken to be engaged in conversation that he would be happy to repeat to continue before the throne of God.

I helped dress the body & came home at about 3 o'clock. There was a very large attendance at the foreign service. Mr. A. Mr. the Dr. spoke. I had charge of the P.M.
service with Dr. Partridge - Ellen

A Khong gave the band of fellowship to 9 men & 6 women - the blind boy was among the former.

I spoke on the 9th of Hebrews first few verses - the contents of the Ark - the golden pot of Manna - Christ is the True Manna - the rod that budded - the dead flowered from fruit. Christ was High Priest was the first fruits of them that slept. The tulips of the cornet were tokens of redemption which was fulfilled in Christ -

In all these things they antityzed in baptism which symbolizes the resurrection after death in the bread which the Lord said was his body given for our sin and in the cup which was the new covenant in his blood.
The wind was so high & the prospects so threatening that the steamers all went to typhoon anchorage by 10 P.M. Sunday, & did not leave all day Monday. Early in the morning our boat went to get a coffin. It was nearly drowned several times.

A-Cheng's wife from home came over two, as they had been summoned by telegraph. She came down in Ching but could not get a boat to cross the bay. I do not think another native boat crossed in the morning. The funeral was at 10 A.M.
I had callers Chinese or foreign all day - Clara went to see Dr. Scott on some mssin matter a little before noon - when she returned a little before noon she was nearly worn out having had so much steady trying work.

Tuesday Oct. 3rd -

I have a cold which makes me rather uncomfortable but much good for work, though I managed to do a little work.

Wednesday Oct 4th - Catania is very uncomfortable - took outdoors so long as there is anything to do in looking out for horses boat - Clara called at Dr. Ashmore's she lent me a mouchal which relieved.
the discomfort perceptibly. I had a good prayer meeting led by Mr. Ashmore Jr., who read Zechariah IV. I had been thinking for some time on the 7th verse. "Who art thou O Great Mountain - before whom the mountain shall be a plain." Jerusalem was a battle and the kingdom God removed obstacles from before them as in the last part of Haggai's prophecies. He says, "I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen." The work of God's messengers is progressive and constructive - while they give their strength to this God will known that which was proposed. It has been my helpful suggestion passage once famous time - Miss Scott maintained a
An interesting case of a woman at a
nearby village who read the Bible. Woman who met them, most
cordially explained that at a
market recently she met two
other women from another village
they were talking about the True
God. They had heard the news
that did not know who to learn of
him; they agreed to teach each other
then if they ever heard more.
This woman got a copy of the catechism
where someone in her house was
ill. She found the question invaluable
praying for the sick & prayed. The per-
son soon grew better & was restored
to health. Later someone in the family
of one of the two other women was
ill, she sent her the book & took
the own experience this way.
meeting - what may result from their first intent cannot be said, but it may be the opening of new lines.

Thursday - Oct. 14th - Cold a little bitter. Mr. & Mrs. MacKenzie called in the forenoon. The children & the Franklin stayed to tiffin. Clara had invited them to visit our children. Then in the afternoon Miss to visit the Commissioner's.

I felt a little cleaner headed & got quite a good stroke on my account,_domitted to_morning the wedding. Thursday. My teacher told me that my woman was married. The bride was from a_Leather village, but had no Christian relatives. She is a young widow & another good looking young woman. I hope they
will get on well & she become a S2 Christian. I asked the questions & pronounced the names. Mr. Proctor, the Rev. H'k. Ji, and the Scripture. Eph. vi.


Cooler. Saw marrying a light woollen sack coat, white trousers yet.

The Whitmans go to day. North Brown takes the trip with them.

Sir Thung goes as his body-guard.

Mr. Broest is here at present and will remain till the new man Mr. Kemp comes. I escort him up to the Hon. Rea headqua-

ters.

His matter continues threatening.
Saturday - Oct. 17th

The S.S. "Faro-Tang" came into Hong Kong having left there Sunday the 11th returning going out instead of anchoring as the "Thales" did, she was caught in the typhoon totally destroyed. The seas break over her quite high so there was two feet of water "stern sinking" 200 ton Chinese "Bill's" from the examination and aboard 4 men badly frightened, one man killed - the cargo is totally damaged. Our mail per "Chin" came in later in the day, also a letter from mother that was most welcome and one from Edward Scott with anxious questions about steam launch 40 - I kept busy about the house most of the day.
I now a letter from Chin Long (Wrong) stating that thieves broke in, stole most of the furniture, and that a new complication.

_Sunday Oct 27th_

Lighting came back to attend to several business matters about the boat and about land. Did want to try at Kiek Yang. I have instructed him about the Pilotmny affair. The gun boat tomorrow. Services have been quite good and attended to.

