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New York ^{Friday} - April 12th to June, Nov. 12th P. 1
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But before I was dressed Mr. G. Mrs. kept the bicycle men demanding admission at the door. They made a round trip from the Kung part by land, chiefly by water crossing over to the Hi-City river a few miles below the city and coming down by night -

A goodly number of people were in from the country & Dr. Babson made them a short address in the forenoon in response to a welcome by Elder Po-Sun. & Dr. Ashmun spoke on the early history of the Mission - I did not state above that the Scripture mottoes over the doors & windows and a pair of scrolls each for Dr. B. & Mr. Bond were first explained.

We planned to have reports from the
 Municipal stations but just as the
 record man got started we learned the
 Whitmans, Mrs. Speicher & Dr. Carlin had
 come & Dr. Barbour wanted, of course, to
 see them. Mr. Isaac made them
 an address while the rest of us were
 out and getting our mail -

Dr. Barbour spoke to them in the
 afternoon as did Dr. Ashmore -

We held a Conference in the evening
 & Elected Committees -

Reference

- Dr. Carlin Ung King
- Mr. Kemp Hin-Lay
- Dr. Ashmore Kuk-Which
- Mr. Whitman Ka-Yin
- Mr. Speicher Kut-yang

Education

- Mr. Ashmore (Jr.)
- Mrs. Speicher
- Mrs. Martins
- Miss Kemp
- J. M. H.

Property & Building

- J. M. H.
- H. A. Kemp
- A. F. Gumbek

Statistician

- G. H. Waters -

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Dr. Barbon proposed a vote as to who should teach the Students Class & Dr. Ashmun was elected. My opinion was the matter should be referred to the Committee so as to divide the responsibility and secure Co-operation, which was done in case of the Boys Schools.

Saturday was a busy day for us all & Sunday Dr. Barbon & I went to Choo Yung in the House Boat, returning Monday morning. He enjoyed the trip & gave them an excellent address at the afternoon service. We had the best opportunity of consulting together about the work that we have had and gave the whole evening to conference and making notes about my trip to Siam which He quite insists upon my making.

He & Mr. Jones met on the

"Haitan" Tuesday. I had passage⁴
secured for them on the "Kai-fong" from
Hong Kong to Hoilo direct, having noticed
this advertised a few days before.

Friday I fulfilled a promise made
the bridegroom Pei-sin ^{to Singapore} to go to Sat-
thai pon & perform the wedding ceremony,
but feeling I could ill spare the time,
but an hour it was a day well in-
vested. The service was impressive
to Christians & others as well. The latter
said it was "good", like ^{the} Chinese ancient
Customs - all were much pleased that

Mrs. Ashmore Miss Hyde went.

Saturday evening I took the launch to Shin-
thai; they were anxious for me to go and
help them raise money for the new
Chapel, but they showed they were not
Nady & did not reach the \$500 mark,
when they can raise \$2000. if they try.

Monday night we started up to Kit yung
where I made a short visit & took tiffin.

with the Spriches and Mr. 5-
Whitman, had a romp with David
and Margaret who are thriving in
their pleasant home -

At noon I came down to Khek-Khai
on the launch so as to meet the
Kit-yung Magistrate Li, who was on
board. He made strong assertions
that he would settle the Khs-Khai
chapel trouble. My boat came
down & took me to Kak-chik
by the middle of the day Tuesday.

Wednesday Nov. 13th to Thursday the 21st
At the Compound it is really
much more difficult to get work
finished than on the boat. There
are so many interruptions - but
I am getting my accounts and
other writing along much better
than last year - and without any
help from Mr. Waters save the
posting of the Treasury books -
I went twice to Suifu and
had an interesting chat with

Kye Pang the English speaking,
clerk at Jardines - he surprised
me by telling me that he prayed
to God every night, did not sleep
well unless he did so. He would
like some one to go and visit
his wife to persuade her to give
up idols -

Friday I left again taking the house-
boat once more so as to have op-
portunity to finish my writing, copying
of reports for the Rooms - We had a
delightful sail up to Kityang, when I
again called on the speichers &
the next fore noon we were near
Hon. Fing-ang. It is such a comfort
to have these new places opening and
a great practical aid in getting aid,
when one needs men: the tide was out
so we could not get further up stream.
By securing men there my luggage
could go on and I make a detour

by the new packing place at P'ou-7
to So-Lien & to P'u-Ming City -
Not finding my coat at the shop where
it was to be left I did not dare
take a chair for fear of a chill so
set out on the 1/2 mile walk to
T'ou-P'ä. An elderly man overtaken just
outside the city proved to be a grad-
uate, quite well known in the region
and who has taken some interest
in Christianity. He insisted on my call-
ing to drink tea. I recognized the place
his village Ho-King, where I had
stood and preached under the trees
nearly ten years ago, telling for many
text, the character 福 - for blessing
made in their wall. They in-
sisted on my staying to supper -
but I must go agreeing to eat
with them Monday evening.
Before I reached T'ou-P'ä, three
companions came out to meet
me & I felt a thrill of what
Paul experienced on his way to R.

After so many years of tramping over &
this territory unrewarded by any
new blinks coming forward such
presents as these are especially
appreciated.

Sunday I walked to Khe Lung
3 miles. Held two services, exami-
nation of candidates. Baptism of six
men, representing the two new Khristian
Sô Pôh Khe & Ôn Bie. Com-
munion in the afternoon & walking
back to Tôa Pá & having meetings there
in the evening.

Monday I hoped they would get
their maps of mortgages, loans and
other claims that years have spread
over the fields now chosen as a
Chapel lot all settled but no-
another day or two would be needed.
People from Giêh-Chin Liân
urged me to visit them and I de-
cided to come back Wednesday.
That evening I had a splendid
opportunity to talk with Mefa

Score of men at the ancestral
Temple when the Graduate en-
tertained me.

Tuesday was a full day - twice going
up to Pov. To Lian, once into Pa-ming
city & thence over to An Chhian
with constant conversation at the
several places & much on the way
made me appreciate my comfortable
sleeping quarters -

Wednesday they at last succeeded
in getting possession of the old
deeds & the new one is already
made out so I paid over \$100 -
on the Tou Pa lot, an ideal lo-
cation as far as we can now see -
The Quak Chhin Lian people ac-
cused me in state, so much so
I was very informal. They probably
hope for some aid of material
sort beyond my purpose to give
but it is good to have them
brought and opening a door for
the gospel - Their dinner was savory.

I partook of some 16 Courses & have not been all same not yet really fond of Shark's fins, but their curried food, small dumplings ~~stewed~~ ^{stewed} "white-fruit" are always good.

A-Lin, of Khek-Khas, one of the best of our younger men I left with them over-night, my visit was necessarily short arriving at 2 leaving before 4-30 - It was just ten before we reached the boat. When A-Lin now stationed at Pov. So-him was awaiting me, we were at Kit Yang before breakfast time, a N. West rising we easily made them there against the tide by 1-30 - now after a pleasant sail down on the launch & doing some errands in Sinator Cook & am sailing across the bay wind & tide taking us away on beyond the end of the Bend - after landing I called on the Thomsons. Mrs. T. wished to send her regards to Mama.

