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at home again Oct 31st (Tuesday) 1852

This A.M. I took the boat at 8 A.M. proceeded South to by 11-20 I found the weather will be how to morrow.

I had a pleasant trip the bay with a young fellow who listened with seeming acquiescence to the truth.

All seem very well at home Miss Anna, Jay & Elder all seem pleasant & her mother. I have been very busy on accounts & answering business letters am very sorry to hear that her had never unpleasant attacks that they will have all necessary quickly.

I feel Aunt Abby's was money amounts at presents $250 to $88.80 I do much for the fall in silver that helps no one. The matter is beautiful
Wednesday Nov. 15th.

A very busy day - a string of visitors mostly Chinese from 8 till 12. Then dinner till I went to Swatow to do some errands. Then I heard that the Hawaiian Act has been repealed. A film falling & I met an agent from the firm of a Swatow merchant. Business here in the East will have a fearful blow I expect.

Prayer meeting this evening. I attented Mr. A. Jr. would lead. I offered. He called on Matt. ix. 12. To call of Matthew. The healing of the woman of Jaarits. The healing of the woman of Jaarits daughter. 'High things come by faith, the common level that the highest level in coming to Christ.'
Much of my time was given to consulting with Dr. Trueman about various Church matters - work for next year - Dr. A gave me an account of the difficulty he had in getting the young man Christofer to make a confession of wrong at the last Communion.

In the evening, Clarus and I took supper at Mr. A's. Mr. Kenay, Mr. A. and Miss A. and Worth Brown were there. We had a pleasant time. Friday, Nov. 3rd.

It is surprising how many things people come up for settlement after one has been away a fortnight and plans to be away again. A long part of my time is given to such matters. Treasury work - Dr. Cashmore is back from Italy. He expects to take his family there soon.
Saturday, Nov. 4th.

After giving directions about personal matters, I left for Tangsa at about 9 o'clock. Besides the four boatmen, my cook, Tangshang, Jictoa, two small boys - the "boss" next went in the boat.

One of the boys was the one whose father was a medium when three a-way his amulet after coming to Thikse, the other the boy who refused to worship at the first last August. I had copies of the leaflet "Regarding the True God".

I examined the boy on it. The former could not read it very well this eye, nor could not read it at all. The latter read it well. However, a great many questions I put questions that made touch all the "heaven" proposition denial think of the seemed to be wonderfully enlightened. It is now acting as guide to the "blind" boy. They came down for a visit home. I met back immediately.

My chief arranged how was to
arranged with the British about this

I pairing the Chapel. They had a long
discussion with Ji Si. Several times
I thought they were more likely to have
the whole plan upset than to complete
a contract, but there is much to be learn-
ed from a party of this sort, traits of
character show themselves. The minor-
tar of Chinese house building comes out plain-
ly. They haggled some time about the
tiles for two small shares. Then Ji Si
said the bill must be paid in dollars
"Ch’i-ta Ch’i-jî" (7 mace & 2 condamns
72 & 2 Chinese ounces of silver) The silver
question threatened to be as great a danger
as at home. The dollars are foreseen
as or that it hit the Chinese reckon.

for to the dollar unless otherwise

She said. Finally, J. W. yielded that plant
up then there literally grounded struck rocks
because he wanted them to form the
to earth, sand & stone for the wall.
He had allowed $10. in his first con. tract for these items, & when they pressed him to make concessions he agreed to do all the rest for 100 " 75 " c. 75 c. silver, but they must furnish a place to dig the earth from if he allowed me $10. later he flatly refused to furnish them at all. I suggested that as the money we gain would be 12-0" dollars it would be better to raise the w't of things & furnish him a sand bank than to throw up the chance of getting the work done, but the little man did not want that.

We had a prayer meeting in the evening. Ji-tà stayed with some of the men. A Hài who used to know him 20 yrs ago gave him some pointed exhortations. I hope he may profit by the meeting.

Afterwards Hằng Long came in to my room & talked with him a little a about the reasonableness of the brethren's desire of furnishing the sand. He then talked to them about the possibility of doing the work without a
Sunday, Nov. 24th—

I was glad to hear that some of the better aged to undertake the job of furnishing the church. J. M. agreed to allow them the "silver-water" (extra about 7½ in the dollar) we pay through man to make it $2.70 on the dollar. The price of these materials $12.70 instead of $10—as first. Our needs to be posted on these details—suggestion as to a little extra may often help bridge over a difficulty.

We had a prayer meeting at 8 A.M.—several requested for prayer. I was much—very glad to hear that the old man whose dwelling my visit to last summer saw he does not worship as often now but prays "Heavenly Father Bless" & "Thank the Heavenly Father". He is in a better now.

There has been scarcely any time to think about the meeting services but they have been prayerful. Than came long noon. I found the latter had prepared to
read Gen. 4: 17 The latter half of Ex. 20: 18, etc. I suggested that we add the first verse of Ch. 24 to explain a little about Abraham's being a blessing to all the earth, then Paul saying, 'If I shall keep on the plain method of teaching, I did not follow' is that he take the mean of Rechabites, of which we have a picture in a S.S. Room of Illustrations. I follow with the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We had a very good service taking all in all— I am more than ever inclined to believe that the Elder Son refers to the Angels. The preaching verse says, 'there is joy in the presence of the Angels of heaven', not among them. Other passages state that 'the plan of salvation for repentant sinners is something they desire to look into'. There is seemingly no similar provision for their fallen companions, except to be their judges.

Our S.S. lesson was Mark 15: 16-19.
After S. I. I talked with them about some things that should be changed in the conduct of affairs so that the exact state of their finances - They had submitted a little $45 - I had left over from last year's work. Contributions which had been loaned and paid over a dollar a year interest. Then is a little too small, and making $62 in all - They owe $6 for a new stone doorway and window, $3 for ground rent $7 for repairing a clock, leaving $52 to pay on the $116 of this contract - Which calls for 58 from us. This is a larger proportion than the state committee at home often has called upon for a still larger share. I have sent $50 from my children in New-

Britain several years ago for a Schenectady Day - not used. Thus I have decided to give the same this year. I can furnish from money funds. I told them it would be a greater advantage to have all the societies
just in order to get our football as to start all fresh clean - I offered to make an effort to - if they would raise enough money to secure the seats. They de-
mourned somewhat but after a little waiting subscribed the half of what was needed & felt confident they could get the rest.

We had a good evening meeting. I arranged for the two Froebelists to stopover Monday & visit Tr-Then a village a few miles away where there is at least one biliana & when a good hearing was given. The time Miss

Dewees & was there a fortnight ago. At the last a discussion came up about finishing one of the rooms &

Bro.-a-Hai came up & talked with me quite a while about the state of things.
Monday Nov. 6th

This A.M. I started for Caelum - the landing is a mile for the Chapel - at just 5 - 1/2 hours rowing oaring brought us here.

All as well - I hope the trying on my wretched shoes torn on the Chinese natives chair 2 hours.

This evening I read aloud some of the reports in the Standard of Sept. 22nd - of the famous Parliament of Religion. Some of the anti-Christian sentiments were stronger than usual and one of them was that Dr. Boardman's address so impressed me by its Scripturalness many excellent statements - it is as vague a general in some of his notions as hereby reported on the Standard that this is pleasing.
Tuesday Nov. 17th.

This morning at 8.30 Clara and
Ann took water for wooden
and threw teeth out one was a very hard
one she will need to have a plate for
the lower she takes for the upper ones
two because of the Chinese have been in
to consult about the work. Wang
& Ching. This A.M. the ladies ar-
ranged an outing at a Chinese foreign
place 1.5 miles away & at 3.30 Mcl. Jr. & I
walked out there & had a pleasant exci-
sion. Dr. Scott arrived we heard
by telling of a little girl who was a
little ill & began referring a markis
wish it to die & be an angel. Her mother
encouraged her & asked her how soon she should
pray the Lord to take her. They quoted a triple
almitite. He said "Well I think it better
let wait till Barmum's help come her end"
"But," the mother said, "there is no need of waiting for that because I learn it a great deal faster than anything you could enjoy through Burnum's other home." "Yes, mamma, I know well what you, mamma, mamma will not.

Wednesday, Nov. 8th.