Mr. Port of the Customs staff took tiffin with us. Went to the Ladies House & had a sing after dinner. The children are all settled now. 王子 Jay took a long walk with us this evening.
Monday Oct 9th -

I am obliged to give considerable time yet to the repairing of the boat which matters - am getting my report along considerably day by day. Classe is going to the Women's Class every day from 10 till 11.30 - there you get much & I am glad she can do so much. The children are quite well now.

Tuesday Oct 10th -

I am getting much better of the attack of Cataract that troubled me so last week - am trying 'Clyp Brown Balm' - a part of a bottle I bought in 1877 is as fresh & balmy as when it was new; it seems very soothing.

The newspapers being rather disturbing about the Chinese situation in America. Well, we hope to be kept safely through it all.
Tuesday Oct 11th

Dr. & Mrs. Partridge have started for Jio-Ping. They plan living 8 mos. Mrs. Ashmore is to keep up the little school. Mrs. O. started last from Maili-Hsin (the girl we got away from the Chuntch's of the Dutchman's cove and who is now married to Mr. A. Joo's "boy") is teacher. Mr. O. expects to open school at Jio-Ping. Chih Hui. Who made so much trouble here before, is to go with him. He apologized and the forgiveness of the Church at Communion time for having joined the Ked Li-defection. We had prayer meeting in Sunar then O.m. led by Mr. Lewis, former of the China Inland Mission. His picture is in the group in the Conference Report. We took shorthand by the way. He read II Timothy 3. Mr. Bowman excellent remarks. He is now working for the B & H Bible Society.
Thursday Oct. 12th -

Another day much broken up - I have been at the boat several times. Mr. and Mrs. A. are going out to-morrow. I want to have the boat all ready. Mr. Tan was up with his acct. Wh. is a heavy one.

Kaiman Tan has been up from Fung Chi and brought a subscription list on red paper showing some 40 - subscribed by the Chinese & others last Sunday toward repairing the Chubel - a very cheering proof that they are growing in spirit of true independence. They have suppliers from weekly offerings as will be able to supply about $600 - this means as much as $600; Kaismall
Country Church at hand.

Friday -

Mr. Kemp has just come -
ences a capable man, he will
remain here a few days -
I plan going out to the
Country next Tuesday -

Mrs quite well. John
country church at home.

Anna Jay has been enjoying a sort of rocking boat— a long oar
and one set of oars on rockers, which
Mrs. A. J. kindly lent.

The Children's knowledge of zoology
is not yet complete. A small Wyke's
ask "beasties"— cow or sheep. That was
a lawn of contentment for Anna was
put in a pot of farms on the table
yesterday. To-day Jay tried it o-
sung out, "Anna—" gooxoo" (cow)
—
Then one of them said "tau-tau" which
is Jay's name for horse— but Anna
Sagely remarked "No, I do not think
it is either, it is an animal.
She declined tomatoes runners yester-
day & repeated her requests for "veg-
ables."
Dr. Scott and Mrs. Dunwoody called this evening—and accepting congratulations on having my Minutes Report all done. I am full of this month’s work, and I read to Boston room to Keel.

Friday, Oct. 13th—

Mr. A. Dr. P. Mrs. A. left out in the two boats for Kiich’yang. I was waiting on Mr. Coleman. When the Cook announced a guest from Hong Kong. Went out to Fonda. Will build a house. I met a man who said "My home is Hemp".

He had no intention from Boston relative to his sailings, so did not look for him. Sent word to Mr. Booth, who was just starting for Siu Tchee Liang. He came for a moment. I had promised to meet Mr. B. a week from Sunday. I offered to
take Mr. Kent up there, S.M.T.B. Co Started off Porthcast for the steam launch - Mr had invited Dr. Mrs. Constand and a Miss Foster of Portland Ore. Enroute to Singapore to take tiffin with us and glad to have Mr. Kent stay. He had chance to meet the others at Dr. Scott's at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Kent is a man who has seen considerable of the world, was a rail road man before his conversion; his home was in Bostchester. I took him to the Chinese prayer meeting which he enjoyed. He stay at Mr. H. Jr 6. Saturday Oct 14th

I spent quite a part of the day in preparing for Sunday attending the rear old and end of work -
Sunday Evening Oct 25th [-60]

My next door to Mrs. A. Jr. I went to
from Gospel Hymns No. 5—Mr. Kent
is quite a good singer— I went to
Tangiers had a rather good time
at the service there. I was rather
provoked to find so little confusion at
the Chapel due to the moving full
the belongings of Mr. Com pivett, the
Cadet whom we allowed to live there.
If he was not English or a member of the
"Foreign Community" one would suppose
that the least he would do would be
to pay some regard to what we endeavor
or to teach the Chinese that he does
not regard the day himself.

