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Jan 19th

Six letters last night. What a blessed privilege to have so many dear friends. I find them coming up on all sides where I least expected. Miss Alice Gilliland wrote me a very nice letter. She commences by saying "I suppose I am the last person in the world you expected to get a letter from, but am delighted when I can surprise people & fancy this will be a surprise" It was indeed one & one much appreciated. Mr W. H. Turner writes from Aiken desiring to know how he can send money directly to me. Bro. Jno. G. Williams wrote me a nice letter assuring me & hearty cooperation & for River & Barnwell Associations.

Mrs. Taylor surprised me by a newspaper & complimentary letter. The other two were from home & says better half. How good the Lord is to me is giving me so many kind friends.

I have been going over to Dr. Park's school & exercising in the gymnasium with the boys. They are very apt & seem to be their wits about them better than the average at home. Why do I say this to praise my newly adopted people? No by no means would I give the undue praise but I give to what I think is due. They are pleased Mr Gray tells me with my drilling them. How glad I am to have the privilege. All knowledge is worth something to man. ~~X~~ "Know something about every thing & every thing about some one thing is a saying of Dr J. H. Broadus" that I am striving to attain unto. May God help & direct me.

Jan 22nd

Spent a pleasant afternoon yesterday at Mrs. Hart's. Singing was 1 o'clock & evening. Dr & Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Campbell, Dr. A. Walters & Mr. Gray were there besides Dr & Mrs. Hart Sr & Jr Miss Hart & Dr. Hair.

My walk down street with the lantern reminded me of my Mammoth cave trip - Street however not so wide as Mammoth.

Today the Committee met here to select subjects for Chinese N.Y. & the following year. Mr. Gray, two Chinamen, & myself were the Comm. Went over yesterday to see Dr & Mrs. Wilkinson. Mrs W. came over to see Mrs B. when I came back. Mr. P. came with us. Mrs. Wilkinson was Miss Annie Barr & Gossnitch we had been to Banquets & picnics together & so it was quite pleasant to talk over old times.

Mrs Bolton had to call in for Walter's to see her today.

Miss Ethie Ramsey sent me a beautiful little copy of Thomas A. Kempis book. I do appreciate it so much. I truly thank & look for so many friends - may I help to cause you to work for X.

War still continues. Japan is going low at present but I think she will gain Peking

Jan 23

I have a weeks holiday now as it is Chinese N.Y. & my teacher wants, as all are expected to have it, a short holiday.

I do not mind the rest. I hope to get up with my correspondents.

I have just read Gov. Jos. Gary Evans' message. He is I judge the Gov. we have ever had. He closes his message thus: "Asking I support my friends & charity, my enemies & I help. God I now dedicate my heart, my head and my hand to the service of my State"

May I people uphold him in his right endeavors & may God help & direct him. His message is comprehensive & good.

I see that the Japs anticipate putting a third army down at Wai hei Wai & capturing + point. The position is becoming quite interesting.

Jan 26th

Today is Chinese N.Y. My teacher has been granted a weeks holiday. On the 24th I

wrote letters, six between 9 & 12³⁰ & two in the afternoon. I hope to be soon with my letter writing in a short time.

Dr. Parker & wife, Misses Gary Waters & Dr. Walters Dr. Hart & family & Mr. Amy are off on a short vacation. Miss Cunningham & Misses

is visiting Mrs. Hays. I went around there to tea last night. Mr. Paxton, Mr. Crozier & wife & Miss Plumming were there. I thought Miss C. a sweet looking & pleasant young lady.

I was not well & so am afraid, you know, that I did not do my part for making the evening all that I could.

Do not lose yourself in yourself but lose yr. self in the party if you want to have a pleasant time & make it attractive for others.

I always enjoy the evening gathering & feel that they are good for me. Mrs. Hays is always so pleasant & Mr. Hays so kind.

Today I went out with Palmer & Warner Oulose & the three Anderson boys to the Wang Tia Dong, a lake S.E. of place.

It was a very enjoyable day. The Chinese Gun boats had gone out there to practice, we did not know it & went up on them just about the time they began to fire the blank cartridges. Three shots from each down the line.

There were twenty two of them. It was quite ridiculous to see the boys, especially Roy Anderson, how excited they became.

After firing they broke ranks & went back towards Soochow.

Cormorants fishing were seen today for 1 first time. Mrs. Britton says she thinks the Chinese have more wags & fishing than any other people.

I saw a buffalo today you might say for 1 first time. Coming from Shanghai.

I saw two off a distance.