Friday Nov. 22nd to Sunday the 24th 11-
Then I am at Kho-Khoi again
after many months - taking a few
moments after supper to jot down
a synopsis of the past days.

Friday was not half long enough
for what I wished to do - Mr.
Mr. Waters Dr & Mr. Ashmore had
a short conference about Sunday
matters: a delegation from Chin-
Chuan waited on me and then
knew many other callers so I must
needs send the cook on ahead
by the 3-20 boat & take the 4-40
myself for Chao Yang - it was beauti-
ful moonlight so I did not mind the
walk of 3 or 4 miles unpleasant,
but was tired enough to get as
long sleep as possible on the boat
A-E had engaged.

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The forenoon was given to
Khai-Pang-kia, which is having
a large no. of new Leaves and
two prayer-meeting-places coming
on one of them Sean-Ton. I visited
then walked on 7 miles to this
town. Called at two places en route.
at one point a bridge had broken
down, a very good stone bridge
it had been too, so there was nothing
to do but take off shoes &
stockings wai up my trousers and
wade across.

Later in the evening we examined five men, 3 of
them Brothers, sons of A-oi the Potter
& Chhan-Bue-na: their testimonies
were unusually clear. To-day their
mother
she came forward also a young
married woman two men past
50 years of age.
This is the first time I ever

baptized a father or mother 1/2
and 3 children at once.

Besides the examining of candidates,
baptism, Communion, reading of S. S.
lesson & two short sermons to-day.
We took subscription for next year's
Expenses, preacher & school teacher -
over \$100 - was subscribed and
many are glad to be heard from.
I am very desirous that as much
of this work as possible be pro-
vided for before my sailing for
Siam.

This evening we had a very
good meeting. I told them of the
new openings we have at so many
places - a large delegation from Chien-
Chhân gather towns in Khu Lai
are waiting here.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
Such a succession pastoral visits -
Chhan Bue Na, Chhien' Ni (Khatani Lo)
weekly prayer meeting

The New Market, Khe-Chu-Lian, 13
When there is a new Sunday Congregation,
back to New Market for a Chinese dinner,
then Ho Son Lian, Sia Khe, & the old
Kie-Khai Chapel & Pak Thien where
there is a new Sunday Congregation
of 40 to 50, & half a score wishing bap-
tism. We had a good evening service.
They plan a new chapel, now are
meeting in an upper room. Tuesday
morning they asked me to go and
pray in two new houses. This may
show a touch of old superstition
not daring to enter a house without
a religious service but it is a
delightful change from their empty
pal-deral of the Buddhist priests.
We visited 6 other villages before
getting to Khe-Li - where Kim Khek
and a Khai of Nam Le were wait-
ing for me. We had a magnificent
moonlight to come down last night.
Could not get into the Canal so I
was pushed ashore in a small boat

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Dec. 2nd - Monday - a cold North
wind blowing. At last after nearly three
years of waiting & a deal of planning
the head offenders who set on the
road 2 years ago last winter come
confessed their wrong & agreed
to make a payment of \$135. in
restitution.

We had a good visit
at the little village of No. Loi -
One old woman listened with great
attention & seemed to take in the truth.
I asked many questions - We had
a good reception also at Phat Chich
Suai near Chin Chuan & in the
afternoon I rode to Nam Suai - a little
village nestled among the rocks where
there are several houses - there is
Chich. D^r. where Mien Loi has been
at work and there in the upper
room we had a most interesting
meeting that silence which the soul
loveth as Clara Morris expresses it -
& which means much more to the
preacher than to the hearer -

Five little boys are able to read 2
the Catechism and can repeat the 1st
and 23rd Psalms - The latter they
recited & I spoke on that, & the
10th of John. - Tuesday Dec 3rd
A long trip for the day to 8th Pak
& Sun Chai - two fishing ports -
At the latter a new opening has
come to us. The people have rented a
large place which would serve
well as a chapel. I do not know
how it may turn out but thus
far they have made us no trouble
and no expense. Three things I
am determined to work for in
Hui Lai, the whole family, men
women & children to be brought in,
a whole Sunday kept as the Lord's
day, the whole expense of the
work to be borne by them -
seems -

The name "Sîn Chai" is really 3
"Sîn Chia" 神泉 - Divine Fountain.
There is a wonderful Spring which is
inexhaustible and supplies the whole
7 or 8 thousand people of the town.

I used this as a starting point of
our evening service at Chhink 8"
M. Sang. There is a fountain filled
with blood & I used Jer. ~~III~~ 1:

John ~~IX~~ 1:34 & Heb 11:13-14 to speak of
the fountain of cleansing - then
to illustrate a fountain of spiritual life
John ~~IV~~ 13-14 & ~~VII~~ 37-39. The
room was packed full & they were as
still & attentive an audience as one
could wish.

Wednesday Dec. 4th

A long pull, nearly 30 miles by chair
& about 6 by water the latter after
nightfall in the teeth of a strong chilly
North wind - but we made our desti-
nation, Pi Li & learned that the lot for a
chapel was bargained for & the earnest

Thursday Dec 5th to 11th off at 11-
Friday
Jay took for the steamer caught the
first boat as she was leaving.
Mr. Waters & I buried ourselves
over Treasury & other matters till
we left together on the launch
Friday Saturday morning, he for
Lain Kung & for Kho-Khai Tang
& Nam Khai. Sunday Dec 8th

I woke in the morning at Nam
Khai with a bad cold but
did a full days work two ser-
vices in the forenoon Sunday School
& Communion in the afternoon at
Nam Khai; then in the evening we
moved on to E-Bue & had a most
enjoyable evening with the ad-
herents there. about 15 came to a
pawon shop in the little space in
front of the ~~town~~ barred office & re-
ceptacle of the carefully ticketed rolls
of clothing & other articles in pawon
we sat & had a good meeting.

I spoke mainly from John VI: 51-52
Christ the assembler of God's scattered
children. It is indeed a great
privilege to hold forth the word of
life to this people, whether to the
heathen or to the professed believers.
Trying as they are in so many
ways they do have an aptitude
for true teaching & are capable of
great things. Monday - Dec. 9th -

Cold it rather I am now sitting on
the stern of the little native boat
putting on my tin box & enjoying the
sunny afternoon. We dropped down
to Kit Yang during the night and I
saw the Mandarin arranged for
meeting him at Kho-Khoi-Yang
Friday forenoon to have the lot
ford chapel finally settled, which
I hope may be done. We have
the tide with us and are making
fine progress up towards Phou Lay
City.