They seem genuinely interested in the
matter—Prepares—Our service to-day was
adapted to that—They sing "Be Thou on the
Reform under His Kind Intend to that
under Josiah to the rebuilding of the Temple. I showed them an illustration of the celebration described in Ezra.

I referred to Haggai 2:7-9, showing that the Lord himself also rejoiced as well as men at the rebuilding of the Temple.

We should remember in our work of repair, that it is pleasing to Him, so it is a thankful service to Him to seek a blessing from Him.

All our steersmen are in the country so I was obliged to get the "Duston", or rather.Pass-Digger. A long, half-broken, two m. long, two m. wide, stuck in the sand. When I told him to come around to Keeka-Chin to wait for me there, he waited outside; the wind rose so there was a heavy sea. We could not get out against it. I made them return. Had one of the Malay men take the boat in Changer, and I took the yellow boat. We arrived later, and the ship was having the paint.
5 miles. Took a small hunt at Nuck Chin. 63

Reached home at 6 o'clock. Found Clara quite anxious about me.

Anna had a bad bilious attack yesterday, throws up profusely after dinner, was very

make this morning but is better now.

Monday Oct 16/13

Don't seem all right this

famour. Don't planning to

go to the country this 0'Leen after
giving it serious for a few things

Above the Council.
Monday evening - 8:40 o'clock
5 miles above Ch‘ih-Kang. Started at 5 o'clock. Had a fine run till about 5 o'clock when the river man stumbled on to the side of some fishing stakes & then let the boat drift on until about 8 o'clock when we pulled up, as near as we could get out of this. We foolishly had the head sail put up & that drove us back into the net flow of the river somewhat. The owners have terms making a payment of talk about it with the steersman & judge they have not yet come to terms.

Mr. Kenk is with me.

Tuesday evening - Oct 17th

7 miles below P‘ing-ch‘ing city. We started long before daylight. The river boats still the sails turned.

After breakfast & Chinese Special.
Dear father + mother:

This journal came from Saturday night by Mr. Kempf, which to my surprise, for I was thinking of the three gentlemen (John Lewis, Brodt, & Kempf) as meeting that day at Hong Kong. But Mr. K found the trip a tedious one, and decided as John dropped down the river to go to Hong Kong, he would stop off at Ki-te to take the steam-launch there and come back to K. Their first plan was when Mr. Brodt started off the day Mr. K arrived to spend the Sunday together at the Kachka Station. Mr. B asked John to come & help him examine some candidates for baptism who were there; they thought Mr. K would enjoy being there too. I thought Mr. B would be back on Monday, but as I have not heard from him yet, I rather think he is finishing up the trip with John, & that both will be coming back either the latter part of this week or the first part of next. I must send this today, as the Belge leaves Hong Kong tomorrow.
2. Last night all the members of our division who were here on the Compound had supper at Dr. Scott's and spent a pleasant sociable evening, right of me were there, Dr. and Mrs. Ashmore, Mr. Kemp and Miss Ashmore Jr. (she is staying with them), Dr. Scott, her daughter, Miss Dunmumie, these two ladies had just come back from country tripwise I having been away about 3 weeks and Miss D. I've been looking the class while they were away. After spending this with the women from 9-11, I was so tired that it was quite impossible to do much of anything else at least till toward evening when I ought to be outdoors with Anna & Jay. So today I've begged off and am trying to get done immense odder ends, which have been lying around waiting, but the mail must be ready first.

We have a very interesting class of women 11 who are founded by us, two or three who came in who live on theCompound. Three of them are young, the others are 40, 50, 60 or thereabouts. Some of the elderly ones are very slow to learn to read the character, but some of the clearest, to learn to read, are the best listeners.
And just drink in the Bible explanations, I have been exceedingly interested in teaching them. As it is now, the two ladies having charge & taking the responsibility of looking after the numerous details, I enjoy the work of teaching more than ever. They take it more about. Miss D. had it this month, while Miss S. spent most of the time in the county, taking a long trip, Miss D. only taking the one short trip of a week to Lang Co. I have been going down daily at 10 o'clock & staying till 11.30 for my teaching time, while Miss D. spends that time with her teacher. She going from 9-10 all, & then two hours here in the afternoon. Occasionally for a day or two, when I find myself getting too tired, I stop, and rest up again & am glad to go back.

