Feb 21 Washington D.C. On board the "City of Wellington." The following left Louisville yesterday at 2.45 o'clock to be examined by the Foreign Mission Board, R.E. Chambers of Md. W.B. James of Va C.W. Chadwick of Tex & myself. We are on the C&O & the scenery is grand. We passed by ~~Chancellors Ville~~ Charlottesville saw the University of Va & Monticello the Home of Jefferson. We passed by Orange Court house where Lee was stationed during the last winter of the war also through Manassas. At Orange Court house I asked a countryman where Lee himself stayed & he said to the South of the place about one mile. Monticello is on a high hill which had been leveled over by Jefferson. The place is now owned by a Mr of Richmond Va. In Washington we went to the Capitol & went into the Senate & the Lower house when both were in session. Also went up to the top of the dome 300 ft high. The building is all & it is represented to be. We went then via a cable gram car to the White House, walked up to the door but, not being sufficiently urged did not go in. Then we went up to the top of Washington Monument 500 ft. To the topmost point it is 555 ft high. We are just to leave now for Old Point Comfort will say more later on. I have enjoyed the trip thus far hugely &

March 4th I sd. h. written long before this but see I h. not. We had a very pleasant trip on the Potomac & the Chesapeake. We travelled all night & I cd. not see much of water. I ...

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began to be sick at one time during the night, but decided & I sd. not do & so did not. Mr. Hickman was down at the wharf to meet us. He took us up to his house & the ms spent such a pleasant day. Cousin Phebe was as sweet & kind as cd. be. She had a nice breakfast for us & the made us stay over to dinner. Mabelle was there & was very pleasant. She & cousin Phebe went with James & myself over Hampton in a carriage & Mr. Hickman sent up for us. They took us around to the Normal School where there are about one hundred & thirty five Indians & four hundred & seventy five Negroes. It is an Episcopalian school & is largely supported by Northern people. It is a fine institution & is doing a great work

Hampton Normal School

We then went to the Soldiers Home where there are fifteen hundred or two thousand poor old soldiers of the Northern Army. They are a desolate looking set of beings. Most of them appear to be foreigners. It looks very hard to a Southerner & we are called on to support the who almost look to be outcasts of human race. Not a happy face among them & I cd. see how cd. they be happy - left home & all of enjoyments & are found & there all together.

Then we went over to Forte Monroe. Here we saw where Jefferson Davis was imprisoned for so long a time. The Forte is well kept & is right on what is called Hampton Roads. Out from the Forte is what is called the Rip Raps another forte sometimes called Forte Wool. We also went to what Sexton said

was / third oldest church in America

That evening we four & Mr Hickman went over to New Port News. There we saw the "City of New York" in the dry dock being repaired. It is said to / ship in / second largest & fleet & Atlantic — 500 ft long & 63 ft wide. We went to Hampton to New Port News on an electric car.

Cousin Pheb has a nice little family. The children are Cornelia Maurice - whose photo I have, Georgia - whose photo I have, Elliot & Charlton. They are all nice looking children.

Leaving there James & myself took the train for Richmond. I passed —

Williamsburg, one of oldest settlements in America. Saw William & Mary College as we passed by. Also a large penitentiary belonging to / State. The houses here many of them look very aged as you would suppose.

Jamestown was only about four or five miles off of the R.R. It is said — a part of old church stable still stands here.

Dr. R.J. Willingham, cousin Bob was down at / R.R. to meet us. I went right up to his home & stand for us headquarters. His wife cousin Cornelia is such a lovable character, quiet yet has enough to say. Their daughter Cornelia is a pretty young lady. There are eight children. It is a fine family. I am so glad & I could know my Cousin

Bob is a fine Xn man. One only has to know him to love him. The boys Bob, Caulder, Ben & are very much like uncles Ben's boys. The little girls are very sweet.