Just as I finished the last 6
sentence I heard a man calling
out "Mok-Su lai a" - "Pastor
has come" I looked out to see
a familiar face, one of the Pou-
To-Lian new members who with
A-Pi the preacher was buying
lumber for the new chapel at
a lumber yard in Kwan Thai
Market. I met ashore & had a
good call in the office & carpenter
shop: the proprietors are attending
worship - Some of the carpenters
listened attentively to exhortations
to abandon opium -

Tuesday - Dec 10th

at Poa Pa - Last evening we had
a very good meeting at Pou To-Lian
& to day have been making a num-
ber of calls at Phon Leng city

The gentry there are very friendly, but there are a great many complications hereabouts - This forenoon I waited in the boat for men who did not come & took opportunity to teach the little boy who with his father runs the boat I have been living in. He is a dear little fellow

Wednesday - Dec 11th

A full busy day with some good opportunities with the preachers & others present.

There is one encouraging feature in the situation - the preachers are far more ready than I ever before know them to be to tell the facts in difficulties that arise and show a desire to do spiritual work.

Thursday Dec. 12th 8

What with taking leave of all the
bathmen & arranging for the coming
year in several chapels & the
matter of several new buildings
^{to be wished} either to be built or mortgaged - I
was roused from the time I got
out of my cot till I left for Phoi-
Ling where the Magistrate in-
vited me to call & was most
gracious - Poor man he is
in a hard position. The Catholics
have no end of lawsuits they press
upon him & the English have a
number both with them and
with others: each says his own
people are right. I have com-
municated with him about one
or two matters and he expressed him-
self as pleased with the reason-
ableness of our position. Whether

or not he will dare to do⁹
as he wishes is a question,
but I hope & pray he may stand
firm against the French and
their threatenings.

Friday. Dec. 13th -

Last night was very foggy - my
stockings & shirt that lay near
the end of my mosquito net were
quite too wet to think of putting on
to-day. We had a great experi-
ence over at Kho-Khoi be-
tween the Mandarin & his minions
who were all inclined to talk
the words of the ^{who were out in force} other side, and
our people who feel much in-
jured & the consideration of future
peace as well as a present de-
cision, together with the general
particular uncertainty attending

every Chinese case the situa-¹⁰
tion was most trying & we did
not come off very well - but got
a decision that I hope will be-
come a cessation of hostilities and
open the way for building on a
better place - I did not get
leav in time for the boat so
am camping in the new house at
Kit Yang - Friday. Dec. 14th.

On the Siang Lung, last evening
the preacher & two brethren from
Kho. Khai came over & were in a much
better frame of mind than I expected
them to be; all sides have a measure
of "face" (prestige) in the settlement
& peace will probably ensue.
The natives who had no part in the
matter ~~saw~~ thought I was too
mild in my demands, but the

"The mild air always there" as the Chinese say (Law-sit Ching Kie Chai: - They at once called a builder as soon as we left to measure the lot settled on by the Mandarin & the other side he decided they could build there solid foundation for the main building only put one of the lighter rooms on the filled land - This morning I had a short conversation with Mandarin on the boat this morning he came down to Pang Khau, He insisted that all is now peaceful and the people should go on and build. Speed the day when the country shall be governed with some measure of justice and firmness.

Sunday - Dec 15th - I preached in the morning from Isa. III: 32 & conducted a burial service in the afternoon -

Monday the 16th Tuesday the 17th - 1891.
I am writing in a native boat on a stream
leading up from the Kiu-Siu river to
Hap-soa". having come up in the night
from Pui Si City by boat. Yesterday
was a very busy day brightened by
home mail & pictures from Burton.
Letters, too, have come from Siam from
Mr. Dunlap & Dr. Adansen. probably
I shall sail by the Tai Shan Saturday
Pui Siu Sea. I am going to see
what we can do for a few poor
families who have been beaten and
driven out of house and home by their
neighbors, so far as we can learn. &
the persecution has been going on with
more or less violence since before I
came back in 1898, solely because
they have joined the "Jesus Doe-
trine". It is a matter of life and
death now. I hope to see it set-
tled before leaving for Siam -
One poor woman has been cruelly
beaten but says she will not now.

ship idols if they beat her to death - Such things make us realize that Christianity and sin are tremendous realities.

The District Mandarin Chia & the Military Commander of the Corps detailed for putting down clan fights both received me cordially & sent a detachment of soldiers with the local Hup-Soo Magistrate & our acquaintance Ah Si Sa of the Ong family to the scene of trouble and they brought back a report and promise that both sides would appear in the morning.

I had a pleasant visit with Lün Sun Sa who was in my class at Khai-Pang Kia about 3 years ago. He still reads the New Testament but has read the classical version to the end of Romans, asked me many questions and to explain the references, he had not fully comprehended the idea of the inter-relation of the different parts of the Scripture -

I hope the old man may become
soundly converted & his family be
saved with him -

We had an interesting conversation
about matters at Phai Thai and
discovered how Bishop Mercie is as-
sisting the Kityang Mandains to get the
heads of some respectable men who
are attending our chapel there -

Thursday. Dec. 18th -

Again going up to Haf. - Down by boat.
having come down & passed a com-
fortable night in the boat where the
cook & luggage are.

Thursday Friday - Dec 19th

Back in the study again - Last
night the trouble at An Eng was
about to be adjusted when the
parties took fright and fled
from the judgement seat. But
Gen. Wee promised to call them
in and settle the affair.
We walked down 4 miles to
the boat and set out about

2 o'clock this morning - The 15
walk was a rather perplexing one
as the men who offered to guide
us compassed after we had gone
a mile or more they were not
quite sure of the road. Happily
when we were in a dilemma as to
which way to turn two men with
a lantern came along & took us
nearly to our boat & directed us the
rest of the way. It was a unique
experience. We reached the
District City by sunrise -

Friday & Saturday - Dec. 20-21
Still here, shall wait for a later
steamer to go to sea. There is
still a goodly number of matters
coming at the close of the year that
need my attention here -

Mr. & Mrs. Waters are away in the
Country - To-morrow is the great
Fest of the Winter solstice -

We had a little rain last night
which was needed sorely.

2 Sunday Dec. 22nd 15

The quietest Sunday for a long time. I did not preach this forenoon and have regretted it ever since. did lead the Sunday School & taught a class. This is the great Feast day and a good number of strangers came in to the service.

Yesterday news came that the trouble at Aning so long unsettled was closed by the Mandarin and we hope will not be reopened.

This morning I read the Epistle to the Colossians in English & Greek & a part of it in Chinese - was, am much impressed anew with the last verse of the first Chapter which might be translated - partly transliterated, "unto which I bring myself, agonizing according to his energy which awakes in me with all dynamis"

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Truly this is a sermon in itself and
a rebuke to our easy going service.

I feel some hope that the young
man living back of the house
who is teaching Mr. Waters, is
converted. He is taking a new in-
terest in the Scriptures and likes
to talk on religious themes. This now
he was rather pharisaical I tho't
in saying that he did have a genuine
faith but did not say much about it.
Many who were not sincere did make
loud professions. I talked with him
plainly about the true Christian
course, not to compare oneself with
others which ~~would~~ result only in
conceit, but to compare oneself with
Christ, our great Exemplar which
~~would~~ result in humility and lead
to growth into the divine likeness.