This arrangement is very satisfactory to me. Only one of the women is able to read in the Gospels, the other are all reading in the leaflets & catechisms, all being Bible truth, put into simple & plain a form as possible.
Lucia, Jay + Belin almost live out of doors nowadays.
we are having a spell of such beautiful weather, and
the little folk are thriving in it. If only you could be en-
joyed with us, you would be deeply in love with Jay.
I am sure. The little chap is growing better + more win-
nig everyday, but also more full of mischief + robust life.
The only sentence he has got almost completely is "baby pull my
hair," but he is picking up words fast now, he is still fond of
counting his "two, nine, ten." He has such a comely, sweet face,
his picture gives you some idea of it, but his lovely, clear complexion,
this sweet, rosy-cheeked laugh + the dear boy himself. You don't get
Alex talking too much of our boy? He is a child everyone takes
to, + is of course in great danger of being spoiled by too much
attention. He is inclined to tyrannize over Anna. But he yields
quite readily generally. He is in terror of "Papa's trick" + yields in
mediatly if he sees any likelihood of it's coming to guns. He has
several times thrown Ada down; in quarreling he shows his strength.
to be greater than Anna, but they do get along nicely together generally. Both of them adore their little sister. They are very lavish with their kisses with her. Every morning about 6 o'clock the patter of feet is heard from the nursery through the hall, and Anna and Jay come to the baby’s room. Boy says they have a good roll to eat with her before their father. She enjoys it thoroughly too. She is such a dear monicle, a most lovable baby, my dear. Many who had ten children, use to say the last one is always the sweetest, and I am experiencing that now I think.

And dear little Anna certainly must not be left out for she deserves many a kind word spoken to her, she is Mama’s helper, companion especially when Papa is away. She is often amusing in her questions, and the notice she takes of things. We have three dear little treasures, and we would be glad to have you be able to enjoy them as we do.

We are wondering much what you will write in regard
to the matter of going back this winter. I think we do expect to go home next spring, yet it is not at all decided, we want to do that which will be best for the book and ourselves in connection with it, and we be able to say positively, till shortly before we start, if we go.

I will have to close now with every much love to you both and many kisses from the little chicks for dear Grandpa & Grandma. Truly your daughter

Clara H Foster.

We enjoyed much better two letters of Sept 13 & 14, but missed mother usual good budget.

Jay is just calling out to Anna, "Come Hong Kong boat After<br>Go." He has Frank chambers hobby horse & a boat onokers & the chicks enjoy it much. Mr. Helen is having her baby.

Lovingly your daughter
with the brother of quan Thieu from Tung-Air who is going in to join the faro trackers. We went out on a preaching expedition. We had chances to talk with people by the way.

The village is named Hang-Khain. The richest man in the village was among our hearers. He was at first inclined to ridicule us but soon much better toward the end and said, "I half believe the doctrine. Have not decided yet which way to turn." I told him that for two feet (to take two boats) (a man) was bad which he admitted.

Wednesday 5 P.M.

We are living by the stone bridge again. Just came back from messaging at the trackers' boat which lies just the other side of the bridge.

This morning we went up to the shop.
where we had an audience in front of the door. Three of the men doing Sun verquin time are not well, but I had three with me this P.M. I visited only two small villages but was encouraged to find people ready to ask questions to take an apparently more real interest in whatever they had seen from me.

A number of the old people were ready to learn how to pray—
I can never find them more inclined to ask serious and discriminating questions than to-day. Thursday Oc. 9th—

This morning we set out at 8 o'clock, stopped a little while at the town where we had first a crowd of boys to welcome. They here missed us for
a time. Later several elder men came in and had a good bearing from them; two showed more than a passing interest. We walked over the late through Admiral Pang's premises. Mr. Kenz came back to the boat. I had some change taken by the bay and a village called Kow-Ling beyond the city. We had an audience arranging to stay for two hours. It was near the shrine to Buddhist goddess highly honored in the region. There were several tens who manifested an interest time brought books. On the way back my man hailed by a man lying on a bed packed if my had any medicine. The from the man had a bad abscess on his foot. I suggested a rice poultice but he did not seem inclined to use any-
thing so simple. Longfellow said: "He thought you would give him something to take; this is too easy." (Ushaped)

He was evidently a gambler. He gave him an account of a brother of Bah
diah who was convicted again of his gambling right here off island. Another
man came in armed with listen & another who was of the Big family. Both of
men enquired who shot me as if they might come down & take the course of treatment for
breaking off the habit. This last came & said he would walk back with us
invited us to his "reception room".

He is a Captain, a Centaur, has command of 100 men. He was very polite
profitable. We left him, bought with
him. On the way to the boat, he had
an invitation to go in visit the teacher
of a little village school. She was then after 1 o'clock so we could not stay.
After dinner writing a little more, but I had very good opportunities to talk with the old teacher with the scholars. I think the old man has some account on hand or something in which he wants help but he gives good attention to the truth. One woman learned a short prayer, several boys learned a short prayer and they bought some copies of the catechism.