I had Union prayer meeting this P.M.; it was my turn to lead. I read: Rom. V: 1-5, Phil. II: 15-11, 1 II Tim. I: 7-12 - the subject being in the 8th vs. of the last passage - "partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God." The paradix is in "afflictions of goodness - hearing of good news - afflictions according to power." He first implicat the
the foundation truth that the 14 good news is not welcome because of its conditions - the whole world may gather to discuss the subject of religion but this article will remain the bearer of good tidings will be

Again it is strange that ambassadors from the court of Heaven should be despaired rejected subject to insult and death - but we find the solution in what is said below in regard to him who first brought the good news - things death brought life and immortality brought - the power is not protection from ill but a far mightier power that can turn afflictions into a mill of joy make them work out a far more exceeding eternal weight of glory -

The Kemp lived in prayer so this was no writing but what I think the best meeting we have had.
Sat. Nov 11 '93

Dear Father and Mother:

John left yesterday morning directly after breakfast, he was to be at the Denticola for the last time at 8.30 a.m. and then from there he was going to take a steamer at Cheong Yang and go to meet his boat, which left the day before. He expects to be away till the end of this month. He plans living in a native house at Khouching sending his boat back next week.

Monday I go to the Dentist again to have the impression taken for a plate. I did expect to wait to have this done at home, but there were two clerors that were fast filling so it seemed best to have them cut and have a plate made. Two below and four above are out.

My front teeth are quite sound yet. John went over with me to have them drawn. He is 138 lbs + 2/108 lbs. He is about at his average weight + I a little below. Still I am quite well, though I do have to be more careful not to overdo than formerly.
2. Thursday night we had a pleasant evening with all the members of the mission here, in to dinner for the evening. There were 10 at the table— we had roast beef & chicken pie, curry & rice for the second course, & Italian cream for dessert.

Dr. & Mrs. A. Barr, Mrs. A. J. Dr. Scott, John Brown from an Hill, Mr. Brodt & Mr. Kemp from the Hullah mission they live down in Kuala Lumpur on the Bund, in the house where the Campbells formerly lived. I also went to see the Parliament of The Oceania brought another good large letter telling of the arrival of the photo. Also brought our California goods which we expect up here today or Monday, & also the Bill of Lading for the goods John ordered from New Britain. These latter things will come probably toward the end of this month. We did not send for as many things as from year a few tumed plates for John in his country trip. We sent for butter too to try in the making of the baby. We made calling most pleadingly for her "meat and I went through this Ann and Jay playing in water, he drenched having to be changed throughout the dinner I know that heat go with heat to you both hoping you are both well and enjoying Clara.
Thursday - Nov. 16th -

The sermon was taken up with Sunday preparations for going away, closed with a final consultation closing of the contract for Yang Qi repairs with one of the men then - May the work he does well and ill succeed.

After dinner I saw the dentist in Swatow and busy after dinner back till further time when all the Mission now here, Dr. & Mrs. A., Mr. & Mrs. A., Jr., Dr. Scott, Misses Kent, W. Scott. Miss had another pleasant time. Mr. T. had an all turn after dinner.

The Parliament of Religion is a common topic of conversation. Some of the sayings by Christian men some blasphemous - The Righteous Brent of the Shinto form of devil worship!
Missin Boat "Grace" went for Khulji 16
Friday, Nov. 10th, 1873

This morning after breakfast I bade
good-bye to the loved ones at home
Crossed over to Swatow-on the way to the
boat three different ones hailed me to
ask about Missin matters-"Mr. Smith
too followed me down & had a final word
about business matters- I had an appoint-
ment with the Artist at 8.30 & the
first tide made the journey across so
long I feared I should be late, but was
not, after a brief time in his hand,
I walked back to the Babtein-
Missin Compound to consult with
Mr. Mackenzie about one or two mat-
ters concerning their matters then
thence further on to the Consul, but he
was not at home. In thirty minutes
walk took me back to Bradley's
Office. When I drew some money &
Spoke of plans for remitting fund 17 to the Country. Then to the Dracun drug store to speak a word to him about the report falsely circulated about dishonesty on the part of my friend Ling Yeung in buying the Nga-Tung house.

A young man, Ling Chiu, who is told about forwarding mail, supplies me to the inland stations met me by appointment and we went to the Business Headquarters of Kwang-Dak [Broad-Brother] at Nga-Tung, to see about remitting money to that place. But he does not seem inclined to do this as the Hak-Ka firm still he thought he could arrange with a firm he knows in Nga-Tung. This necessitated another visit to Broday's writing two letters back to Hak Chik.

Hence to the steamer landing. When I found my cook waiting. As then men for no boat for nearly an hour I went to the
Office of Jordan Matheson Co., 18
arranged with the Chinese Clerk to
put the goods in respect from New-
York, through the Customs, if they ar-
rive before I get back. Sales wrote
a further note to Clara in answer to
our she sent by the Cook with some
inquiries about Treasury matters.

On the launch I went down into the
little cabin. I was occupied most of the
way in conversation with two bright
young men who said they were from
Stni-Li. I was in the sugar business. I
don't recall all the questions they asked
me but here are some: "How many cash
do you pay for cabin passage?"

"What is your honorable name?" "You of
What kingdom?" "How far is it to your home?"
"How many days on first boat (steamer)?" "How
many years have you been here?"
"Where do you reside?" "Are you wanted"
to Chinese living: do you eat fillet of
rice? - "You eat flesh?" - "Do you
drink liquor?" - In what esteem do you
are you engaged?" - "Do you speak Cantonese?
Mandarin?" - "Do you read Chinese Character?
What is your word for "chuck" (eat)?"
"How many ladies have you taken to wife?"
"Do not men in your country marry men
than one?" - "How many little Esquires
(bow) have you?" - "When am your family?"
"What are your marriage customs?"
"Is it all the day of the woman?"
"Do they worship at the wedding?"
"How much money is paid for the bride?"
"Is it true that further sister marry in
Your Kingdom?" - "Do people gamble
there?" - "What games do they play in
gambling?" - "Do men lead immoral
lives?" - "Has a man "death rattle?"
"Do you worship the dead?"
This gave me a good opportunity to disc-
Scrib a Christian funeral, its order
solemnity took, compared with a Bud-
dhistic performance elsewhere. Quite a
number had gathered about and listened well.

They, of course, ask about what my
Clothing cost & other similar questions;
I used to be annoyed at such curiosity,
but so long as they confine themselves
to politeness (Chinese) I do not mind
it. Sometimes get good opportunities
to say a word that otherwise might
not be feasible.

I took a sedan chair across to the
boat. It is over 4 miles and I had
not eaten since an early breakfast, so I feared a
walk might not be good economy in the
hot sun. The ride cost about 20 cents.

It was nearly 3 o'clock when the boat got
under sail - I rested, read or wrote until
9 P.M. We passed under Stein Heing
Bridge when sun down.
Friday evening at Thiї Dïï. Mon. 11th. 21.

Kim-Kek, who used to be a school teacher, I understand a little of medicine, has opened a small drug store here. I called on him and quite a number of men gathered about. The poor boy I had some leaflets in my pocket. He read them to the little people. He asked me if I had any more. The school teacher from Thon Khoi, Chinh Dïï, was present with him an old man who used to be a sort of fortune teller and had recently become a believer. He had written a leaflet "Regarding the True God." I helped a little. I informed the old man, who was coughing, that the leaflet was written in English. He read it with no little emphasis - "Yes, I was an astrologer more than 20 years, but that is all empty talk. I did not know that before, but now I know that this God is the only one to worship." He was a good testimony - he seemed an
honest simple-hearted old fellow who sincerely accepted the truth so far as he has heard it.

We had a prayer meeting in the evening Sunday Nov. 12th.

This morning set out at about 7.30 for the house. Then reached there in good season. The walk is about 5 miles. The Chapel there was built dis-

honestly. The man took hold it was intrusted part into their wallets money that should have gone into line for the walls. One corner had fallen in and it is a serious question what to do. It is not worth while making ex-
tensive repairs, it is hardly practic-

able to rebuild. The congregation there has been a difficult one to deal with; they did not seem able to meet for an afternoon service and it has been a steady pull to get
them up to attending Sunday School in the afternoon - They ought to be a strong body; one of the members used to be a preacher and capable of being an efficient leader. Then it promises now of their doing better.