The manner in which he heard this made
me more hopeful that he is a Christian.

Monday Dec 23rd to Wednesday ^{the 25th}
Christmas Day has been brightened
by a Burton letter - These past
days have been full of the ^{the} usual
things that keep me busy in the Com-
pound, Correspondence, Conferences on
Mission matters and Treasury work,
finishing up the Hunter and getting
all ready to hand over to Mr. Waters.

This afternoon all were invited to
tea by Mr. Ashmun and I was invited
to supper by Mr & Mrs. Waters,
whose new home in Hill-top - bun-
galow is very beautiful -

We had a good Christmas service
this forenoon - Thursday Dec. 26th

Cooler to-day - I called at the Moron's
This evening Mr. M. is not well.
Mr. Macgorman is back. He says
the report is that our Council is sub-
servient to the French.

Friday Dec 27/01 19

A delightful surprise this
Evening in the Home mail
by way of Vancouver - the pictures
book and magazines for me -

The day has been rather mazy
but this has made a delicious
amusement and taken me back home
for a little.

Saturday Dec 28th to
Tuesday the 31st.

Saturday afternoon to Kitquay
and thence to Ou Jhin Kiu by
boat. Sunday at Pon To - Lian
+ good hearing - men from
with An Chhan + Pon Sa men
present so it was not necessary
to go there I was back Monday
noon. Then on about seeing
the old Yau Pak and the
new Yau Pak in my

stateroom on the "Hong Kai" 20
bound for Bangkok with
many misgivings about leaving
my work at this time -
Much to my surprise I found
Mrs Anderson and the chil-
dren on board - They did
not come on shore & I did not
go on board the ship. I
boarded the "Nanshan" yesterday
day & should have taken her
had she been going to Bangkok.
I give up the trip to Singapore.

Wednesday Jan 1st 1902 -

To-day I have had a little
written a little noted a bit
made acquaintance with
some of the Chinese passeng-
ers: some of them are from
Tsi Li and are talkative.
I distributed some leaflets and

sold several catechisms &
shall try to go stalk with them
during day - one is an intimate
friend of Jan-Pain, a young
man from the Holy City Church,
who was in the Class about a
year ago.

The Captain is an agreeable
& capable young German belong-
ing to the Naval Reserve.

Thursday - January 27th

The weather is fine growing warmer,
There is quite a sea on but following
us so the ship rolls comparatively
little - I have written some
bread, rested and had a good
opportunity to preach to the Chi-
nese again - one man who seem-
ed to have a bad bronchial trouble
asked particularly about what it
will be after death -

Friday - ^{Jan} Dec. 3rd - New Vulp. 1902

The sea is rougher & the good ship rolls more than ever.

This evening I had a good opportunity to talk with some of the men on deck & they really seemed to take in the truth. The Chinese certainly do listen as they did not in former years -

To day I copied & re-wrote my hunting letter for the mission. This evening the

Captain handed me an excellent book on Imperial


Germany by Sidney Whitman, an excellent work. The Captain is a very bright intelligent man - speaks very good English.

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Saturday - Jan'y 4th 2

5-30 P.M. The Captain took me up to the chart room and bridge & showed me much that was of very great interest. They have a German compass of which the disk is made of silk thread, the lightest hollow pieces of metal and the figures printed on the thinnest of paper - so that the whole, 8 or 9 inches in circumference only weighs 3 grains so it is sensitive to the least influence & easily moves upon its pivot bearing. He also showed me how they get the distance from a lighthouse or other fixed point by the angles of their position. If the angle of the ship's course to a line from the ship to the light is 45° - they

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wait till they are opposite,
an angle of 90° , which will
make an isosceles triangle
& the distance from the light
will be the same as the
distance travelled since the
first observation & that ^{distance} is
reckoned by the logs. 

They ~~can~~ can be done at
different positions by calculat-
ing the relation of the sides
and angles -

A man must have about 24
years experience at sea to get
a large ship with this North
German Lloyd Co. They have
two training ships on which
Cadets must sail for 4 years
2 years on each before getting a
position as a ^{subordinate} petty officer on
a steamship. At 55 the

Captain may retire on a $\frac{4}{5}$ -
pension, half regular pay, at
60 he must retire. There are
16 lines of steamships running
from Europe to North America
but this Company carry from
35% to 40% of all the
passengers.

Sunday June 5th

In the Gulf of Siam - a fine
day's run it has been - a
little pitching early in the day
but smooth water ever since.

I have made the day largely
a day of rest. Had a little
talk with some of the Chi-
nese & find very many from
the Pu-Ting region are on board
and in Siam live near
our chapel - May the Lord

open the door of faith to ⁵
them there. This seems
like a sanctified pathway
looking back at the past -
so many have come up this
gulf to give their lives for
the people, both Samoan and
Chinese. And of our own Mission
so many have come that my
heart grows more and more
fixed in the conviction that
the Lord must have a blessing
in store for us here and
that it cometh His will
that our distinctive work here
should cease. Godly men
and women have laid down
their lives to give the brightest
ones here the word of God and
a Church founded thereupon.

The work has languished
and now the difficulties
are so great that I have
dropped the undertaking
more than any I ever attempt-
ed. Still hope will not down
& rises to gather courage from
past & future -

Monday June 6th/₁₁

Another fine day's run. a
blood trip the Captain says it
will be - The sea has been
smooth & the breeze refreshing.
We took an inside course and
saw 4 miles, also had a clear
view of the long line of hills along
the shore and the partly wooded
islands that stretch along parallel
with the shore. on one of
them we just past Kopai

are many turtles & on 7
another. We have also pineapples
also other tropical fruits.

This evening I had a good
chat with the Chinese again
at Bangkok. Tuesday July 17th to

July 21st
This morning I was awakened
early by a tremendous rumbling &
shaking; we were trying to get across
the bar. I went on deck & watched
the starting & backing until finally
the ship started out to sea again
& I concluded we would not see
Bangkok till Wednesday.

We did plough through - 12 ft of
water for a ship drawing 13 ft. 6 in
seems prohibitive to a landman, but
not to a determined Captain when
he knows the bottom is of soft mud
this ship has powerful engines
with good men to in charge.
We had a fine sail up the river

which is a clear winding stream. &
the banks covered with a shrub like
growth near the sea & further up by
the atep which they use for a thatch
and with the tall betel tree, also some
cocoa palms.

At Paknam the quaran-
tine station the native doctor comes on
board & we wait till the coolies are
all examined. The native boats are

even more interesting than in China especially
one very narrow canoe which looks like
a toy it is so tiny. There were half a
score of steamers in port so we came off
a good way before getting anchorage.

There are a great many lighters and junks
here so the life of the Harbor Master is
not always a happy one. I met
him one day & he said there is a
great deal of trouble, the people will
not obey orders. He has not very much
authority, Siam is in a delicate posi-
tion between England France Russia & Germany.