Friday, Oct 26th.

near 6. But on route for Feng Hown-Liong. This morning the messenger from Turk-Cheh arrived with mail, etc. I was delighted to get letters from Father and the 13½ or 14½ of Oct. — glad to hear he is as well contented. I found in our two receipts — found to be in Chicago, Univ. — also newspaper at Chicago, Edge. J. K. seems to be making an honorable record.
I had several business letters from Boston— one a draft for sundry specific gifts including Aunt Abby White's which at the concentration of exchange will amount to some $470—Mexicans. I hope it can be used for some one thing that will be a permanent memorial.

After reading the home letters & Clinic's good letter with some others I sent out for the city. First visited the market & there had a lively crowd of tourists, quite a no. of leaflets & booklets. We then had an invitation to visit the "Fifth-Small-Squin" of the Orin family. The son of the late Admiral's elder brother, his fifth cousin, reckoning adopted sons, the others were all adopted— this is the only one of his own sons. The house was half a dozen theatrical tramps & had a brass band.
"Eternal Faithfulness" is the sign of the latter. The treat was well

given me the seat of honor. Had ten made

on plate of fruit, pumice, peninsulas, pickers, beans, Pinten graphs

bought. We talked quite a long time

and quite interested in the talks and young military men's hair against

the idols, which he said were a fraud.

We left some books with them

and came away to visit the sick man.

We saw yesterday. We had a little

time opportunity to preach by the way.

I came back to the shop when the

arranged for the work of Sunday.

I came to the boat first set out for

our next station. Mr. Kenig

will go back in the morning

and can send my mind back to

the compound.
Saturday—Oct 21st.

I took a small native boat & left Mr. Kemp to take the houseboat to Kick Fung. By 10 o'clock I was up at Sam Chins, where 2 chairs & boxes for baggage were waiting us. As the chairs had been engaged, C. Ling Ting was sick & let him take the other one sent from Mr. Kemp. I reached M. K. L. about 1 P.M. & found the premises in excellent order. Two Mr. Boat arrive he has put it in good condition.

I rested most of the afternoon, then the evening we had one examination of candidates—one man—a prayer meeting. The men seem to know the root of the matter in them.

Sunday—Oct 22nd.

This has been a delightful October day, clear & just warm enough to be comfortable. We had a prayer—
meeting & questioned two old vis-à-vis, who asked baptism. Their replies were quite good but our need was more careful consideration because she is a "go-to-town" in matrimonial affairs; a profession that often simulates much trickery & care.\footnote{Making in Sunday, disregard of the day in order to get the commission or brokerage allows to match-makers.}

Finally, they decided to accept these others of the men, and I had again not due to the building.

I marked at the former service Jr. 31:19 & Prov. 22:14 - God gives liberty. At the baptism there was a little disturbance from Children laughing but the ordination was administered quite satisfying.

Mr. Brust gave the hand of fellowship.
I broke the fast - attended 74 to the rest of the service -

A strolling band of play-actors stopped in to look & listen. They

were quite well - after communion they contributed money to buy

hymn books. In the evening I had a good meeting - read the last part

of Luke 6th in turn I made some Comments - Mr. Brodt had me a

letter from Mr. Campbell this morning suggesting his taking charge of this

part of the field - after service we called the old preacher over here I

had a long conference with him in

including many exhortations to give up the use of rice & whiskey altogether.

He took it kindly, seemed impressed.

Mr. Brodt engaged him till the end of the Chinese year to divide his time

between the school & station so would move away. This rounded out a busy day.
My dear father:

I wanted to send you something by the last mail, but to get my letters off by Mr. Kemp on Saturday I was obliged to rush and write till very late Friday, so you would get only the journal per "Belgic". It was a very great pleasure to get you two letters of the 14th & 15th of September. I fear I have not been as careful as I ought in acknowledging you highly prized letters; the journal rather lifts a load of responsibility off my shoulders, so that I turn to my other writing, which with the Annual Report has been of late no little work. Now I hope to get more done in my correspondence. The journal gives the chief events of the past week. I quite enjoyed having Mr. Kemp with me but the newness of things seemed too much for him & though he is a big powerfully built man who has been on a railroad nearly half his life he found it very wearing. I think I am fairly tough as I see those who have been obliged to go home or who have found it hard to get on.