I had service at 10-50. This Dr. had Romany. I queried him who was the first native preacher to work in that region. Before his return to the Catholics, he spoke at length forcibly on the message to the Church at Laodicea: after a hymn, a - mi, the young curé, porten, read the parable of the Prodigal Son and spoke upon it briefly - at a little before 2 P.M. we met again & read the S. School lesson Mark 15:6-20 - the resident 60, people made some excellent remarks in further explanation of the Saviour's sufferings. We then brought up
the chapel question it remained up for over an hour. I feared at the time nothing would come down to any satisfactory conclusion; many were opposed to expending anything when various plans for rebuilding were mooted but I could not make any definite promises of help so they finally subscribed enough to cover fully all needed (i.e., expedient) repairs. A com-mittee of 14 men was chosen to attend to the matter.

Their 14 assembly the Lord's supper after a few moments conference with the native helpers I left for this city. I stopped at the chapel there and found that the attendance to-day was very good. After supper two of the young men came in that an hour discussing some questions of future methods of work here.
At Khon Khai. Monday Nov. 13th, 25

This morning after planning the work for the men on the "Hope" for a fortnight I started down the river. Wrote a no. of letters on the typhoon tactics before we reached Si Bit. After tiffin I walked up here. Chin Lian was with me & got men to carry my burdens at about half what I should have been obliged to pay.

The ex-astrologer carried one load & he carried Huk Tang's coat most of the way from this bit & then came down to get mine; it is a good sign that he is ready to earn more in this road way, it makes me hopeful that he will be willing to undergo hardship in order to make a living without his homework.

I can comfortably house her in an upstairs room - the most convenient quarters I have found in my field.
Here's it all of or a part of one of "Sunday Curls." Anna got hold of the scissors a few days ago in great glee brought in a handful of hair. "I cut Jaye's hair." she said as if very proud of the accomplishment. They always watch me with great interest cut Papa's hair. Anna seemed to think she had taken big strides toward being a big girl; her highest ambition toward being able to do like Mama does.

This page must have been omitted from some former journal. Joe sent it down but did not lay.
Tuesday Nov. 14th

Last evening I read II Cor. II:14. "But thanks be unto God which always leadeth us in triumph in Christ." To-day there has been sometimes a feeling that the Lord has fortuitated the expression. The old man, ex-astrologer, must be quite a friend if not philosopher. Even reason shuts out to the people who hailed him. "That empty fake would have nothing more of me. I am going with the teacher to tell people how to worship the true God." Rick Bang too has been most indefatigable in preaching. The fact that he was a rank Buddhist 2½ yrs. ago is amazing. We had pleasant calls at the Potter. Dick Long's Carpenter shop and at Die. The brother there who has not yet been baptized, thinks he is ready to apply next Sunday. We had some good listeners in that village but the large market near by. I fear they may not have them 10,000 people come to market day."
Thurs. Nov. 15th, 1873

My quarters here are really comfortable. The house is 13 x 13 ft. The cook lives below, so I have the upper room to myself, an uncommon luxury in the country to have an upstairs room at all. I bought comforted bed, chair & stool for my trunk, which together make a table for eating and writing. My typewriter is in a pine cabinet, made for packing box, painted red, on each side.

Two large, red, jugs with half of a door used as bookshelf. Thick board for drinking water. Small curtain for bath room.

This is a first floor room, door to chamber, plenty of room.

The walls are 5 ft. 10 in. long.
Wednesday Nov. 22d 1793.
Back home again all in quite still - I am very busy - go to my dinner today - expect to go to Philadelphia Friday for a few days -

Good by from John.
After eating breakfast from the trunk of the table I went to the Chapel. Morning prayers over, set out for Chhiu-Tung Nia - ("Peaks of the Autumn Winds") a village on the Hak-Ka border, seven miles away. A Poow, with Son of How. The Patriarch of this Congregation, Hak-choom. Who was a rank Buddhist 7 years ago, penitent of his Christian brother. T'via Och ("Uncle-I") the ex-Astrologer.

Now my companions. There was nothing to note till we were about half-way. or little more, on our journey. When we stopped to talk with a knot of men, carriers of sedan chairs, other passers by. This is the "great road" to the District City of Hui-Low 20 miles away. These people did not listen very earnestly, but once a town bought boots & needle-lots. a few steps further I met others. Stopped to talk with others - two young fellows, one with a bag on his shoulder, the other carrying...
two baskets & a quiver full of long 29-
arrowed. listened for a time then ran away.
A Poam said to me. "They are going to
the house of some family where there has
for a death recently & Chi sai ("act
the lion") to drive away evil spirits."
A pleasant looking man of about
35 came along having a string of
charms tied to his upper jacket button.
At the most conspicuous, a folded piece
of green paper with printed matter upon
it, looking like a green handkerchief,
say 8 inches wide, folded up tied by the center.
pointed to this charm
Hak-ding walked up to him, said
"Ah! I used to be just the same as
you; this is a charm from Godā-
you worship him & think he can pro-
tect you." "Yes," said the man a little
taken aback. "This is to invite him"
(14.9) "But let me tell you... do you
Then what you are worshipping? Do de was a physician. He died & people said they would worship him. So hired an artisan to make a wooden image. They bow down to that - No good. No use. He cannot help you. He has never done anything for you. that you should worship him. But there is a living God in heaven who created us all & gives us the Sun, rain, tree & makes the earth bring forth that we may have food so he put on for a curtain & gave him a good epitome of gospel truth urging him to put away these vanities & turn to the living God - to come to the Chapel next Sunday & learn more fully the only truth that can save a man.
It is encouraging to see a man, who 3 yrs ago was an isolater himself, so ready to seize opportunities earnest in making the most of them.

We took our noon meal at a wayside restaurant - I must inside the shanty and had some bread on a bed on which I laid a towel next the lunch I brought of some boiled rice. A few boiled peanuts the place afforded. The native custom occupied much of the time in laboring with violent side. Everybody knows "Uncle I." All seem incredulous as to his really having given up so lucrative a business, "eating the doctrine," as the call becoming a Christian. When he vehemently declares, "That is all fake, I want none of it." They reply, "Ah then are you going to pay us back the money we had paid you in the past for..."
"The Chinese mind is eminently practical and inclines to accept another's views if there is room for argument. He generally says, "Oh, that was earning my living, I did not know it was false.""

"Yes, if the God of Heaven blesses me as I have money you can sometime I will pay you." I was pleased at this incident—Tuesday at six o'clock he said there was one person whom he did not speak of the truth, because this person had stabbed him years ago in an affray. He told him he must not hold his grudges; tell him the pamphlets, doctors, saloons told him of the Lord's prayer—he said —"I shall remember in the future." When I was sitting in the inn, he

...
Come up and said, "I remember what you said. There is a man out here who with his brothers used to be unfriendly to me, but I have been talking 
them down giving them job after job, 
until" as he started out with an oranger 
to give the fellow who declined it, 
it is refreshing to see so childlike 
readiness as spirit in a man of 
63 who has been so thoughtful about 
half his life. If he can only con-
tinue in such a frame he will 
make a most useful man. He is 
full of energy and quick intellectual-
ity. Mind that informed me that 
"his reputation is far exceeding." 
This if thousands of people within a 
radius of 25 miles have consulted 
him in the past."
Proper diagnoses: Confusion, old man's prayers.
Law of the garment.
Old woman in Tana's Kanda
Reader: Dr. Oistin.
Deposition of: Reader:
Encouraging:
Reflex.
Mr. had a pleasant visit at 34 the village. The Church members then have had a checkered history. They had trouble with their neighbors which resulted in their losing going to war twice, comprised of refugees. They caused an immense amount of trouble & anxiety but are now, nearly all back again in good situations. They are planning to fit out a room for a place to hold evening meetings sometime in or on stormy Sundays. Later they hope to have a Chapel for which they showed me a possible site.

They had several audiences in the village streets. I was glad to find friends and new neighbors I had never seen before. I rode back in a sedan chair much slower than before 6 P.M.
Thursday Nov. 16th

I lay in bed near all day as I caught a little cold coming back in the chair & it resulted in cramps & very uncomfortable state of things generally. I needed a little rest too, as it has been a steady pull since Oct. came in, every Sunday but one away two week days fully occupied.