Dr. Adensen came to the ship with
his steam launch & took us & our
baggage off - They have treated me
most hospitably & done all in their power
to help me get an insight into the work.
I visited the U.S. Minister Hon
Hamilton King Tuesday afternoon and
saw him again Wednesday - He was an
active Christian worker at home and
is a regular attendant at Missionsprayer
meetings here; he took me over to the
meeting at Rev. Mr. Snyder's ^{meeting} - everybody here
has Chinese points. Little tough animals
that scamper along merrily -

I enjoyed the meeting & also the one
on the following Wednesday at Mr. Gravello-
led by Dr. Brown one of the Secretaries
of the Presbyterian Board. I met him
& Mrs. Brown at supper in Mr. Snyder's
house. They are very fine people - He
was formerly at Portland Oregon and his
brother in Tacoma. They have two lots
in one Vashon Chautauqua - which
he spends to sell very cheap!
The next evening I took supper, or dinner

it is called her, with the Dunlaps. 10
Their two boys Ralph & Herbert, who
is a month younger than Frank (they
were babies together when we were in
the Newland house Clifton Springs)
play nicely together on the piano.

The day following we crossed the river
and visited the Presbyterian Girls
School where they have 9 scholars,
some are foreign, some Eurasian, some
Siam-Chinese but the majority are
Siamese. They have a pleasant school
room are very neat, and do some excel-
lent needle work. They sang for
me a Siamese welcome song and
hymns translated into Siamese.

Dr. Adamson has charge of a school
with 62 girls and young women
that is supported by the Queen.
We went there one day & spoke to
them also heard them sing.
We have no regular Mission school
now but Dr. Adamson can preach in
this school also in the Royal medical

30 or 40 Christians - Li'ke it '2
doing very well considering the fact.
He has been going about with
me making calls on the brethren
who live near by - We often get good
opportunities to talk with visitors
or neighbors when calling. This is
not so good a place for day
congregations on the street in the
Chinese quarter -

The second Sunday - Jan'y 9th found
us up this great river - We left Sat'y
afternoon on Dr. Adams's steam-
launch which is very fast and
comfortable. is 45 feet long and
has comfortable accommodations
forward of the boiler - she runs
very fast. with the tide we made
about 12 miles in 45 minutes
once. At night by placing boards
across from one seat to another,
a very comfortable bed can be made
with cushions -

We visited the Peguan village¹³
of Pan Lom when we found a
small congregation. I walked
back of the village which consists
of houses built with sides of wov-
en bamboo set up on posts some
6 feet above the ground, most of
them thatched with this Atap a
huge fan like leafy plant that grows
along the rivers - Then I looked
out on the wide expanse of
the rice fields that had recently
been harvested. They cut the rice
about a foot above the ground
leaving the stubble to rot on the
ground. The new crop is sown
on the water when the river has
over flooded its banks. The rice
fields are generally worked by the
Siamese. The Chinese who farm here
have cane fields vegetable gardens
chiefly. If Siam exists by cutting
seed on the water and waiting for it

to spring up their fruit, it would seem most unbecoming for our Missionary Union to abandon this field who so much seed has been sown because so great harvest has yet been gathered - But I was recourting our Sunday's work. The Pequans sing very well, more correctly than the Chinese and more melodiously. The native preacher had Mt III with Comment Dr. Adoniram spoke & I talked with them, Dr Adoniram interpreting, about how our mission work began with Carry and that we should expect great things from God and attempt great things for God. We examined a young man a Naval Cadet, who is of old dismiser stock but has been brought in by the Pequans work. He is the most pleasing in appearance of any young

man I have met in Siam. May 15
he be a faithful witness - Nearly all
the men in the Navy, the sailors, an
Pequan, are compelled to serve their
term, 3 months in each year.

On the way down the river we stop-
ped at a small village & had
an audience of about 50 who said
they had never heard this truth
before.

(I have done quite a bit of writing here,
a quarterly letter to the churches at
home I wrote on the steamer but
worked over here to some extent, and
also wrote ^{an} autobiographical sketch
for the Rooms, besides letters to Dr.
Makin Dr. Searson, Dr. Johnson
& Mr. Waters besides to Boston)

Monday the U. S. Minister called
when I was out making pastoral
calls & left an invitation for me
to dine with them Tuesday in

formally; this was fortunate as ¹⁶
I have no dinner suit -
I enjoyed the dinner, and the soci-
ety of the family - till about 10 o'clock
when I took my leave to be asked
to the office by Mr. King who is
anxious to know of the prospects
and believes it would be better
for only one denomination to work
here - I gave him some features of
the situation and my opinions on
it, but got a great deal more
from him in political inf. concern-
tion regarding the Russian French-
Roman politics - religious combi-
nation - When we finished it was
past eleven & Mr. King insisted upon
my staying over night -

Wednesday July 22nd *
The family were rather surprised to see
me but were very cordial - After break-

fast I came up finished letters '7
stook them to the "Hong Kai" which
sailed in the afternoon - then visited
the Chapel & some of the brethren -

Thursday the 23rd we took a trip in
the steam launch through a beautiful
Creek & Canal on to the Tachien
River to Ling Kien Chiu, one of Dr.
Deans old stations a fishing town
of several thousand people. We
found the site of the old Chapel
where only a few posts are now
standing and had a service in
Chinese and in Siamese then with
about a score of hearth barges and
small. The people are most friendly
and urge us to come and open
a new Chapel.

There was a great Buddhist celebra-
tion in town, a top knot cutting -
when a child is from 12 to 16
years old they cut the hair that

has been wound up in a knot 18
on top of the head - There were
12 Buddhist priests chanting
as we came back & the child was
lying on a cushion on the table
with hands together in the attitude
of prayer. a band of several
pieces had been playing, about
half their instrument, more native &
half foreign - as we went by
one played a few strains of the
"Sweet bye & bye" on a flageolet, a
queer combination with the chant.

That evening we had a good
congregation in a Begum town,
where a lad had recently died
from a cut in his foot made by a
bit of broken glass - Before Dr.
Adamsen began one asked, "How
may we know this Christ?"
They have heard before. While we

now there six yellow voted 19
priests came to perform the usual
funeral ceremonies but while they
went indoors fully half the people
stayed to listen -

Friday the 24th We came back
early in the morning - I just
escaped an attack of this plague
from much less Break bone fever
that is Epidemic here now &
Kept still all day.

Saturday too I read studied & wrote
all day.

Sunday the 25th has been a very
comfortable day. We had a long
service at the Wat Koh Chapel
Voting on 8 candidates, sermons
baptisms, giving the hand of fellowship
and Communion. The chapel was
well filled & I feel hopeful about
the men received - sturdy fellows they are.

Monday July 27th

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Today the native preacher Li-Ke was here and spoke about the service yesterday, said the brethren were greatly cheered to have the chapel full and new members baptized. They are hoping to see the old outstations renewed, & more done for instructing the Christians.