I feared I should be rather used up to-day as the services yesterday lasted till 9-00 P.M. and then I had to talk for Mr. Brodt till after 10-00 in arranging for the next months in that part of the field. Mr. B. was 42 when he came out & has got but little of the language in his two years. I hope he will be able to hold on and get a hold on the elusive dialect later. He has many good qualities & has made a brave stay of it this Summer at Kia-Eng where it is very hot & uncomfortable. It seemed quite Providential my being there yesterday as I was able to help him out in several directions and to give an exhortation to the old preacher who had once promised Mr. Norvell, Dr. Ashmore & myself to reform his ways and not drink so much. I think Mr. B. will give much more attention to that part of the field than heretofore. There will be another baptism before many months I hope. There had not been one before yesterday for over six years.

In regard to what you wrote in your last letter, I certainly had no idea that any intimation had been given you that your resignation would be acceptable, quite the contrary I felt sure that all whose opinion is worth having would be better pleased to have you there, but I thought you preferred to be relieved of the burden and to leave in time of popularity rather than to wait till there might be dissatisfaction in some quarters. I am glad you were not feeling any loneliness at the prospect of the absence of any prescribed duties, hope that you will get through the season all comfortably, wish you could be with us, but fear you might find it tedious out here in the country. You would find a variety at the house in the children whom I hope you can see some time. If you do decide to consider the matter I wrote of some months ago, you may about next Spring meet us on the Pacific coast. I do not feel at all certain what our moves will be. If we are well and we are needed here especially I should prefer to stay, but I cannot tell anything about it; the probabilities are in favor of a journey to the U.S. within six months if the prospects do not change.

There is not very much to write except what I put down from day to day. The work in the Mission goes on much as usual. All the men but Dr. A. are in the field and he is doing his accustomed good work in teaching the Class. There has been no further discussion of the matters of which I wrote you. My convictions are fully as strong as ever on the subject and as soon as the opportunity offers I hope to see forward steps in the direction of a more truly Baptist foundation for the churches here.

Your affectionate son, John.
2 10 P.M. Boat "Free".

Arrived the boat landing at 11 A.M.

I unpacked put things in order took buffalo + a mah Jong a few minutes reading.

The chair ride was not unpleasant on the way we met the two women baptised yesterday who smiled hailed us with evident pleasure. We talked with a few people.

By the way redistributed a few tracts + tracts. I did not write on Friday that married at E. Bie, at dusk, the men who used to come to Pang Pau. When we had a room there they claim to be the stillitorisng God by themselves though not very rigorously. We had a long chat with them in a room where they invited us to drink tea. The head man of the village was there + listened attentively.

Thursday Oct 21st 10-15 P.M.

I have just been talking with mystics + man the Chief of a Mandarin's boat.
The former is, I think, intellectually convinced of the truth of Christianity. But was a helping word occasionally. The other gave me several nagging’s against the truth. I had just come back from the preacher’s boat when I had a long conference on the pressing needs of the work. I had many lines of work for the coming weeks.

This forenoon we had a very good hearing at a village called Sai-Pang. Some people seemed really interested, but as they had a law-suit on hand, I fear they may be looking for help.

This A.M. we visited a village where a theatre was in preparation. The whole crowd gathered around and listened in a friendly way some time. Then we went outside...
Had a number of individual letters - some of whom were quite hopefully interested. They say there has been a fight at a large market near here - several men killed wounded. The people evidently need more of the late admiral's treatment, or still more the gospel of the Prince of Peace.

Wednesday Oct 25th -

Another beautiful day. We are a little late in starting as are not going to a distant village but little city itself. The steamman wants to go to Kok Chish to day to get news from his family; he expects he has a daughter; wants to know which - a natural curiosity to him. The difference is very great.
This sermon in preached near the Yamen. I had a rough crowd. I was an open door, some took guns; good attention. I took a placard offering reward for arrest of the thieves who stole our property; from a starving traveller, as a starting point read that our main feature for doctrine was like the placard. It announced that an offence had been committed that all men have sinned against the Teacher of the Universe. Another feature was the Union. Unlike the placard, is that a way of escape is provided for the criminal. I was glad to hear a boy of 14 or 15 say, "He doesn't understand the right of itbut..."
Monday, Oct 30, 1893.

Dear Father and Mother,

This batch of mail has just come down. John sent it to Dr. Scott at Kiel, Young, where she has been since Thursday. I am back early this A.M. I had a short letter with it, in which he says he is just starting for New York, where he expects to be over Sunday, then from there he came directly home. He may possibly be able to get in tonight, but it is more probable that he will be in tomorrow.

We are having cool weather—decidedly cooler than the previous four or five days at this time. There is at 66°, but it is invigorating. I have not yet started any flowers, but will have to soon in the nursery for the children's baths. If it continues to drop, I have them dressed warmly.

Our train came in Friday 8.36 p.m. Much delayed for some reason, as it was to have been
in H.K. on Tuesday, John had sent his steersman in an boat to wait over till Friday noon for it, but he dared not wait any longer, so it is awaiting him here.