Birds & all kinds are seen here. I saw the king fisher today & a crane &c.

Mrs. Britton has just presented me with a nice feather pillow. How kind it was of her.

Learn a lion & cormorant. The lion goes along easily on 1 waters, looking back & there & enjoying 1 swimming & 1 bright sun but 1 master speaks to them & puts 1 rod over them & so down he dives into 1 place where he do not care especially about going & bring up fish for not themselves but their master.

Jan 27

Chinese week & prayer being celebrated here. Our ch. did not attend today.

I put myself under watch care vs. Szechow ch. today.

Completed Dr. Burrows' "Pardoning in Sincere"

Today I taught my first S.S. lesson. One little boy son of a $\beta_{II}^{\pm}$ May I Lord bless 1 Hods

Jan 31st

Had a pleasant evening at Miss Eyles' day before yesterday. Miss Cunningham was there, also Miss Smith, Miss Hemming, Mr. & Mrs. Anderson & Mr. Paxton. A good dinner, & an enjoyable programme of reading & singing. Mr. Paxton read T.M. Page's "Uncle Edinburghs Dream". Miss Hemming read an original article in negro dialect in which an old negro woman in Augusta Ga. argues with her not to come to China.

Sent off sixteen letters yesterday. I feel free on the writing score. May they do some good for X's cause.

The work & prayer among the Chinese is being now observed.

My teacher is to come back today after a weeks holiday. I feel like going to work with renewed vigor. May I be wise in it all.

Feb 3rd

On Friday 1st the Chinese meeting for 1 week & prayer was at Mr. Andersons chapel. When

going over I saw Dr. Dubois standing on
corner & st. on 1. Near Jia in front of
City Temple selling calendars. I stopped
a minute & got about seven from him
walking on towards 1 chapel. In
about five minutes I had sold all but one
at 3 cash each.

After services I came back & went into
1 open court in front of City Temple. The
place was crowded. I walked leisurely
along looking at 1 many things to be
seen. Musicians, fortune-tellers,
sellers of all kinds of old & new things,
cooks, jugglers &c. I saw a juggler
fill his mouth (about six hands full it looks
like) with rice chaff & then begin
to blow smoke from his mouth & then
spit out sparks. Once he took out
a long piece of ribbon. He was poorly
dressed, strong & active looking.
One man, a dentist, asked me

to sit with him under his little cover. He
took out an old torn book & gave it to me
to read. He was kind, genial & polite.

One man taking some kind of cakes
asked me to move on as 1 crowd
was gathering so fast.

Tang Chow fu has been taken & 1
war advances. Japan is still winning
but report has it that her men are freezing
& starving to death. Miss Katie

Moore's wall was struck with by a ball
when last heard from she had not left

Dr. C. M. Matter gives a good report &
firing for 1 Jap's as he saw it from
his house top. He said one ball
came so near him that he darted out
& cried "a thing as natural as it
was useless" he says.

Mail came to Soochow Friday night
This is Sunday & we have not yet gotten
out.

Notice how my little S.S. scholar shows his thumb every time he comes to the character for man. The boy says it is because man is the most worthy & all creation & should in some way be recognized. The Chinese have a thumb & little finger "gesture" which as to them very expressive. "You are his little finger" man.

The Chinese in directing you to a place do not begin at tail end as we do in directing a letter. Notice this.

I have had a terrible cold & it is not yet well.

Feb. 6th

Mrs. B. & Thomas & myself went calling on the Hayes' & Croziers & Miss Cunningham this P.M. I called on Miss Pyles yesterday.

The weather feels quite cold - thermometer registers now (9 P.M.) 33°. It seems to me that the cold is more cutting less than in

America.

I hope to take tea at Miss Cummings tomorrow.

Our old gate keeper hearing N.Y. (Chinese) night & Mr. B. was out & money went & borrowed \$10 from an old relative & his & came offering it to Mr. B. The money was likely to buy the old woman's coffin with. This shows their sympathetic spirit.

Jan. 8th

On account of a cold I did not stay over to take tea at Miss Cummings yesterday, nor did I go to take tea at Mrs. Croziers this P.M. I am sure I would have had a pleasant time at both places if I had been well & could have adventured gone. Tomorrow I am invited to take dinner at Mrs. Hayes'.

My books came today. They are well preserved. The box for Mrs. Stout came also.