Tuesday & Wednesday July 28th & 29th

My important letters are posted and now we are out for a week's trip in the steam launch. We had a fine night run up the river from Bangkok tide with us helping us to make 25 miles in 2 hours and we came through the lock in the irrigating canal before mooring. This is a canal about 27 miles long connecting the river

on which Bangkok is located ²¹
~~with~~ the Chao Phraya & the
Bang Pa-Kong or Pachin Rivers. This
was formerly jungle full of wild
beasts and now there are such
near. We just passed a place
where elephants had crossed not
very long ago. The clay on the bank
showed where their huge feet had
made vertical furrows on the
steep sides in climbing up. We
saw a small elephant standing
by an iron foundry as we passed
to-day. Now there are 17 smaller
canals dug out on either side for
a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles making a
strip 5 miles wide straight across
from river to river redeemed from
jungle now nearly all cultivated rice
fields. Now the rice is harvested
and they are trading out the grain
with 3 or 4 buffaloes who keep
trunking about over a pile of the
grain in the straw & feeding on the straw

as they go, a weary tramp it seems
 to be for them and you realize
 what a wise merciful law it was
 that thou shalt not muzzle the ox
 that treadeth out the corn (grain) -
 The settlers along this canal are
 nearly all Siamese with a few
 Pequans, but the boats are with
 rare exceptions manned by Chinese -
 We met more than 70 boats
 loaded with rice, carrying about
 a ton and a half each and passed
 some boats which were loading -
 A Siamese Prince built a rice
 mill up here but the Chinese
 buy up & ship the rice just as
 before so the mill is not doing
 very much. In China the rice is
 hulled by hand power, here by
 machinery.

We are now, about 4 o'clock,
 through the second lock and
 heading for Patuxent; there are fine

in the wild grass back from ²³⁻
the stream like prairie fires but
not so dangerous apparently.

Thursday Jan 30th

We had a fine run down the
river starting at about half past three
when we cast off and drifted with
the tide until steam was up &
then we ran steadily till 9 o'clock
Saw one we went back for
duck Dr. Admisen shot. It is
a noble river very wide at some
points. We stopped at Putnam Mar-
ket & found there are many
people from the vicinity of Boston
there, in all nearly 10,000 Chin-
men there. The Catholics have a
fine location on a point below
the market. Formerly the settle-
ment was below and on a chapel
was there in older days - in the
midst of a sugar growing
region. This crop was ruined
by the cutting of a canal across
a neck of land where the river

Made a long detour, which
checked the saltwater from
coming up - now the canal is
as wide as the river and up
rushes the salt sea making
the water so brackish that sugar
cannot be grown there now.

We came down to Bang-Pla-Kong
a large town near the mouth of
the river and took a sailing boat
which Dr. Adanien had borrowed
from a Chinese nobleman. It is
a large boat with a spacious cabin,
it is built of a very solid wood
called Thai-Khien - much like
iron wood. The three sails
are of Chinese pattern but plaited
of palm leaf and white, or a
delicate cream color.

Friday Saturday 1844

Lik Capt. Kidd we sailed very early
and we sailed, the unlike our
was an errand of mercy; the wind

was light and we made an average ²⁵
speed of almost a mile an hour
reaching Si Pa Cha at noon Friday.
Dr. Adameis's Erand was to visit
the hospital that is under the patronage
of one of the Queens, who has a summer
home there - She is the richest woman
in Siam as far as money goes, having
an income of a thousand Ticals a day
(about \$265.00 U.S. Gold), but she is
most unhappy because of her seven
children all but two are gone and a
daughter has died so the hope that a
son of hers will sit on the throne
is gone - The Crown Prince now has
only in Europe is the son of her
younger sister & her daughter is
being married to be his Queen -
she has done a good thing for the
sick in furnishing money for this
hospital: it is a great boon for
invalids to get away from the
close hot air of Bangkok to this

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Friday Jan 31st and Saturday Feb 1st

Cool sanitarium with the sea blowing
breeze & the cool breeze blowing
through it. A Japanese doctor is the
resident physician, living there with
his family hence we would expect
to find it all scrupulously clean.
I found one poor fellow from near
Hap Sian had a good talk with
him. he is in a sad case but I
trust the Gospel of Hope may enlighten
his darkness. Another patient is a
Siam Chinese whose father was of the
Kitjung Lin family.

We sailed back at 2 P.M. with
Mr. Eric St. J. Lawson Dept.
of Bangkok Police as pas-
senger. He is an intelligent man
and I enjoyed his company.
He has lived in Burma: he
spoke highly of the Karm Mission
and of Dr. Judson's scholarship, said

his translation of John's Gospel - ²
is fine classical Chinese and is
a part of the curriculum for the
Civil Service Examinations -

We reached our Steam launch at
midnight & by 3-4, m. were off
again towing him out of the river
in the sail boat - at 9 o'clock we
made a fine run in the launch
down to Bon Pla Sai when we
visited old A-Ki Peh one of Dr.
Dunn's old disciples, who seems a
faithful old brother - we went to
the former chapel site, now a
long distance from the market
town - I took boat back

to Bangkok. We stuck on the
bar & I did not get to the house
till after 11 o'clock -

Sunday Feb 2nd to Friday th 7th

I enjoyed my two opportunities
of meeting with the native church

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They are anxious for me to stay & take the first boat direct to Toronto after the Chinese New Year. but I must get back as soon as practicable.

Dr. Adonson came back on Monday by the outside passage and really had a rather narrow escape: the launch has no deck and it was only by dexterous steering that he kept her dry. Then they nearly ran out of wood & just as they got into the river a heavy blow came up which might have swamped them.

Most of my day was passed in hunting up steamers - In the morning I was at Mr. Smith's leaving gone down there Sunday evening to make them the visit

planned for an earlier date.

Tuesday we had a rain the first I saw in Bangkok.

Wednesday more hunting for steamer. I had a fine ride in a steam launch up from the Steamship office with a Chinese, Siam-Chinese, Rice-Drill proprietor.

Tuesday I gave most of the forenoon to the native preacher Li-ke & the evening to him & other of the young men at the chapel. The best opportunity I had to talk with them of the situation and their duty - I hope they will be faithful and all work together with Dr. Adensen to build up the church.

Wednesday I attended the prayer-meeting & again saw the Dunlaps

and other missionaries: several from ⁵
India returning on furlough with them.
Minister King was present and
spoke, he is an able speaker has
thoughts and can express them.

After my return Dr. Adonson took me
for a drive up to Duxit Park
the Royal Drive; it was too late
to get the full benefit of all the
gardens & other attractions, but I
could appreciate the fine woods &
ample provision for a beautiful
park. The King was just ahead
of us a part of the way with his
suite in other carriage & on horse-
back.

Thursday I wrote letters & went
with Dr. Adonson to visit the
two City Hospitals under his
charge; such awful wrecks of hu-
manity sin does make. It makes
one's heart bleed to see them, but
it is a joy to have a full salva-
tion to preach to them.

After tiffin Dr Adansen + Albert⁶
took me to the steamer in the
launch, away down the river.