The messenger came with memos messages from my dear ones at Ho Compound also from the time lady too as the mail from Ris had come in. I enjoyed reading them very much.

A number of the Chinese came in during the day from kindly solicity. Uncle I brought me his Wizard's Compass used in weaving goss & receive to the secret learn of Tang Thway & a book
he used in divining—they are good 36 as relics of heathenism & a testimony to the power of the truth over Satan's devices—In the evening I felt better and a little writing.

Friday Nov. 17th

I had the writing to send back by the messenger who returned at 2 P.M. The preachers went out this A.M. Then not yet come back—I trust they are having a good hearing—I am feeling much better. "Can eat," which is the Chinese sign of advancedConvalescence.

In the afternoon W'a-Pai came in. I taught him a short prayer from the Catechism I tried to explain the work of Christ to him as he could grasp it; it was very hard for him to take it all in, but he is a most teachable man. Then—
to accept anything that is from so distant clearly to him. He knows a great many characters & I trust will pick up Scriptural knowledge quickly.

A stick A-Ngö arrived with a letter from Lung Hing saying that the hearing at Quan-Ying has been remarkable; he has been going about with Miss Summerville & they have been tied in a great many places. He took the present of 4 pictures of Colby Campus in gilt frames with a "New Testament", that I sent to the Engineer of the Op family who was hospitable to us. He was much delighted, sent his card & said he would give us a lot to build a chapel - this last letter thought was mere joking, that it is good to have him friendly
We had a prayer meeting in the evening & then wrote a long letter to L. Xing.

Saturday Nov. 15th

This A.M. as yesterday, before breakfast I heard that Xiang was coming to call on an old woman who lives near the Chapel to persuade her into the chapel to forsake her idols to seek the living God. He is encouraging; ready to grasp opportunities.

Wang Poh brought a friend, who came to inquire why he had not been at his usual stand on market days. His usual stand on market days.

Up to call on Mrs. a bright middle-aged woman with a stern face.

Wang had a pleasant chat & a plan.

When I told them of some writing, talked with some of the Christians particularly
2:30 A.M.—the chapel was quite well filled when the early service was opened by Bro. Cek-Lang, the lame carpenter who is the lay preacher here when no one else is present to fill the place; he asked me to call for a hymn and we began with No. 69, a translation of "Come ye that love the Lord—". Then the school teacher read Acts II: 20-41; we try to have some passage referring to the resurrection made the topic of Sunday in the early morning as far as possible. A few remarks were made on this passage and the hope that in the future we may see even greater numbers than at Pentecost gathered here in China & prayer was offered by one of the native brethren. There was a half hour yet before the regular preaching service and I took the opportunity to show some of the men a copy of the report of the meetings held when I was in Minneapolis and told them about the Bethany Church in Philadelphia and the fact that in less than three years 100 were added to the church, which Dr. Chapman said was due in large measure to the help given by the members themselves in leading others to the Savior; 180 men banded themselves together to lead at least one other and they were greatly blessed in this. They took Andrew and Philip as their pattern. I asked the brethren if they did not think it would be a good thing for us to make the same effort the coming year if each could bring in one more the membership would be doubled and every one would get a spiritual blessing. The teacher said he would like to try and asked the man next to him what he thought about it and he said the same and there was a general show of interest; in response to a question one of the deacons said "A great many of us think it good." I proposed that all who would try to do all in their power to lead some one to the Lord during the coming 12 months should stand—almost every one rose & some I think were quite in earnest. The teacher spoke of it several times during the service hoping that we would succeed.
At 9-30 Bro. Cok-Lang opened the regular morning service, announcing the hymn, "When I survey the wondrous cross." Deacon A-Lah was asked to lead in prayer, the congregation (numbering about 130 children included) all standing. The text was 1 Cor. I: 23-24. First he spoke of the desire of the Jews for signs and that it was an unreasonable demand because they had all the signs and wonders wrought by Christ as a witness before them, and more they had all the signs wrought of old by the Prophets. After commenting on the desire of the Greeks for wisdom, wisdom of the highest kind they could find in the Scriptures and in the teachings of Jesus, the case is just the same here in China. They ask us, "Are there any elegant classics in your writings like those of our Sages? Are there any of the literary graduates and men of influence and great classical learning in your assemblies?" And they ask if our God makes himself known in signs as their gods do when the mediums go into a trance and talk and do strange things. But we are to remember that the greatest signs and the greatest wisdom are those we have in the Scriptures and way of salvation in Christ who died for us is the most wonderful and wisest thing in the world. We should be more and more warm-hearted in the Lord's service.

We sang after all had brought their offering of copper cash and put it on the plate upon the table which serves as a pulpit, the familiar hymn, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone?" Bro. Cok-Lang offered a very earnest prayer.

I spoke a moment on the first verse of 1 Cor. XI: 1 emphasizing the fact that is the great example in all things to his people, as passed to the account of our Lord's baptism in Matthew's gospel. An analysis of this passage had been written in Chinese character on a roll of black cloth that serves well as a portable blackboard, and hung on the wall where everybody could see it. Three points, 1-Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan to be baptized. 2-"Thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness,
3-God the Spirit descended, as God the Son came up out of the water and was praying; God the Father answered by a voice.

The first point made was as to the proper candidate for baptism. Our great exemplar was carried to be circumcised, to obey the terms of the Old Covenant; when he was baptized he came of his own free will and purpose, a purpose that distance nor opposition could not thwart. The believer should decide this matter for himself, not be carried by his parents, nor carry his own children to be baptized. The second was to show that Jesus, having fulfilled all the Old Covenant ceremonies, certainly would not omit the ceremony established by the forerunner of the New Covenant. Further, “all righteousness” includes more than ceremony, as the rites & sacrifices of the Old pointed to himself as their antitype, so baptism, the burying & rising again, pointed to the death and resurrection by which he was to “make full” all righteousness of all who shall be called righteous, for all the righteousness which is by faith is only possible because there is an object of faith, the Crucified and risen Lord. “Thus”, as he went down into the water and rose again to obey the command he was afterwards to lay upon his followers, so was he to go down into the grave and rise again to obey the command of the Father and to round out the sum of all human righteousness, as judged by him.

The following head was developed to show that in all the history of the world up to that time never had the Triune God been manifested so that the Three could be at once distinguished in the revelation. For all that God had so marvellously made himself known to his chosen people, never had there been such a wonderful declaration of Father, Son and Spirit as when the Son of God thus by the rite we were about to solemnize, prefigured the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow.
There is then a deep meaning in the rite and it was sealed by the manifest presence of the three persons of the Trinity. Such a rite we dare not neglect and dare not change. The proper subjects, the deep significance, the divinity of the ordinance were the points made and pressed upon their attention; some of the people there had received some teachings from neighboring peder-baptists as to the minor importance of the mere rite and it seemed necessary to put the case before them in a scriptural light. I have added in teaching this passage to preachers the fact that when men have dared to change the rule for subjects and manner of performing this rite sealed by the Trinity that in the course of years they reared up a set of church members who took it upon themselves to change the Trinity and found that the Son and the Spirit were dispensable. History repeats itself in Pede-baptism evolving Unitarianism, witness the last class at Andover.

We proceeded to examine candidates immediately after the close of the service. The first was a man who had been a gambler, a hard drinker, and a foul-mouthed violent fellow. Last year he heard some particulars of the truth from his boy who was at the school and came to listen for himself. Soon a change came over him; he quit the gambling table, his language was cleaner & gentler, and he drank less and less. I was much pleased to find that the brethren hesitated to accept him because they thought he had not decided to let rice-whiskey alone entirely; in the past they have been all in the habit of drinking, though not excessively and we have been very anxious to have the habit given up.

Next was a boy of 15, a grandson of how the Venerable the “Modern Patriarch” of this church. After him an old man nearly blind, 75 years of age, testified that he before was in the dark wholly, but now the eyes of his mind were enlightened and his heart was lightened by the truth. A man of 49, who has been a believer 7 or 8 years, long halting between
two opinions on the question of church membership; his father and mother are both members and they all attend the neighboring chapel at Ko-Xhai.

Last was an old woman of 66, very deaf; she had been an idolater for well nigh four score years and one day a Christian woman shouted in her poor deaf ears, "What do you think? To worship the One True God, believe on the Savior and go to heaven, where you will be happy forever, good or not good?" "Good," she replied, "I want (that)"—so she put away her idol and has been a regular attendant at the chapel ever since.

