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years. Has been in America for two years & speaks our language well. He & his wife are quite nice. They are not under appointment of any Board but are going as our "Gospel Mission" brethren. Mr Ferguson is one year older than myself. Has had quite a varied experience in life. Playing, lumbering, contracting &c He gained his education under many difficulties. May Gods richest blessings rest upon them.

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Nov 7th Today has passed off very quietly indoors because a terrible gale has kept us from going out. The wind has been blowing terrifically all day but we h. b. so fortunate as to h. it to our backs all the time. I stand for hours & watch the crests as they rise. It seems that the waves are at times twenty ft. high - Bro Bryan said fifty. It is a lovely sight to see them coming in all of their grandeur onward, still onward until they come right under our ship & seem to lift it entirely out of the water, or until they burst on the leeboard side sending masses of water over the ship. In the distance the white crest, the light blue, the deep blue, the black the red colored & at times there appears to be also a pink ish cast is a sight worthy any artists time for development, or any word painters best efforts. It all shows to me that there is a powerful One back & behind all things. Cannot the same God who causes these mighty billows to roll, cause poor weak man to do whatsoever He wants us to do?

We passed a log today. A sight that was pleasing to the eye. Mr Smith, the third officer saw it first. It was standing almost straight & apparently not moving but of course that could not be at all probable

This morning I was reading Miss Lottie Price's favorite chapter to her Jno 17 when Miss Willie Kelly came in. We read & talked together for quite a while. Miss W.K's favorite chapter was also read 1 Cor. 12.
We all spoke of how little we felt we could do when we compared ourselves to each other — somewhat of a queer coincidence. It will e.i. the talk will help us on in our work. God grant that I may grow physically strong, mentally strong, & above all else spiritually strong.
Nov 9th Yesterday was spent in reading most of the time. I read some in a magazine called

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"Good words" loaned to me by Mr Smith 3rd Officer.
Began "Many Infallible Proofs" by A.T. Pierson.
Read through a small novel called "Ships that Pass in the Night" written by Beatrice Harraden
The characters are
Bernardine Holme a little restless spirit, striving to express itself now in this direction now in that, yet always actuated by the same constant force — the desire to work
The Disagreeable Man or Rich Alliteen whose name describes him as seen in the hotel at Petersdof but who was pleasant among the rural class
Mr Reffold — a man dying of consumption
Mrs Reffold — a fine looking society woman

Warli the mail-man & Marie the servant girl & others.

Bernardine, although reserved & a kind of "sui generis" was a girl who by her sympathy, her kindness and her love drew the poor & suffering & the troubled to her - she was an angel of charity.

As Mrs. Maynard says the book is a pleasant one to read but you must watch the theology. It seems to believe in another state of probation.

I was pleased with the book & feel that I shall be benefitted by reading it.

The wind still continues to blow. The trip so far has been quite rough as not only the passengers but the officers can testify.

Nov. 16 We have been having such rough weather & it has been hard to do anything besides eat, sleep & keep well, therefore my diary has gone begging.

I have enjoyed the trip so far very much indeed. 'Tis true the weather has been terrible, but yet as I had the pleasure of staying out on deck most of the day it gave it more of a romantic than a tiresome turn for me. Day before yesterday we had a cyclone. The port side & aft wheelhouse was torn all to pieces. The fireman and the baker were both badly hurt & some other points of minor importance went wrong. The

sick are getting better & the wheel-house has been fixed to last until we get into port. During the storm most of our pax stayed in the bed all day. Some were too sick to get up, others were afraid. I stood outside a good part of time with Rijnhart - his wife was not sick but he advised her to stay in bed that day.

The ocean was one of grandest sights that I have ever seen. The sun was shining most of day. Wave after wave looking at least 25 ft high would follow each other. So they would burst the beautiful snow white crest would be on top often a rain-bow appearing in the spray, then under that was a green - light shading into a dark or brown & into a deep blue which could be seen for a mile. The waves appeared as mountains with valleys between them. As I told Mrs Rijnhart "If Rijnhart or myself could describe what we had seen so that it could live before those who read we would be a fortune." I could but feel when looking at it all "How powerful is our God.