The "Rafatani" is a fine big ship
but to hold only one stateroom
+ three passengers! They proposed
that I go back, and go out to
the steamer after Chinese New Year,
but there was a ~~hard~~ chance

of catching the "Koh-si-Chang"
I took that. The Captain

had a room ^{with signal flag} ~~custained~~ off for
me in the dining saloon which
is large & has beautiful couches
on either side so I had a cool
very delightful resting place
with no mosquitoes to bother
me. The two men in the cabin
were pestered by them.

We had a beautiful sail down
the river & anchored inside
the bar just getting across

hardly escaping a wait in the mud - As we approached the anchorage near Ang Hin we kept eager watch for ships. I saw two with yellow funnels the distant ones looking like the "Koh-Si Chang". The first proved to be the "Diam" bound for Singapore so we looked & looked through binoculars & at last made out "Chang" which told us she was still there - we could see the steam barge alongside so knew she was loading - The Captain began signaling, but they do not seem to be very familiar with the new code yet, if not yet it she would leave Sunday, then Wednesday but while we were at breakfast we met the "Blue Peter" & we knew she would go

Before night - They must &
have mistaken mid-day for
mid week - Capt. Ashburn
Ludu boat landed watermen
arranged with the Capt. of
this ship & came back for us
He saw it would be profitable
for the Norddeutscher Lloyd
not to feed us all a week
for nothing - so was very
kind to us. So now we
are steaming down the Gulf
with a smooth sea in a
slow but well laden & strong
ship. most comfortable quar-
ters. & the first ship that
left Bangkok after my
to the city with my summer
from Siam - The Lord
has been very good to me.

Saturday - Feb 8th

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Chinese New Year. very quiet
on shipboard. I have worked on
my report a part of the forenoon
in part of the afternoon - This is
the best ship of the line for my
work because the saloon is
protected from the wind while
splendidly ventilated & the deck much
better for writing than the other
ships - The officers are agreeable
as also are the two fellow pas-
sengers - the servants are ~~not~~ ^{not}
men as I am at home with them
& they with me - There are two
dogs on board an impudent
black puppy and his mother -
He is a quiet, nice dog & al-
ways gives her a bite when I
have afternoon tea. he is a little
rascal & bites my books and

papers he find within reach. ¹⁰

This morning he pulled out
two sheets of writing paper and
had a grand time worrying them.

then a copy of the P.I. was
blown down & he soon riddled
it.

Sunday Feb 9th 1902

This morning we sighted -

Pulo Obi - turned Eastward
between that cluster of 3 wooded
Islands and Hill Rock - thence
we took a more Northerly
course and passed the

Two Brothers, rocky islets, one
wooded and one bare. toward
Evening soon the light of
Pulo Condor showed visible
we go up the coast of the
French possessions -

The wind has been blowing^{!!}
all day with quite a sea
and now is howling. The
ship is pitching but does
not roll a particle, is the
steadiest vessel of her size I
ever sailed in. I am thank-
ful to be without a qualm
thus far - To-day I have
been reading in the Fourth
Century New Testament and
a file of Baptist Unions.

Monday Feb 11th to Saturday the 15th

Pitching until last night with
very little rolling - Since 2 a.m.,
when the course was changed
and we began going diagonally
to the sea, much rolling and
some pitching - the longest and
hardest voyage the ship has ever

had. I have kept up very good
spirits, minded the slow rough
passages rather less than the
others. In part because I have
so much on hand. Studying
a chapter in Mark's Gospel every
day and writing as much as
I can presently on my report - which
is ready to mail or will be with
one more reading. The main report,
tho I have still several pages to
copy of a detailed account of an
inland trip &c, but that can go
by a later mail if necessary.

I have not missed a meal at table
yet, or more than one, - I did have
one short turn of sea sickness,
due to eating too much chess
and sitting too long in the stuffy
dining saloon - Tho of Abtai's

sons are on board, one is a 13
little chap 14 years old but small.
their mother's brother is boatswain
& he is training this little fellow
to get wanted to the sea. The
three eldest & eldest sons are
able seamen Quarters now.
Sunday Feb 16th

Fine weather today, very little
rolling, I have been reading and
walking on deck all day - had a
talk with a Star's two boys
they both wish to study if a
school is opened at Kwah-Chin.

Monday - Feb 16 to Friday the 20th

Only a day of sickness Hong Kong -
Lau Wednesday & it seems like a
week - but time to see the
Gunsels & get a few things ready
for them & sending home -
Very busy here in the Mission.

Saturday. Feb. 22nd - 14

A quiet day, in the house attending to correspondence and some Chinese called.

This is the Ngian Sean, the Beginning of Nights, the full moon of the first month, a great time with the Chinese.

The moon was created to rule the night & to the Nations that walk in darkness she is the object toward which their eyes are turned in homage, her sun moves them to the sun; their year begins and ends by the moon.

May the day be hastened when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise upon them with healing in his wings -

Sunday Feb 23rd

a fine clear cool day.

I spoke of the opportunities in

Siam at the morning service¹⁵
and also took part in the
Sunday School. Then went down
to Gou Chhân with our two disciples
and preached. The people were list-
less at first did not seem to
take it in; at the last I had a good
hearing and they insisted that I
come again next Sunday.

Returning I met Mr. & Mrs.
Monro & walked with them a
little way. they invited me to dinner
to-morrow. I also saw Mr. & Mrs.
Thompson a few moments. He has
a bad cold. Jesse now says
"who's hard-case?" then puts him-
self on his chest. He is evidently
full of mischief.

Monday, Feb 24th -

A big, big home mail to-day.
Good letters from Boston received
from Boston - 2000 - U.S. is
given for a Post Office for Inland Mission.

Tuesday Feb 25th to Wed. Mich 12¹⁶/₇₄

On Monday the U.S. Gunboat
"Hilmington" came in I called
on the Capt - (Ed. Prime) who was
here last summer. He arranged
for his Intelligence Officer Ensign
E. D. Weicheat to go to the country
with me & Tuesday noon we set out
for Kitjung. He is a fine young
man from Danbury Conn. I enjoyed
his company very much. We had
a long tour - At Kitjung we ^{was} just
in time to meet the ~~Speicher~~ ^{Speicher}. He
was preparing to go to Hui Chiu
& she to visit the Whitemans -

Wednesday we made trip to Khe Khai
where I was disgusted & surprised to
find that the people had dis-
regarded the former agreement & plan-
ned to build over their line -
Then we went to the town
where we visited a temporary

fortification built for use in 17
the important clan fight that is
threatening. a queer affair with a
ledge of thorny bamboo branches &
some mudwall with a high step-
ping for a lookout --

Thursday we went to Tou Pa, I on
the "Prince" wheel Mr Gorskak left
& Mr. W. in a chain -

We made Tou Pa our headquar-
ter till Monday visiting, Hou Lo
T'i, Kueh Chhi Lian, Kou Kuan, &
Kho Leng. Sunday I (made)
at two places, ^{at} Tou Pa there were
about 150 present - I met to
Kho Leng in about 30 minutes
on the wheel, attended the Sunday
School where there were a number
of fine looking young men from
wealthy families present for the

first time then from Bi' Kong¹⁸
Ch'ah - They were some of them
at Communion in K'ah Ch'ieh in
January. Fine appearing young
men & one of them seemed a little
moved by the lesson, the latter half
of John XVIII.