If such a little message is enough to arouse a soul like hers, where will those in Christian lands who are complaining that they do not have the gospel fully presented to them—where will such appear in the Judgment Day? Believing souls like hers will rise up and condemn them so that they shall have no excuse.

The baptism was performed in the stream just outside the village wall (Kho-Xhai means old-stream). There were fully 300 people who witnessed the ceremony heard the address in explanation by Evangelist A-Tean, the prayer by Teacher Chin-Sia and the hymn sung by all the Christians. A goodly number were so much interested that they came in to see the afternoon service when we received the candidates and observed the Lord's Supper. To me the most spiritually refreshing service I have enjoyed since I came to China.

After this the brethren and sisters began leaving, many lived 5 & 6 miles away. The exchange of salutations and messages to others takes up some time and there were some new hearers with whom I wished to have a word. Then I sat down and talked with the seacons and one or two others showing them the last Missionary Year Book and telling them something of the past history that represents. A young man wanted a letter to Brother Herring of the Southern Baptist Mission at Shanghai & he also needed a little pastoral admonition as when he was in Shanghai be-
Before he made considerable money as a teacher of the manly art of self
defence (the Chinese boast that their boxers are wonderfully able, two
men will make feints for two hours without either being hit), but he
spent about all he earned and his father is growing old so that he now
ought to be saving something. He took the advice to hunt up some empl
ement where the associations would be with a better class of men & use
his evening - studying English which would ensure him far more lucrati
positions in the future, & seemed pleased to have anyone show an inter-
est in him.

After supper I had one or two callers in the little upper room in
which I lived, one of these an ex-astrologer, who has for more than a
quarter of a century been well known at the neighboring market, and has
been consulted as to lucky and unlucky days by people all over the sur-
rounding country within a radius of 20 miles. He seems tremendously in
carnest now in denouncing that as false and declaring that ours is the
only true God and his service the duty of every man. He brought in his
youngest son, 11 years old, and it was an interesting sight to watch him
as he held the boy up on the stool beside him and to read a hymn he had taught him. "Past, Present there's but one true God." is the
first line. The old man shows a very teachable spirit and if he con-
tinues as he promises we shall give him a chance to study and fit him-
self for work as an evangelist. He is 63 years old but strong and vigo-
rous, knows many characters and learns quickly.

A short but pleasant evening service was conducted with the sub-
ject chosen from I Peter I: 17-33. The members living near by meet for
worship every evening and during my stay we enjoyed very much the study
of this Epistle. I have received many good suggestions from F.F. Meyer's
"Tried by Fire", written upon this Epistle.

There are about half a score more attendants at this chapel, who
should be ready for baptism within a year and now ones are coming from
time to time. At Chiu-nan-fu, 4 miles away there are several members
who are arranging for a room in which to meet for evening worship and
of stormy Sundays; we hope a church may be formed there sometime.
with one of the young men, who, I hope will be more active and will come to this in a good way.

This P.m. we went to the market and had a fair hearing and quite a lot of books sold off. The conversion of Lai Pooh evidently excites great curiosity in future. I hope will set many to thinking.

After the above was written I had a call from A Poon with a middle-aged man who used to be a gambler, a hard drinker, and violent. He is quite changed, only they say, he still drinks a little, but the fruits of regeneration are said to be marked. We had a good talk and prayer together.

The evening worship was good. I quoted 1 Peter 1:12-17 and commented upon it, dwelling on the need of holiness and how to let their light shine so that
the thousand whom thousand 40 who came to this great market near by may be guided by them into the assured rest.

Our meetings during this stay in Khan Kure have been very pleasant and I think profitable. They have seemed to enjoy the teaching I have given on the Scripture read.

(Sunday - written at the matter)

Monday Nov. 20th

I began preparations for returning as once harvest has begun, the people are too busy to listen well so it is difficult getting men to carry a chain if I want to ride - A man went to Enggabour for me I came back by noon.

I was about to thank for the privilege of carrying a load of language. He is glad of the chance to
turn an honest buck though I may
by hard work. I confided with some
of the brethren regarding church matters of
importance, called on the church member
in the village just out by 2:30 P.M.
It is about an hour and three quarter's
walk. At the boat landing me
waited for a time. Mr. Fish met
many acquaintances at being market
day. Before he got his jacket on or
rolled down his trousers he had
put a copy of The True-God letter
read it with great emphasis to the
bystanders. I had a few books heaf-
dlet with me which we sold in a
few moments.

By five o'clock I set out. My
"Cabin" was about 5 ft. 89. in the mat
roof about 3 ft. high in the center.
I wrote with the typewriter for a
time—made a call when a thing
or thing or so from it was not doing very well.
Tuesday Nov. 23rd.

I slept quite well a good part of the night. The two boatmen worked me out ofurance in my entering the Chang Yang Canal. I ate my breakfast at 4 a.m. passed through that savory waterway. Happily we just caught the second boat at 8:10 a.m. I arrived at home by 9 o'clock. All am quite well save that Ann has had a little fever. Nanking had then landed up with her, so did not get to Khon-Khao.

Then is always plenty to do after a long train trip. My good self meet does as much in looking after my books and all the detail that I only have the reading of books, answering of letters on my return.

I had a pleasant chat with Dr. A. on mission matters in the evening. Clara I was invited with Dr. Scott. When my pass on her plans.
Wednesday, Jan. 22nd

This morning I wrote some letters for mailing to-day & took the boat at 9 20 for Kual-Chin, which boat we are just entering at 10 15 A.M. I have been writing on the way down as this boat was several days behind. I have an hour to quarter walk in front of the house on returning the afternoon.

3 15 P.M. Spinning back to Kual Chieh with a fresh breeze.

Took the battery at work on the dismantled chateau. The walls of the main room are ready for the rafters of the tiles are on the small rooms at either side. They seemed in good spirits. I paid them half the money I promised them. They seem to be doing the work well.

Thursday, Jan. 23rd

I had Chins called till after 7 o'clock then Father other than going meeting to lend the rice men. Papa is very anxious about a coffin that has been placed on his land to want help.
Dear Folks,

I am sorry not to be able to write you a few words. Jay is quite sick these last few days. Saturday he had high fever all day, and yesterday I sent for Dr. Layne, as Dr. Scott is off to the county. I found both tonsils badly inflamed and a large wheeze on one. His mouth also had white patches over the roof. He is getting 4 large teeth and these disturbances have to do with it. Dr. Layne pronounced it 8 tarachititis. At times he feels quite himself but either the Amah or I have to be with him constantly in the nursery. Then this morning he had the misfortune to fall and cut both lips, chin, and badly. Yesterday I had a miserable headache and have some remonants of it today, have not been able to go to the class today. John left Friday to be away only 2 weeks. We are having glorious
weather, had a note from John Sat night, Jay will I think be all right in a few days-- excuse this short blue aspect of things here, no mail for almost two weeks from home.

Lovingly your daughter

Clara H. Foster
Madam Annie from Kuch. Chubi, who is the Terugant, visited to present her from touching her daughter-in-law’s feet some months since, was in to tell us of an affair in which they had been broken by their landlord. Clara and "Sheed", of Pangding, insist desire these to-day. Clara and I insist visiting their houses for pastoral calls. The two sisters helped insist visit to the church benefits of Confirmed with the authorities. Finally, the case was settled. The offender made a present to the offended. Dr. Ashman was in after mended. The men convainced to come about the coffee case. But we could not give him any help or advice. Anna waited with Edith and Frank Ashman while Mr. and Mrs. Jay Helen stayed with the nurse.
Afloat again. The "Grace" is anchored a little below the King-Kay Pagoda.

I was busy till ten o'clock this A.M. to get out. Mind against us - but a long tide in our favor so we made some 30 miles. I was not feeling in trim for study. Had written for some time on the typewriter before dinner.

So I stayed out and sailed the boat for two hours - the air is delightful today.

I have had such a succession of "affairs" on my mind this week after a busy Sunday, that the writing is a good thing. Mr. Ashmore Jr. was in this morning; he is back for a week.