In Richmond I will only mention what I say without remark

1. Richmond College & grounds
2. Hollywood esply 1 tombs of Jefferson Davis who has been recently moved there from
James Monroe removed Pn in from
Ex Pres. Tyler who has no tombstone to mark his last resting place
The Soldiers Monument.
3. The State Capitol went to 1 top & it a stove + was in 1 house & burgesses a chair used " " "
for 1 speaker or chairman

4. The new City Hall a fine building
5. Lee's home now used by "Historical Soc"
6. Jef. Davis' home in time & war now used as a public school. Old time style pillars in 1 front. Lee's new style & not very impressive
7. Virginia Inst. where Dr Basil Manly taught for so long a time.
8. St Pauls where Lee & Davis used to worship. Sat in each vir seats. This 1 grandest monument to tir men + M were men who feared God
9. St Johns. where Patrick Henry delived his noted speech in which he said "give me liberty or give me death" Tombstones as far back as 1754
10 Passed near to 1 former site & Libby Prison
We had to rush through all vse places as we had such a short time to stay.

On 1 evening v 23rd of Feb 1894 was meeting v Board in which C. W. Chadwick of Texas W.B. James v Va. R.E. Chambers of Md. & W.W. Lawton of S.C. were accepted as Missionaries to said to china, if 1 way was opened by 1 income v means by Oct v same year.
It was a happy moment in 1 lives vse four young men when 4 were told + 4 had been accepted, each vm without a single dissenting vote. Chambers said, + it was 1 happiest moment of his life. May we be permitted to go & do much good if it be Gods will.
That night we commenced back home i.e. Louisville Ky leaving James behind to come

on after two days but bringing in his place + godly man Dr. T.P. Bell. He added much to our happiness. On Saturday Morning he took us all in to 1 dining car & gave is breakfast. There was a joke on Lawton trying to eat oysters out v silver individual oyster dish instead v his taking tm into his plate - A good joke provokes a good laugh + a good laugh is worth two plates & a half v oysters makes no difference how served. Sunday I dined at Dr Richards + had a very pleasant time.
In my last letter Jr. Mother she says in regard to my going to 1 Foreign field "I am now more resigned tm I have ever been. I guess I h. been looking after 1 corners & as 4 were filled with

wilfulness & other ugly sins & God has helped me to clean m out I can now say "Thy will be done" for this I am truly thankful. It was on her account & I hated most to go.

March 9th. W.T. Lumbley & wife are in town this morning on his way to Miss. He has come over for a little rest. He has two children. Oldest a boy Jos. Eustace born in Lagos & 1 second a girl about two months old born in England. Bro. Lumbley is not very tall - not very prepossessing? in appearance but seems to be a true man - God. I walked over to Hotel Victoria with him carrying little Eustace. I saw Mrs. L. I fear she cannot stand 1 climate in A. I do not believe women ought to try to stand it. Observe what Bro L. says & pronunciation - awyaw O. & Hausser Farm. Bro Smith is doing a fine work Bro L. says & Bro Newton, wife & daughter h just returned to his post. duty after a rest in N.C. Bro. L is fr. Miss & Mrs L. fr. Arkansas.

We are having lovely weather now.

Heard fr. Lewis Rice 1 other day, he is supplying in Greenville. I made Latin Theology T.K. Dr Sampley who has been off on a rest on acct. - his sickness is now back with us & at work & working others like thunder I believe some said.

March 20. South Gate, T.J. Davenport Pastor was visited Sunday evening the 11th inst by James Chadwick Chambers & my self. Each of

we talked on phases of the China field or work. The meeting was a success so far as appearances indicated.

Vine Grove, Bro. Hagans church was visited by James & Myself on Saturday evening the 17th inst. Good attendance & attention Twelve subscribers were gotten up for the Foreign Mission Journal

West Big Spring on the corner of Meade, Hardin, Breckinridge Counties, was the place where James & myself held a meeting with Bro Barnett on Sunday 18th inst. We got up seven subscribers here The work we hope will be the means in G's hands & doing much good.

Dr. P. S Henson spoke at Broadway Baptist Ch. last evening on "Fools." He took up various kinds & fools such as the drunken fool, the rich fool, the miserly fool, "the white cravatted, "light top hatted walking cane, "dude" fool &c Dr. Henson is a small man, with an unusual amount & energy. The lecture was good & the lecturer better. W D Hubbard of Ala & D D Taylor & Va had charge of lecture. Quite a large crowd was out.

March 24 There was quite a fire at 1 Louisville Book Co on 1 night & 19th inst. The boys are buying quite extensively. I bought about twenty two dollars worth of books &c. I have been wanting 1m for some time & as I co. get 1m cheap I bought.