Sunday dropped

Sunday was dropped from our list - as we crossed 180 meridian on that day. Some of us observed, or tried to observe Monday & others let it be as it was. Mr Smith the 3rd Officer said he always observed one day so he observed Monday as his Sunday He seems to be a truly consecrated man. His lot is a hard one I am sure with all vile

officers on board to scoff & jeer. Many wm say & Tm do not believe in 1 Bible. We missionaries to had several discussions with Tm. We it do Tm & us both good. "I know in whom I h. believed and am persuaded & he is able to keep & which I've committed unto him against & day"
"And who is he & will harm you if ye be followers, & which is good." "I can, I will I do believe & Jesus died for me & thro' his blood, his precious blood, I may fr. [illegible] be free".
God help us & keep us always

Nov 17 Today has been [illegible] & pleasant. We saw a whale spout from two whales together today. I cd. not see more as they were some distance from us. They looked quite much like the pictures represent them. Our prayer-meeting was led this PM by Bro Bryan & our study was the last chap. of Philippians. He clustered all his thoughts around the words "I h. learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content". It was a pleasant evening & the subject seemed quite applicable to us at this time - the sea has been rough, the officers on board are mostly godless men & besides the Capt. has "been on his head" about some singing done in the second class part & sleep with Rinehart & Co.

the Sunday spent very pleasantly.
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He took as his subject the Love of God. During the services the bench on which Mr Berner, the 1st Officer & Mr Donaldson, the person were sitting fell over & gave them a terrible fall but fortunately did neither of them any permanent injury. On Monday we had a talk from Rijnhart on Tibet & the Tibetans. It was pleasant & instructive. They are a [illegible] people, doing much [illegible] [illegible] He as [illegible] no
there except this begun by Rijnhart & Co. There are 7,000,000 people there. May the day soon come when the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.
Miss Lottie Price is still sick. She seems to be very weak. Yesterday she was out on deck for a short time.

Nov 21st We are nearing the landing (Yokohama) This morning at four oclock we passed "Inner Boy" light-house. What a comforting feeling it was to see a light again. For 20 days we h. been out of sight of any land. What man does is as comforting at times to man as what God does. We are now in sight of the celebrated Mountain Fujiyama which is covered with snow most of the year. In the summer the natives go up to the top of it to worship. I shall [illegible] a little to [illegible] in Yokohama

Nov 23 In the Japan Gazette of the 21st inst. 93
appeared :— "The British Steamer Tacoma,
Capt (V) Perkes reports :— Left Tacoma
on the 31st Oct & Victoria B.C. same
day. Experienced a succession
of gales with heavy sea throughout
the voyage" There were
17 cabin passengers besides Bro
B's four children. This includes
the Capt's wife & the persons
in second class division (5 of
them) They were
Dr D MacDonald Tokyo, Japan
Mr R.M. Morley
Mr Frank Woolsey Portland, Oregon
Mr & Mrs Maynard & our party
for China
Mr & Mrs Peter Rynhart
" W.N. Ferguson
" A.E. Flick
" H Barber
There were on board, mostly
in the steerage department,

seven Japanese and
eighty six Chinamen
Our cargo was about 1,800
tons, 1,200 of which is
flour, 200 tons of oil
and some condensed milk
The Balbach Smelter & refining
Co of Newark N.J. had sent
a consignment of lead weigh-
ing 447,769 pounds, each
pig weighing about 250 lbs
which had been loaded at Tacoma
Washington but was decided
to be contraband by Collector
Saunders of Port Townsend
who telegraphed 1 same to
Deputy Collector of Customs
Jas Dorsey of Tacoma & had
to be unloaded. Thus our delay
referred to elsewhere is ac-
counted for. Lead is
now very scarce in Yokohama
& is selling for 7.50 yen per
100 kin! One & papers say

the the Chinese in the Settlement expect to import it from Hong Kong & Shanghai as soon as it reaches $8 per 100 lbs

Our approach & landing at Yokohama was quite impressive to me. "The home flag" was on the upper mast, the British flag on the aft part then other flags were hoisted, the Japanese as a sign of respect and an american to tell where we were from. Then the signal flags.

R.S.P.V. Punch "Respond if you please your flags". The answer from the signal house came "Proceed" then we "Thank you" & went on in without a pilot which we thought that we would have to have on account of the war. This was Twelve miles from our stopping place.

When we were approaching the harbour one after another of the little steam ships & sampans would come out to meet us. They would rush right into one another in their hurry to get to the steps on the side of the vessel. Some I guess to see friends but most of them in the interest of their purse representing some hotel or wanting simply to take you over. In their rush it reminded me of the effort made in the States to get passengers when a train arrives.

All 1st passengers (cabin) went aboard that evening except Miss Lottie Price, the four children & myself. Our party returned about ten o'clock exuberant over what they had seen in "Fairy Land" The lights in these neat Japanese stores were beautiful to behold It was a source of great

joy to them to have Bro. E. N. Walne meet them as they landed at the wharf. It was purely accidental that he was there at that time. He came up to meet Bro. & Sister Maynard. I have seen very little of him so far but I am favorably impressed. He has just shown me a small paper gotten out by the Northern & Southern Baptists in Japan called "Gleanings". It is a good unifying & instructing thing & I should think will be of much use to the Baptists of Japan & will help all who subscribe for it. My ideal for some months has been that there should be some thing of the kind in China. But I do not know & shall not say

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