He found a place among the hills above the city, where the temperature is only 10° lower than here, which would be a fair place for summer travel if Double Island.
Saturday Nov. 25th - 46

After breakfast, went from the boat near the East Gate of Kuch Yang across to the new Chahel Thasse. A crowd was awaiting medical treatment. After morning worship, I looked over the house, a letter to be sent with mail for next "Empress" Steamer. North Room is staying there for a time. She walked back with me from boat - Dr. Scott had to return a week or more. Friday, she had 8-9 patients, very few. Pains to limit the no. to 50 daily as it is too wearing than so many.

I was not very well during the day, but felt better in the evening. Reached our mooring at about 8 P.M.
Sunday Dec. 26th

at the bridge - a lot of runners in fantastic dress have passed by carrying banners. Shooting with a loud pe-artian cry. Behind them came the Mandrini who is just leaving with his several attendants in chairs. A lot of gentlemen are standing about in their long robes and basin-like hats - quite an interesting sight - 

Drinks at the shop this forenoon. Had a few listeners several seemed interested. Longhin is ill & we may visit him this P.M.

The man above referred to was not the departing official but the remaining one - one who has been here several years and is going to Canton to aid in forming an arm.
tion papers in the recent contest for the 2nd literary degree there. As the important men passed by a row of young men in gala dress fell on their knees by the road. Many well dressed men, officials, others, saw the Mandari lotto boat. The walked with them as they departed & toasted them into their chairs. Their politeness is very full in its manifestations.

Lynden to member of the E.P. Church came from the mist with Long Lin, who is at his home not well. He had done all for preaching, at the talk, the situation here with him.
He thinks there is some possibility of the young Magnate being earnest about the field for a chapel building. He would make us a present of a lot and payment of a sum of money - the lot in question is near our present place and not a bad location. We must for results trust the Lord, in whose keeping are all hearts, to give us an abundant entrance into this city. I hear that the EP Mission are preparing for 20 new chapels - they are very anxious for a place here. I am sending down to Kit Si for letter to Clara to-day. My steward says the Captain of the Memphis is determined to go down with him.
Monday Nov. 26th.

This morning I took a walk before breakfast fell in with a young fellow I have met several times. Talked with him. By the way, for him a book of hymns, met another whom I asked about the road to give him a leaflet. LIGHTING came down 3 vs. had worship to gather then visited HOOTING. Am when we were well received before that a long time in their council room. Had a fairly good hearing also were invited to another place by a fellow who was very disputations when we came before. Had several Catholic books in gun. Him several of ours. After tiffin, writing, reading, writing till 3 O'M. Set out for the shik
On the way I was interrogated by 57
knights of curious & amusement-seeking
persons. Succeeded in keeping them
good natured, saying some curious
things to them. Longley had taken
me to the house of T'ai-Ki-Län, a prominent
man of the Li' clan, who has of late
taken an interest in me. He expressed
desire to see me. He was cordial
to me, had a rather good call. His
eldest & his younger brother are
so he was a little more reserved. He
was well acquainted with T'ai-Ki-Län,
the "Patriarch," spoke in high terms of
him— I was glad to have my cook
come in to get a hynios book for
one of the boatmen—a His ("kumtong")
He has shown no small interest in the
truth since our first coming. He has
last month—he has been reading
the hynios for an hour nearly.
Tuesday - Nov. 28th.

This forenoon the three nativeRebels
went out in the boat sometime-
during lunch is a trip I felt most go to
K'K'iang for a few days - I had a
letter from Clara this morning saying
that Jay had an attack of stomati-
tis. She was not well herself so I decid-
ed to return most go to town.

In mid to look at the field the
"Esquiv" proposed going out for a
Chokel lot. It will answer as well
as any place I have seen, supposing
ow can get it. I planned an early
start for the P.M. but at the
shop met the old gentleman as
whom I called last evening went
talking and drinking tea with him
till 10 P.M. He expected to call
at the boat this P.M. so waited
her till nearly five o'clock.
I walked in toward the city quite a distance but did not meet anyone I knew. Had a chat with a well-dressed young fellow belonging to the Ong family, I judge. He brought up the question of ancestral worship, which I diverged on for some time. He made no attempt to meet the arguments. Attempting I had the Company of a Lamesman belonging to Pundiko, who was interested in talking about the truth of the doctrine. Repeatedly asked for a book to copy from the collection of hymns. Formed arrangements for his next fortnight's work.

Wednesday Nov. 29th.

At Rich Yung early in the morning. Went over to the chapel just missed the first steamer. Waiting till the 1:30 P.M. boat. Had a very
Interesting talk with an intelligent businessman who had come in to look about. I wrote a little, took off with Dr. Scott. With Brown the latter came down on the boat with me. Miss Balmer of the E.O. Yank-Ka-Missia was aboard. She North stayed on the upper deck in the Wheel House. I had a good chance to write on my typewriter nearly all the way down. A lot of people crowded about the window or few into the Cabin—but it costs 100 cash more than 20 the no. is limited. They say, "He's casting accounts," they think it is a sort of fraud. At home I found all better than I feared. We had a good program meeting at H.A.R.I. in the evening.
Thursday, Nov. 20th

Thanksgiving Day we presumed invited Messrs. Remond, Scott, etc., North over thunder and snow. The had a double house mail. City of N.Y.'s and Garlick's both. We are sorry that Dr. Remond is so near from his illness, but very glad, indeed, that Father is teaching enjoying it so much. It seems to have come just in time as the other burdensome responsibility Mr. Remond Miller easily gives in the Pacific Coast plan under the circumstances.

Friday, Dec. 1st

This a.m. Clara, Anna and met to Swatonia with the two young lads. I hope to interview the Council about passport: he had only blanks from
application. He took us about his grounds; he is very successful in horticulture. He has a monkey on deer that Anna was interested in; the former turned several somersaults. The & Anna informed us at the supper table that he had "sticks on his head."

Saturday Dec. 2nd

Off for Poole at 8.45, not outside I found the sea so high I sent the boat back to Knob Chine. The chapel is coming on well, roof all finished. The main room will be a much better auditorium than before; the building should be ready to use within a fortnight. I was sorry to find it give them house looking very ill prepared.

Some of the neighbors are greatly surprised about a project on one side of the building "split his court."

Sunday Dec. 3rd

My first Sunday at home since
the 24th Oct. I have
attended the two services here
English Chapel where Mr Steele
preached a good but too
abstruse sermon on Phil II: 13.

I showed Fay a Sunday School pic-
ture of the Good Shepherd; seeing the
lama on his shoulders he said
"khow" - which is the word for carrying
children - or "Amah" - he is
very fond of Amah's carrying him.
Another contained a Jewish land; he said
it was "Bee-teea" - it had some
resemblance to a little waterfoot
that his mother has brought to us to
make Beef-tea instead for tea.
Monday Dec. 4th

Our goods from New York came in on the 2nd, Dec. 2nd at the hour of six o'clock. Miss Pancoether took supper with us; she was alone at their house for a few days. I heard a call from two of the teachers relative to preparing a small monthly book on the S.S. lessons. Tuesday busy at home, most of the day. Mr. called on the E.P. Mission saw Miss MacLugan. Sister P. O. J. M. who went away. Miss Mary Balmer, who finished sister at N.E. and away. I spent the time at home preparing to go away.
Wednesday Dec 6th.

He comes from the E.B. Mission exciting Miss Maclean and Miss Bark- 
ness— including a new Miss Scott. Came over to call and took 
4 o'clock tea with us.

Boys meeting at our house- 
led by Dr. A. Mr. Brodie is 
there on his way to Mughra-
Liang. Mr. Kenil returned with 
the latter thinks he will bet- 
ter off to do work here than 
there— as no probability there of 
new men in the Swatow Mission.

Thursday.

Mail from Peking— good letters 
from Mother. Mother, glad to 
learn that have cleaned up. 
There is not much of English 
teaching. But to may have
Many years of the same enjoyment yet, Dr. Duncan wrote me a very kind & cordial letter about.

I set out at half past twelve
Caught the 1.30 launch, took a boat through the Canal & reached my boat at about 3.00. M. sailed as far as the Steeplechase Bridge by night. I wrote to Dr. Duncan.

I feel a little cold to be home, as my dear Clara has not been perfectly well, got easily, tired of the perfect weather, I am ready to return. They are many for her busy.

Cam's are many for her busy. I feel heart-willing hands. I felt heart.