4. Broadway Baptist Church Dr. Wm L. Pickard was visited one Wednesday evening by James Chadwick Chambers & myself. Very good attendance & attention

5. Twenty Second & Walnut M. P. Hunt pastor pro tem was visited Wed. evening March 28 by Chambers James & myself. The night was very rainy & at one time we decided not to go & ∴ Chadwick was not with us, but 4 other three went & were glad to find a good crowd out. nineteen subscribed for the Journal.

6. Buffalo Lick Junius W Millard pastor visited April 1st by Thos A. Johnson B.W. Spillman R.L. Chambers & myself. This is a good church in a good section V State - Shelby Co. Millard is a fine man & is a worker.

Miss Mary Daniel Weekly was a very attractive young lady whom we met down there. There are about seven churches within a radius of ten miles down in that county.

Apr. 8th Bro Chastain of Mexico is here at Seminary with us for a short time. I hope to see something of him.

7. East Church April 4th Bro was a good audience out. We met a number of the men & women of the church among them Mr & Mrs. Nightingale the father & mother of Mrs. T. J. Leage missionary to China. The people of East Ch. are an earnest, working people. Bro J.T. Christian DD is pastor

8. Fourth and Walnut Sunday night Apr. 8th A pleasant meeting Dr T.T. Eaton is pastor. Dr Broadus & Dr. Whitsitt were both out.

Apr. 9 All is moving along smoothly at the S.B.T.S. Dr. Whitsitt has been off for over a week attending the Ga. State Convention & also on a visit down to Fla. where his family have been for some time.

The Engine room work is getting on well. Not so much to do this winter as last. The work is not more than half as hard on us.

The rioting down in S.C. has been an ~~ungly~~ blot on 1 history v Palmetto state. Darlington lost some ~~a~~ her good citizens. Mr. Noemant who was killed was a schoolmate of ~~a~~ Dr. E.C. Dargans & also married 1 Drs cousin. May 1 time soon come when we shall have a God-fearing law-abiding & law-preserving governor in our old State.

Apr 11 Geo. R. Wendling was heard last night on "The Man of Galilee." A fine lecture in many respects. I did not enjoy it however near so much as his lecture "Is Death the Eng"

Apr 17th On 1 night v 11th we four went out to Parkland D.Y. Bagby pastor. It was one v most enjoyable meetings we have had yet. They are a whole-souled working people. I met out there a Mr Tobey a nephew v China Missionary by + name who died a few yrs. ago. We took supper with Bro Bagby. Mrs. Bagby seems to be an estimable woman.

Bro Bryant writes to us v gt. needs v Central China Mission & 1 North China Mission is making loud calls for reinforcement - May God lead us to the place + we sd. go.

Apr 23 10 Oakdale, Bro. Edwards Jr. I. T. pastor was visited by Chadwick & myself on 1 15th. A good meeting I considered it for 1 place

11 Highlands was visited by Chambers, Chadwick, James & myself on 1 evening & 18th. Only a few out but it was a thoroughly interesting meeting.

12 ~~Clay~~ New Castle Thos. A. Johnson pastor visited by Chambers, Millard & myself on 22nd. The meeting was good considering 1 weather. New Castle is itself a very nice & pleasant little village. Johnson & myself staid at Mrs. Ellis. She is a daughter of Dr. Robt Ryland & an estimable woman.

For China & African Missions 1 salary has been reduced. It will meet with universal satisfaction I believe

Apr. 29 Mc Ferran Memorial church was visited on last wednesday evening. There was a very good attendance, mostly however of ladies. God bless 1 women of our churches. They does much for 1 advancement of the cause of Christ. Our churches ad. soon go down without their influence & help. Our Missionary meetings seem to grow in interest. I enjoy them more

Apr 29 Bishop Granbery, Jno Cowper, & M.E. Ch. South preached at the 4th & St. Cath. St. M.E. Ch. S. today. His text was fr Ps

Treatment I Intr. & 5th proof for G. spoke & names for God "Jehovah," "all powerful one" "I am" &c

II Other proofs beside S. for this being of God

1. Reason 2. Conscience 3. Spiritual Nature 4. Surrounding Cir's