As I opened my large box, & even before I opened it when I saw it coming it I was taken back to my old

S.P. home. I was again in my room having my dear little sisters helping me pack up & take on with Joe nailing up 1 box, then seeing 1 man bring it down stairs having a mark on one of steps, then taking it to still weighing it etc. It all almost brought tears to my eyes. Thank God for such a home, father & mother & sister & brother as He has given me.

I went out walking this P.M. My Chinese is slowly growing. Children followed me, one old man well dressed indicated & I go on - I think it was this kindness for me & he did so.

War centers at present on Wei Hai Wei. The island not yet taken.

Feb 11th

Saturday was pleasantly spent at Mrs. Hayes' Miss Anderson, Mr. Gray, Mr. Bailey, Mr & Mrs Britton were there. Miss Cunningham of Niagara is now visiting Mrs. Hayes.

Yesterday Mr. Paxton preached a good sermon on becoming X-like. He brought out some of the grand characteristics & Saviour & then showed how & when we ought to try to follow them.

Today I visited Mr. Hayes Chapel beyond the Mo Lung Ka. There were quite a number out, most of them Christians I believe.

American mail yesterday brought good news from home.

The sad death of Miss Meta Stradley was mentioned in Orry's letter.

The language is becoming a pleasant study more & more pleasant every day - the people are even more interesting than the language. God grant that I may be allowed to spend my life in China if it be His will.

Feb 12th

Dr. Wilkinson of family also Mr. Franklin & Mrs. Hayden dined here today - pleasant day to me.

Prayer meeting this P.M. attended by Bro B, the door keeper, the barber & myself. Rain today

Feb. 14th

Literary meeting at Dr. Hart's today. Paper by Mr. Paxton on Taoism in its original state. The paper showed + 1 system ^{as we see it today} has fallen far below its former state.

Mrs. Hart had a very nicely fixed up repeat and all came off so well.

Miss Cunningham of Niagara was there, also Mr. Hayden & Mr. Franklin of Woorick.

Feb. 17th

Sunday - A beautiful sunshiny morning & there is also sunshine in my soul today for 1 many blessings which I am receiving from God all plentiful store house.

Mr. B.H. Franklin staid with me last night - my first visitor in China. I have enjoyed it - very much - his want to hold communion 1 one with 1 other here below.

Feb. 19th

Baptists were being dug this P.M. as I went to the "Tea & Jaung". Mud & water. Six or eight - men & women in a row

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digging with hands. Thus the ground is thoroughly pulverized.

Bro. & Sister B have been advised by Dr. Walter to go to U. on account of health & latter.

Good number in chapel tonight - but service I've yet attended. Bro. B. seems to have good control & audience & people. I had some tracts to sell (as one asked to see them & so I went to my room to get them & sell) Three were taken to be looked at & the parties walked off without paying any money. Jansen, the cook was quite kind in coming to my rescue.

An old scholar of pleasant face read 1 Ten Commandments tonight & as he got through say "may know" (may good)

Feb. 22nd

On the 20th. Mr. & Mrs. B. Thomas & myself went up on the East wall. The walk was

quite refreshing. Yesterday went over to Dr W. & had a walk with him. Last night paid a visit to the boys room - filthy is hardly the word for it - bed not made up tobacco smoke very stiffling, peasant hells on the floor, spider webs as black as soot & quite numerous. I said nothing about it & will see if I cant shame him to doing better by simply visiting him. I gave him a lesson in English & offered to teach him a half hour every night, he seemed very much pleased. I hope to get much good from his study.

Today (22nd) I went over to the Methodist settlement & took a walk on the wall with Mipes Anderson, Gary & Pyles. We could stay but a short time as the last two had to come back to the woman's prayer meeting. I staid over at Mr A's

& played pachisi for a short time Mrs A. has been so kind to me. She has

time & again told me to come in any & every time I feel inclined & just to at home - I do appreciate it so much.

Bro B. has been troubled the last few nights with the natives stamping on the floor. He was troubled with the same thing last year. Mrs A. said that they had been disturbed on more than one occasion with the same.

I have not had a pleasant feeling in my head for a few days past. I will not study so much. I have been putting only three hours on the language but I've been reading & also studying some Gr. Heb. & German.

I gave my teacher a raking over the coals today about admiring himself in the glass. He likes to view himself as others view him & I tried to let him see himself as I saw him. I told him someone did

such primping &c &c in America & not
 men - I went thro' the gestures as I had
 seen some ladies putting on of course more
 than they did & then I walked fast up
 to the glass took a stroke or two with
 the brush & went off - he seemed to
 appreciate the force of my remark. In
 fixing the Chinese pen he liked to admire
 himself also.