Jay had a bad cough Wednesday. He seemed much better, but left - was prancing about in high spirits. Anna does not seem as well as I could wish. had a little melancholy in her.

Dear Father & Brother; Am just up from the class again & must hurry to get mail off. Say is at my elbow, saying "Mama, write, I pray for too." He has a pencil & paper & is scratching away for a few seconds. "Mama—look, I make." "Mama, write Man." "Dee-dee & Man." Such a chatterbox of baby-talk, but he is gaining in words & daily & puts sentences together much more intelligently than some time ago. He has recovered from his attack of diarrhoea of two weeks ago, but the three little ones still have colds, they were difficult to get rid of.

Had two hurried notes from John yesterday. He sent word in thinking Worth might want to join him for a few days. Worth did start off with the boatman this morning early. I do not know whether he will stay till John comes back home which will probably be the middle of next week. A few days before was. We are aware here that Santa Claus will com-
Being coming + great expectations are entertained as to the many good things he is to bring. Pima is a most enthusiastic admirer of his. We plan having a tree again. Franki Ashmore wants to be little Santa Claus. I thought of having all the housemen in to 4 o'clock tea on Xmas + perhaps have Frank dressed up + have some kind of a Xmas entertainment. Just what is uncertain. Nothing very elaborate, but something to amuse the children. It is very difficult to get things to arrange satisfactorily for anything of that kind.

I got some pieces of Chinese silk to make ties for John. I'll send you samples. Have the cutting do 30 in wide + 1/2 in full. The cost of 90 itt. + $1.25 in waste.

I had sent the cook to Swaton to buy meat + fruit to send up with Worth, just here he came back + said he could not find Worth, + brought the things back. It is provoking. I will have to send another man in tomorrow I think. He was to have gone in with Worth to the steam launch.

I must close here with much love + kisses from the little ones — your affectionate daughter.

[Signature]
Friday - Dec 8th

No lay at anchor till near noon. I talked to some men on a junk that lay next us seemed to get a fairly good hearing.

No traded till about 4000. Came get sight of the "Hope" ahead of us, but did not catch up with them for about an hour on account of the slack short hand of the stream. We rowed on together till we reached the line. In the morning I consulted with the few remaining brethren about the work for the next fortnight - as many are ill that there will be better to carry on the work. I shall have them try Mr. E. Lewis plan that he
follars in Spain—going to a 62 place remaining there—they will now inside a village & stay till they are driven away or see results.

Saturday June 9th.

This a.m. I had worship with the brethren again & spoke upon other necessary matters. We set out again at 9 o'clock & arrived at Se Be'othi by noon. I planned moving to Tho'othi after affin. I am not sure whether or not I shall stay one another Sunday or not. The weather is fine. Cool but moist & cool I cannot keep the windows open.

I found my new "grand ho" till store a capital thing. Can take a fine bath with it help—
Sunday Dec 10th

We reached here quite early in the afternoon. I was all settled in my little loft long before supper. Hau-Song and Va-Peh came in later from a preaching visit to neighboring towns. They report good audiences in the villages and several new hearers are coming to the Chapel here - tho' to-day they did not come.

I went with Chin-Siu & Va-Peh to Dow-Phou, had the usual company of old sisters. I spoke about Esther. I spoke about the woman of Samaria. In the P.M. the Pd. Mark XXVII. I spoke regarding the resurrection. The appearance first to Mary. I urged the old sisters not to be discouraged because they are few in numbers & women only. The Lord has favored women more than greatly useful.
He called upon Ma-Ka, who is at home, has been quite ill. Now looks pale and weak. His mother and grandmother, his wife are Christians, a younger bro. also is a reputed believer. He "not baptized." Father, mother are not Christians.

Returning, met much by the way at the village of Tung-Po-Hai-Lian, had a few good visits but not a very satisfactory audience. A daughter of K'a-Oeh two grandchildren were there. They talked together, but there is very little of the show of interest affection that would be manifested by father + daughter at home. The Chinese are "peculiar." Ch'ing Shu" goes to Kaka Chiah tomorrow. He did not know that his wife had gone to the Romanist's house. The family dignity is apparently touched. I do not think it is of any use to object as their affianced of this kind on their own. No Christian [require] us.
Monday Dec 11 -

Took a walk before breakfast & talked with a man who was watering his vegetable garden; as usual, when I asked him if he knew when he was going after death he professed utter self-satisfied ignorance, tho' it is not always exactly self-satisfied. In Thames May often does it.

After breakfast M. set out for Ancroft near by & had a pitched battle with a lot of evil-eyed fellows outside the village gate; they are evidently a diseased lot to a larger no. of wrongs, agnostics, rationalists than I have usually found. We made headway with some of them for they were much milder in their attitude; a few listened reflecting.

It was interesting that our fire felt less essential - " It is all of man
so far as I can see; I don't know anything about these being any gods, but there are those things I praise about your doctrine: it stops men from opium, gambling, & thieving. Nothing else can. Father & Mother cannot. Mandarins cannot. But your doctrine does.

This A.M. I have been writing.

Meeting - Tuesday, Dec. 12th

This A.M. I went and visited the small village of Amî. I had a good hearing, the first I have had since Dr. [illegible] Hornig Hornig. Several from this place have attended chapel a few times and there is evidently an interest among the people. Most of the time in the shop of a young man who asks all sorts of questions about the doctrine.
A man has been ill & found 67
he was not able to go out for the
afternoon so we stayed here, I found
that I was more tired than I at
first supposed - it must have been
nearly two hours I talked to the
crowd to individuals masthead.
I was much interested hearing
the men talk downstairs -
old Mr. Bh has learned a deal
more of the truth since we was
there before he - Pak Dung had
told a man who is here
in hand a man who is here
from another village to collect
ground rent payable in rice.
Yesterday Pak Dung said told
of him for nearly two hours
that day they both talked with
him. He is evidently impressed
that is afraid of losing his
interest in these ancestral ru-
tals if he stops worshipping his
A mentor. He said: "Ingenious by what you have said these two days as great (important) utterance"—he promised to come again.

I have been thinking still more strongly of the need of moving for direct results; sticking to places as Paul did at Ephesus; and doing so until we can find or are driven away. We are scattering at a bewildering speed but my mind begins together. It sticks with the Fethair [or Fethian] with the Sculptors to which Prof. Lund refers. They are agreed. It is the cause to take. I also attended my meeting this morning and this to-morrow two will go back to the [g.] F. to renew the engagement.
Wednesday - Dec. 18th - 69

The two men, A-Dov and Tch-dey, went again. Jan-dey found one of the men who have been here quite hopeful, the other fearful. In the afternoon they went to another part of the same village and visited a man over 50 years old, who treated them hospitably and listened well.

A-Dah, the headman of the village, visited the Church with us to Chief Tang Phojo. North Boman came just before we met and went with us. We visited our old man who has attended mass a few times but is too much afflicted by the approach of his family and friends to go on. We then visited an old man of 78 - the most important man in
the town. He listened well
and yet the old man seemed hardly
able to take in the truth. May
the Lord graciously open his heart
to take the promises for himself.
A man of about 60 went with
us; he wants to become a priest
smoking 7 has been a learner for
some time. A-dah did well
in talking: if his heart is more
true his leisure thus he can
do great good; he is a large power-
fully built man 5 training such that
men might not be likely to trifle
with him: he has mellowed from
proud wonderfully the last 5 years.

This afternoon we visited the pottery
at Chahin-Bab-ta 7 preached a little
in the village. One man seemed very
to inquire at conscience of offended
by sin.
The old man whom we visited in the forenoon said, "I am no-way good; (the) sun (is) setting (below the) Shuen hills."

Thursday Dec. 14th.

This forenoon after sending a man to the machins boat making some other preparations, North & I set out with Na-Qoh to visit Chih-hun-huang 

On the way we stopped at different places, everybody seems to know the old man. He is desirously in earnest to tell everybody the truth he has found. He meted the old Mr. Lai-Fung whom we called on before: he is a weak character, but Mr. had the best brains of the day in a young man, in the thirties, who came in, who had himself seen through the fall of cool-matho which made him aground cadet; he seems to grasp the doctrines of sin redemption through dental forks.
At the wapsara restaurant where we dined (out your own tent) we had several lessons. At Chin Huang-mia we found all the township had gone to the market so we only remained about an hour. They seem the matter of a chisel — building upon their.