I am very glad to hear from his letter to learn that father has again had two dizzy chills. I know John will be anxious to see him and that with the cooler weather you will be stronger and not troubled with them any longer. John had several letters from the Poonsie one from New Britain one from South Paris Maine to in all I had none, my correspondence is not as large as the first few years I was out. I have not been able to write many of my friends much to my regret.

The Empress of China goes as Word from H.K. and I'll have this ready to go today to go by her. John will doubtless have time to go by the Peruvian Sate. The Children are out with the Annah and I am ready to go down to the woman's class at 10 A.M. it being a few minutes of that hour.

Miss Drumheller, Anna + I took the steam launch into Kilkisang on Saturday leaving Swatow at 8:30 A.M. arriving at Kilkisang at 12:15 the tide being
against us all the way, we were slow in getting there, with the tide they reach there at 11 a.m. at 1 p.m. we started back again & reached here at 6 p.m. to found it a pleasant day's outing. Dr. Beidner has been putting up a very nice house & a new chapel there. Dr. Scott was dispensing medicine when we got there. It is an important center for our work, excellent opportunities always being next to the launch pier where there are daily hundreds of people passing, & a few thousand from the other side is a large ferry leading to many villages beyond.

We do rejoice in the blessings God is giving to the work being done, that we may do more for Him while we can in our present desire. Yours truly, 

Lady Orton

I am making a collection of Columbian stamps for the chicks. I have up to 13 all but the 6-cent stamps. Could you please put a 6-cent stamp on a letter sometime instead of a 5-ct. & think I would have me, if not troubling you too much please.
Since he had listened: I must let him go. Others too assured that the assistance was wrong; for which is advocated by the mania generation.

He had a good hearing in front of the Confucian Temple. An young man really seemed not far from the kingdom. Some sensible elderly women listened with regard of themselves they knew that worshiping novels. The joint snow was not very strong.

Again I talked with two men who showed no little interest. One was a passenger with Pang Tung from little Monday night. Several young roughs followed us and made a disturbance then; but nothing serious. I felt very tired and stayed in the O.M. The men erected some huts at Angdina near by.
Thursday Oct 26th

This forenoon I walked some three miles to a village called Christiano to preach at several places. Some listened quite well, but were invited to drink tea at one place. Man selling a few books. I find the little collection of hymns in the tekstull my treat we have had.

We got audiences but they are not always “inspiring”; after I had talked to a crowd some time about the True God, a woman with a baby in her arms called out “Will he forgive our sins? If he will, we will worship.” I used this at a point of departure to Enc-
phrases the difference between the pig, & men with immortal souls—Tai-gang also took it up later to show the variety of idolatry & the need of worshipping a God who really has power to restore genuine blessing. An old man who appeared a little later: he had an unusual feel towards a Chinaman, very white. His sight seemed perfect. He was skeptical on the subject of a future life but several fois talked to him about it. After tiffin, half an hour was spent alone by myself—went out again for the village of Poutochiar, back at the foot of the hills some 2½ miles. They are a hard-looking lot of villagers. They used to fight the Pug-dan people years ago. We were invited to come in & drink tea at one room.
I had an audience of men and children with several women at the door. Some listened well. I talked quite a long time on the life work of the Savior. Again and again the life work of the Savior. Again, I told the story of Dagon, the gateway. I tried to impress on the men at least.

Ilonga reposed a hopeful conversation with a man over 80 years old at the hospital. The man seemed to be more by the truth of a future life. Many of them asked for the 9th chapter of Matthew. We had in the 9th chapter of Matthew to-night. I told the truth that many of them asked me how they may grasp the fragment of the truth. They may be like the woman who touched the hem of the Lord’s garment; it may be a saving touch.
Friday Oct 27th.

This forenoon we visited Hsi-Kung on the other side of the City wall several small adyences - we invited in to an Ancestor Temple by the school teacher who seemed to take to Longfeng & accepted his views of Confucius on several points - I gave him a pipe of Hong - We called on the old Squire on the way out; he was in a very pleasant frame. This P.M. we visited again the village of Hsi-Tsoan when they were having a theatre a few days ago. We were invited into a well furnished room and drank tea with the people then in several good looking & pleasant men who listened well. I have seen no place about here where the men seem so likely to make the bomea-
tion of a strong Church at
their. They have several schools of
learn they have nothing to do with
the Buddhist Priest, say it is not
in harmony with Confucian teaching
to employ them to lead the dead
into the Western Home. May the
Lord bless our words to the leading
among them into the light and hope of
the blessed immortality. They admit that
to them all is but darkness beyond.