Mrs. B. has been advised to go home by
 the Dr. Her health is not good at all.

Feb 23rd

Walked over to Dr. Parkers this P.M. Took a
 good view & way water is drawn up for
 the flooding & little patches. No nails are used
 about it at all - pegs are used instead.

I bought some cooked beans & a piece
 of bread covered with sesame seed, also
 a kind of musical instrument for 6 cash.
 It is pleasant to mingle with the
 Chinese, they are gentle, polite & kind.

I hear that Mr. Crozier had his collar torn
 off of him & was badly knocked by them
 yesterday - some say Chinese are generally
 polite

Feb 26th

Yesterday went in a boat across the wall with
 Bro. B. & family then Mrs. B. went in to see the
 Dr. I went to see Mr. Gung who was
 sick & also went to Dr. Parkers to get
 Dr. DuBois's directory to Soochow &
 Miss Saffords book Characteristic Women
 of China. Coming back Miss
 Pyles & Anderson walked on the wall with
 us.

Have just read
 Guide to Soochow by Dr. DuBois - well good.
 Went out on the north wall today &
 saw the men practicing with bows & arrows.
 Riding fast & then shooting.
 In Chinese Recorder for Feb is a good
 article on Dr. McKays work in Formosa.
 Let us work & watch & pray. The

visitors in the chapel has been troubling much lately. I sat among the noisy ones tonight, they left a few minutes after I went with them & did not return. Bro. B. is preaching three times a day this week. We look for Brother Bryan & Nalum tomorrow. Weather is now fine.

March 3rd

Bro. Bryan & Bro. Nalum left yesterday after a fine days visit here. It was very pleasant to have them with us. Their ideas of the work to be done, & how to do it & also their cheerful conversations were quite beneficial. While here they preached three times a day for Bro. B. if the weather allowed. It snowed rained & hailed or sleeted some while they were with me. We had a Mission meeting. It is probable that Bro. & Sister B. will go home for a change on acct. of Mrs B's health.

Bro. B. has just closed a five weeks meeting during which he preached twice

or three times a day. There are two or three who seem to be interested. May the Holy Spirit so work upon them as to bring them to X if it is Gods will. There was some disturbance at night but we are glad that all passed off as well as it did.

I had two in my S.S. class today. May the Lord bless me in my efforts & may His word be spread wherever man is found & as it is being spread abroad may men be brought to read it & believe it. - Who knows but that God will use these same little boys to help tell of His Kingdom.

March 4th

Yesterday preaching by Bro. Britton at St. Denis. In going over a pleasant boy (Chinese) fifteen yrs. old walked with me & we conversed together to the test of my ability. At Prayer meeting besides the brethren of Soochow there were Mr. Houston, Mr. McGinnis & Miss Fench, all v. S. Boro. mission. I am coming back from

church I was walking along by myself, as I
came into "Luntun Lou" a Chinese cook thrust
his arms around me & told me to eat some
his "Chucker-mezger". I told him I had no money
to buy. He said eat. By that time a dozen or
so people had stopped to see. I again said I
had no money. He said eat. I took it up &
began eating. They all thought it quite laughable
to see me get away with the fellow - for he
lost that much money. The preparation
was of egg & bread cooked in grease.

From N.C. Daily News 26th Feb 1885

London 17th Jan.

"The Duke of Argyll, who fainted on Tuesday night
while speaking at Glasgow has announced his
retirement fr. public life" of a poor
little preacher fainting in ser. ^{once} when first start-
ing his life's work 1893 of also Chiswick 1898
March 5th

Yesterday I hurt my hand on Mr Long's bicycle.
The blood was plentiful on two fingers. Com-

ing through the street I had my fingers so
the Chinese could see the blood. Four ^{one} inquired
about it - 1st a well dressed young man then
two women & another person. I saw & felt
a sympathetic cord in their hearts.

The boy & I door keeper had a big row today.
The door-keeper, a member of church, an old
maudering, cursed I boy, then I boy hit
him & so it went from bad to worse.
In 1 settlement he said he wd. both let it
drop, unless he quit. The old man had
I boy by the pig-tail leading him out to h. it settle
in 1 street (one way & settling things).
Bro & sister B. were on the "Queer seal" when
1 quarrel began. In 1 mindset &
conversation 1 hour arrived for preach-
ing in 1 Chapel - after Bro. B was advised
not to leave 1 matter unsettled he got me to
come to an agreement to not h. anything
to do with one another.

I'm invited to take tea at Dr Parkers this P.M.
Hope to go