Returning we counted the heebles we met — over 370 within an hour. Counting all the children, fully 24 — that is the road by which its finest.

For there are at least 3 other avenues of approach now frequented. Other
main roads return 4 1/2 o'clock the great market full times throughout the year. I was inclined to doubt when on a map 100,000 to 200,000 at least. In town I believe it.

I write a letter to Carlin after returning. Have conference with Sec. Dak. I am quite in hopes to
will go to Phou Lang for me. I take some messages to Long Heng. He called on some of the people there who are friendly. There we met one at Ta Khieh the last of next week.

Hak Lang and some friends were pleased with the results of their day. The two young men at An Si promise to come next Sunday without fail.

Friday Dec. 15th

This morning North took some photos at the village gate. I think they will come out well. I am planning to visit Chhih-huang-niu again this P.M. Sara Dal goes with me to see what can be done about a "prayer-place" in some room there. North returns today. His visit has been a great pleasure and he seems to have enjoyed it also.
Saturday. Dec. 16th. 1893

At Hei Khair Chahal. Sanglod to find that the people have added a high table, a sort of portable mental shelf, some Scrolls besides putting in a cooking range. They also opened windows at the rear, a great improvement.

This morning I had a great many things to do beside packing up to come here. A daul came in while I was at breakfast. He thinks he can get to Oo Hing will come here tomorrow.

I had a good attendance at prayer meeting Friday evening. "Portiab" was there. Went to the boat for him to come & confer about church matters. He brought
and that Songlin has been ill 75.

of the boat could not move, the third man

taken off the boat by illness within a month. Some of the others, too,

have been laid up for a time.

Lingyang and I are the only ones in my
district who have been able to meet
all engagements thus far. I hope
we may be able to hold out through
the season.

As to the meeting, Mingsang: "One
thousand fruit bearing blessings," other
unofficial requests for prayers.

"Chin-sia" read from Rev. VII 9-12.

Spoke of the worldwide kingship of
Christ, all kingdoms and systems
and an yet to be, before his sway or
own sovereignty. I spoke of the
3 religions of China - Confucian, Taoist,
Buddhist - that we had a former day.
Aple of Each present - Sackd Fon - 76

Sin de as a former follower of Confucianism, as imparant for academic honors to test his what he found in Christianity superior to his former one.

He spoke at some length on the lack of any saving truth in Confucianism - no promise of anything in the future: no way of salvation: no power to make men work righteousness

If it be as the Plato after men of Buddhism, said he used to be very devout but got no good in that doctrine then it no way of salvation - no hope of future rewards.

Wu-Peh as the lai-paniet just born of his experiences in getting into trouble after trouble following the customs of the people in studying of Tung Shing, other black arts. He earned money but was not profound.
He got into difficulty about a 77-pound grant and concluded that the worship of ancestors was no profit. But his people were not willing to give it up. Later he said that his war money was of no use. Two of his sons went abroad, then he was still more distressed.

The brother then advised him to learn the ways of darkness, trust in God to keep off other his sons to make his affairs right. He was inclined to do so, but his wife wanted him to earn money so he did not give up his astrology till recently. I asked him if he found any other promises in this religion. He said yes, that is the greatest of all— the promises of blessing from God in the future.
Saturday evening I had a rather unusual experience at a village called Rue-tâ-whend I went last year. I called a man who is sick and afterward we asked some people near the village gate. I noticed a loud mouthed young fellow talking with Kâ-Feh that he would occasionally shout out some of the wildest expressions possible. Drawing near I began later to talk to the people and this fellow kept interrupting, bringing about time and all the objections against our selling books against the doctrine. I answer them as there was an opportunity, addressing the bystanders, who, instead of regarding us kindly. The adversary acted greedily, his eyes rolled, his mouth twitched, his head turned about, naturally she was obliged to act against a stack of straw - At last he said...
What me so often hear at home, if all should worship the Supreme Ruler, are to be judged by him, he should give everybody his laws thus books.

I naturally took up Paul's argument regarding the conscience; I thought that the Chinese did not follow Confucius all my Itemus according to him to the own conscience. Later he mentioned, "If all should worship, we ought to provide some merit to render the Supreme Ruler." This gave the opportunity to preach the gospel. After that he briefly stated the way of salvation, he said, "Now, that merit is great." Nothing after he left, having accepted many of the Catechism, which he gave to another working back rank me about the meaning of the title.

After I started back the brother from Ke-Khain, Shun Guich, told
me that this was the "inter- so
forter of the god" of the village: the
people were deeply interested in
watching us, they were questioning
one another as to whether or not
I knew what he was: that the
strange contortions were the signs
that the god had "reigned" him, as
they say. I am now more than ever inclined
to believe in the diabolical na-
ture of all such communications.

Then Gitch related a strange pro-
ceeding: it is confirmed by all the
rest: some weeks since a young
woman at Ke-Khair became a medi-
num and in a trance ordered that
the people build the village hall
also commanded all the people to
bow down and worship her in case of
being beaten: she sent a man to call
Dzen Gitch's elder brother when he
declined, the promise of a treaty &
was repeated & the Christian brother
was included also. He was highly
indignant at this point out to see
what the limits of Satan would do
about it - When he appeared she
cried out - "You belong to the Supreme
Ruler, the Son of God. Now to you!"
She did get down on her knees to him
stayed there over half an hour.
He asked, "What is your name?" She
wished "Pok-Keng" - He said, "That's a
man's name, you are a devil." She
said, "I have nothing to do with you.
the same expression in declarative
form as the translation of the demon:
are of God's question -
Finally they got her up from her
knees but she did not rise volun-
tarily -
Sunday Dec. 17-

A - Kauz, who lives in another part of the village where we were staying, says that some days since that young fellow in a trance called when a lot of men went out in the night to "lie kim" "dig gold" - they went and dug & did not find it - because it had "turn frightened away."

They listened to his suggestion that the "moshi - god - mean" in the neighborhood had frightened it away except for his house where they waited at the door & railed at him. He took a bamboo carrying pole & would have charged them then but his wife dragged him back.

It seems he had tried the village down on their knees to him the ked one at least of them when frustrated.
Terror is this infirmal infatuation. I had good services — Chin. 
Sia came from Khoo Khai toke carn the last part of I Cor. I & the first of 
Eph. II. Then — Giek spoke on the Lord's question, 'Who is my mother + 
who are my brethren?' I closed with some remarks based on I Cor. I the last 
two vs. & I gathered all the threads of the other two. 

The P.M. exercises were the 7 sayings of Jesus on the cross.

In the evening Mr. had a call from a man who really shows some interest & they say his wife is yet more so.

Munday 9th.
The wife above mentioned was at the church + all here my hall and shed. There are many at the Khain who are rally near the Kingdom.
I walked back with Chin Sia; stopped at the great market and bought some goods called on Sek Long, he is very cordial now; he was quite disaffected for a time & inclined toward the Presbyterians. He says there was new heavens at chapel. They must make some new seat.

I have kept busy the rest of the day & had a pleasant meeting at the Chapel this evening.

Tuesday Dec 19th—

Afloat again on the good ship "Grace." This morning there was men to see me by 7 o'clock. Dr. Tah came to say that his grandchild was better, he could go, so I finished my letter to Lung Heng. Told him more fully of the facts regarding Ng-King & his escort.

A-ong from Chinn Steng kia a pleasant fellow & a very honest, intelligent man. Came to get some more medicine for his brother, who fought a druid last
Friday. The old skin had sloughed off. I gave him a little more vaseline. I particularly directions about caring for it, also explained the natural process of curing by throwing off the old shedding up the new, which he seemed to take up my easy; he brought some eggs as a present for me next day after my taking them. As soon as my packing was finished & last arrangements made with the native helpers, I set out with R. Joan for Toa Thinh. When we met the Church members at the place of worship & confirmed about a better arrangement for the future. On the way we reached to two time at Thang Toa Lian. That was good news of those who come in at Toa Thinh. It is a pleasure to get into the boat & find letters from my dear wife & others, yet I should enjoy being back with the brethren in the meeting room at Thon Khoi. I wonder of old man has reached Thong Long yet what you will be the matter of his visit.