Monday we were a part of the day
in Pu-Ning City. I went from
Tou Pa to the boat landing in an
hour "including stops" which were
many. Tuesday we were at Su-ton
by noon which was the time
agreed when we started -

I found a plenty to keep me
busy for 8 days with correspond-
ence accounts & the usual a-
mount of Chinese visitors to
see & church affairs to
consider - Twice I visited

the "Milmington," Tuesday P. m. 19
we were all invited to afternoon
tea & to examine the ship, the of-
ficers are very kind & hospitable -
the day following the Capt. Paymaster
& doctor came ashore to see at
Dr. Scott's - Earlier in the afternoon
Mr. Waters I escorted the
Chinese students & teachers to see
the ship to their infinite satis-
faction. The men on board were very
good to them too.

Friday there was a Field Day
at the Bradley Co. Ground
The men ran some good races.
One poor fellow over did and
did not rally well - there was
a report that he had died
but we do not know to a certainty.
Monday they had a reception on
shipboard for the Community.

Mr. Ashmun & Miss Hyde²⁰
were the only ones of our
force to go & they were not enthu-
siastic over it, tho it was
doubtless socially considered a
success -

Mr. & Mrs. Monro were to
leave for England early in the
week to catch Saturday's steamer -
Wednesday I left for Pien^{an}.
& again looked over the great oil-
mill property for sale, but the
bathmen seem to prefer a new building -
Thursday the 4th I visited people
at Hsin Phing who say they wish
to become Christians. That evening
called at Khai-Pang Kiaⁿ - Friday
went to Chau Iⁿ & back from
Kui Su - Saturday the 6th I am
still at Kui-Su, made calls this
morning. a new chapel will (I.V.) be
opened at Hsin Iⁿ to-morrow.

Sunday Mch 16th

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I rode across in the morning
from Kiri Aū to Nain Lū on
the wheel slowly so as not to
get heated. We had a lively
forenoon's work. Before service
began in the little new chap-
el it was literally packed to
the doors - and in the doors.
Not a quiet audience the
leather part of it either
fit was so movable a
crowd I decided to leave
after the first - "Every wor-
ship & held preaching service
in the open square outside.
After I went in to preach on
the Church the Body of Christ

the natives but then continued 22
until the end of the chapel
services; so that a goodly num-
ber heard the Gospel -

I went back to Kiu Siu on the
wheel and met the people there
quite a number of them. Kim-
Kek is still preacher - His fami-
ly has met with a sad calam-
ity - the smallest boy lost the
sight of one eye by measles.
A King who moved over from
Chieh Lian has five bright
boys in whom I feel much
interested - In the evening

we had a good opportunity to
preach at the watermill - We
took boat in the night for
Kiu Sing Kiu -

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The day Monday was from boats
in villages along the river -

At Shin Sheng we had a permanent
interest - Tuesday I was at

Sunⁿ Lay for the first time &
prashed over the bicycle al-
ternately. could only get their at-
tention by promising to let them
see me ride if they would quiet-
ly listen for a time - a few
men seemed to take in the truth -

The men was very tense to
Chin Chan & I caught cold
which turned into an attack
like grippe with the dread
onset - Wednesday I rested a
little & Thursday was in bed
all day. Friday a trim proposed

a vapor bath a-la-Chinois, 24
medicated! As he named the
ingredients I recognized pickled
greens & peanut vine so concluded
it would not be harmful and
I must do something, so they
got the pickled greens half a catty
Peanut vine 4 "chi" - half a catty
of "Pin Phan Kien", another vine - &
medicated & steeped them: they put
in one of their "foot tubs" - about
as big as a wash tub but shallower
6 inches deep, & a new bed-mat
to put around & make the en-
closure for the vapor bath - I
roasted on the edges of the tub
till the water was cooled enough
to put my feet in it & had a
famous bath - whether the Cien
Kien Chhai (old pickled greens)

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on the prompt vine or the
Other ingredient or the hot water
was the most efficacious
cannot tell but combined they
were a success & stopped the
malarial fevers. Great is China.
Not much news under the sun here
after all.

There are great numbers of people
coming to worship in the Hui'ai
region & we believe that sooner or
later there will be goodly num-
bers of believers there. Now we
must take things cautiously.

At Chien Chhân I was pleased
to hear the children read
or chant hymns: the people
there had themselves done
much to teach the children
for they did not have

of a time to many of them. ²⁶
yet read them beautifully - nine
boys and one girl - my heart
was much cheered to see the
proof that the gospel had
really begun to take hold. We
have not ~~yet~~ dared baptize
one person there yet.

Such an experience as we had
coming back Saturday! My trunk,
a basket with two chickens in it,
the cooks bundle of clothes and
a package of especially nice sugar,
that had been given me, were
almost to slip off the carrying
pole by a neckless cooly and
down a bank into a pool of
muddy water - Had it not been a

a tin trunk clothes books 27
papers would have been newly mined
We just missed the last launch
took a boat loaded with ginger
that brought us to the end of our
Kaklich bend between 8 & 9 o'clock
in a drizzling rain.

Sunday I went to Snator with
Mr. Robinson Jr. & enjoyed preach-
ing to the people -

Monday was a busy day here
& Tuesday Mr. Mr. Water, & I, took
boat at 11 A.M. for Kit Yang
butland the Conference -

It seems luxurious to get into
a roomy, clean, white house boat
cabin once more. We took
a little organ along & enjoyed
a "sing" En route - Dr. & Mrs. Robinson
met in another boat & Mr. A. Jr. in
the boat place -

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journeying on the morning of
the 26th, all three boats were
moored near the new house-
built for Dr. Bixby. when
we met as the ~~fair~~ children
Mildred & Donald Kemp, Zella &
Aron Whitman were visiting
David & Margaret Speicher, &
two conferences could not meet
in one & the same house with-
out being mutually overheard
& each detrimental to the other.

We met & opened with short
prayer meeting led by Mr. Kemp.
They appointed me President
against protestations - & Mr.
Whitman Secretary a good
representation for Burton -

My paper on Mission Schools³⁹
was first on the program.
The ~~same~~ ^{one} given 3 yrs ago with
modifications. Some discussion
followed. Dr. Carlin could
not give his paper in the
afternoon which gave us time
to discuss important matters.

The Jeweller Kim-Ki called
& gave an invitation to his son's
wedding the next day & the Dis-
trict Magistrate Li' also
called. In the evening Mr.

Johnson Jr. gave an interesting
account of the meeting of
our new Baptist Publication
Society. He attended in Canton.
The outlook is bright if fi-
nancial support and a number
of men come as furnished.