This village is a great contrast to that
visited yesterday, which, they say,
met with Kung-Suen on ascen of
Hills. On each side they killed two
some of their enemies. Kung-Suen was
born after the finds began. Before he
closed he was able to "carry weapons"
in the atYork.
at Kaochiam 6.30 P.M.

I had about 3 hours in the chair this A.M.; it was one of the "reclining" kind. Morning limited. Reclining chair can, but two stops made. Our car is dark. The man comfortably by putting flannel on the seat & something under the head. This is a bit of bamboo hung by two ends that serves as a foot rest, or one can draw up his feet entirely. I talked to a few people at Pao-ja; one opium-smoking vagabond listened somewhat but with a view to amusement I judged, he with a view to amusement I judged. The sin of the foreigners in being brought up the sin of the foreigners in being brought up, I reminded him that smoking opium, he, I reminded him that smoking opium compelled him to smoke it, which amused & compelled him to smoke it, which amused & the crowd he admitted his error but in the crowd. He admitted his error but in the crowd. He admitted his error but in - of course, readily granted. The Chair-hand in front asked me to explain "the doctrine," which I was very glad to do. The fairgood attention - there is certainly a growing willingness to attend to him the Truth constantly manifesting itself.
Then was not a large attendance at the funeral, which, as well as the family, was poor. The singing finished. I spoke from Rev. xiv. 13—on the collocation of the seemingly contrasted terms death & blessing after another hymn. After the procession started they had several days in front bearing a farmer, two young sticks, a corn bundle, and some 3 1/2 ft long at top. The women, women waking, followed the coffin, sisters followed. Miss Hamilton came back with a long tuck with Argus about this family trouble; she took on some of it herself upon him, in a good spirit. I really believe during truth is getting a hold on him both spiritually & intellectually.

Sunday Oct. 29th. 5-11AM.

We have had a good day. HerBerlin attendant, Ponson met before; one an old Catholic who became a Bishop in Singapore seems a great advance from over the Irish & French Catholics at home. He had his prayers book & Mary with him, but he seems to know that the Lord Jesus is the Savior. Mr. & Mrs.
attended before: an old man of 77 was 88.

A good listener, but he has an "affair"
on land that grew out of a gambling quarrel
between his sons-fathers, so I do not know
how much of a hold the truth will take.

The other, a young man, seems to be genuinely
interested. took off the written charms he
had tied in his arms & gave them to me.
He took a catechism & learned about the
prayers that are given as examples there.

My last entry was at 70: Reading of Mr. W. F.-
Prayer singing! Preaching service at 77:15-
and more opportunity for writing for major testimoni-
aries. after two offers prayer had the
discourse of the Cross in view & spoke
fr. Hebrews 11:48- referring to Rev 21

They gave me good attention.
I took a little time to rest after tea.

We had Communion at 3:20 - Long Way
Pangding came in then; they set out early
to visit the school teacher. "Mr. Tung-Yu" who was at

Theodore's last January. They
had a long run on the way meeting
literary men at a place where Pangding
used to teach. They were taught in a plain, old-fashioned way. The two sitting to a feast provided for a teacher then. They were taught well, and had opportunity to talk of the truth. They found the teacher at last, though he was not able to come out as a Christian. He is still interested in want to go to this Sichou again. I read in January. Monday, Oct. 20th.

This morning we discussed the question of needed improvements in the chapel. I was hoping to interest the members who live in the dormitories in helping to help as the resident member was mostly poor. I did not enjoy the ride particularly. The train grew very hard before we reached the boat and Mr. called at Kow-Lan-Ti; then was about 10 those who met for worship there at the House of a Thing, a former teacher, a member of the future Church. I trust. The people need constant care. Rung-Ling's brother had gotten back to gambling again.

Little of the action ended with him.
He promises to do better. Gambling with cards is as bad a habit here as in America.

The preacher's boat this came down together. I had a good meeting in the preacher's boat tonight; one of my boatmen went over to carry my lantern. He seemed to really take a personal interest; he is a pleasant fellow. I hope he may have the courage of his convictions — one of the men on the Mandarin boat, that lay at anchor for several days, heard and believed no little interest to-day gave me the Christian salutation. "Peace, very pleasantly, as we alighted on mooring, Brother Tom past them.

It is very interesting to see how the Chinese behave with others. Especially that

Sarcastic of Christ. Wolf-Dog was telling with

great gusto how he crossed river near who charged him and his brother with the ball of being

Homey one in their large village to talk with Thursday; he said that he being aware that now he

"Preach love and work righteousness." &c., "Lay down,

said. "Better tell the way of salvation." You talk about

"Preach love, work righteousness." They all pointed to

failing. To you with their eyes full of wonder

today," quite a change followed, all in the same but

all of which he took with a smile of weakness, he

was the youngest of the party."