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March 8<sup>th</sup>

went to Dr. Parker & spent a very pleasant afternoon. Miss Smith gave us some music. Mr. Paxton & Miss Pyle & Mr. May helped with the singing. Miss French & Hanchow was there & was quite pleasant. Her description & learning the language fr. Dr. Davis & Miss Safford thru a fore looking-glass was quite ridiculous.

Literary Meeting yesterday at Mr. Hayes. Mrs. Hayes gave us a good dinner - here is one who did full justice to it. Dr. Parker read a paper on Li Hung Chang 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. A poet & paper was a review & a complimentary book sent to Li by Chang Tsung-dong & written by Chang (our ranking Viceroy).

Visitors Mr.

Lyon, Dr. Houston, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Lucas, Miss French.

Today Mr. Crozier took dinner with us. This P.M. went to the Grey Gony with Mr. Franklin.

He stopped at Dr. Walters. She says she enjoyed every minute & time. He says he had sold once or twice by her. They all seem to "smell a rat" as the vulgar would put it. He leaves this evening for Wuhan.

Last night saw a fight in front of a ten-story building &c. A young 16 yr. old looking boy & a large grown man.

Bro. Chappell & family in Shanghai & expect to leave today for America.

March 12<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday when going to Dr. Burdett's to our native services I stopped beside a canal to look at two small children fish a kind of cooter out of water, knock it & then bury the creature under some rocks &c. I asked what it was but did not understand what they said. I then had my attention called to some flowers on the side of canal at which I began to look & to question about. The little ones were very kind to show them to me & when they saw that I liked

flowers they picked & brought me quite a number. Their kindness & gentleness takes with the Chinese.

Bro. & Sister B. have decided that if it be God's will they will leave for America in a short time. I will have been here four months about that, when they leave. Miss Gatz asked me today what I would do when they left. I told her that I would marry her a wife. "Why" she said I heard + yr. sweetheart who was a missionary's daughter had gone home since yr. arrival."

I suppose it will be somewhat lonely but I do not know but that it will be best for me for I will be thrown where I will have to learn the language.

Have just completed Rev. E. J. Forster's book on distinctive Principles of Baptists. The book is a clear & pleasant presentation & arguments on the Baptist's side - the ideas are not new nor are their explanations new, but are short & concise.

March 14<sup>th</sup>

I paid my first visit to a Chinese home today. Bro. B. & myself went to see the old gate-keeper who is now sick. A small room about 12x18 & and an old relative, his friend there. He was in bed. The old woman kindly invited us in & asked us to have chairs. She then fixed a cup, tea & a water-pipe for each of us. I drank at 1 tea (Bro. B. was standing at 1 side & was talking to 1 old man) then 1 old woman pushed 1 pipe nearer for me to use which I proceeded to do to my best ability. Promptly Bro. B. suggested + we had a prayer. While praying 1 old woman sat in her chair & took up my pipe, i.e. 1 one I was using, & began 1 smoke - taking a few puffs & cleaning 1 pipe. This I had not done so I felt + she was trying to teach me. It was quite amusing to me & seemed to be to 1 little children looking on. The

2<sup>d</sup> woman chatted away telling me about how  
1<sup>st</sup> old man got sick &c. &c. none I which  
I understood. I in my most dignified  
way bowed gently over letting go 1 pipe  
test 1 wafer spill on one. Fortunately  
ly she did not ask me any questions  
so I came off safe & sound. I made  
bold to fly the question "Why" at some  
point of conversation, but from 1 as-  
tonished look 1 old soul gave me it  
was not in 1 right connection.

Prayer meeting led this P.M. by Dr. Hart  
Miss Waters was in town yesterday & today  
for a short time. Miss Allen of Chicago came  
with her & Miss Anderson returned with  
her. Bro. & Sister B. are  
busy getting ready to leave.

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Snow, Snow, Snow

It must be fair inches & is still falling

March 16<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Snow continues, a foot & a half must  
have fallen. Thermometer this A.M. was at 29°  
Have been in doors all day. Dr. Walter came  
this P.M. to see Mrs. B. Dr. W. had her face  
bruised & eyes sore from knocks or snow ball  
hits from Dr. Parker & Mr. Essy.

My teacher failed to come today. This is 1  
first time he has let 1 weather stop him.

March 16<sup>th</sup>

The snow fell eight inches Dr. Parker  
said He measured it. This is 1 heaviest 1  
snow China has had since Dr. P. has been  
here. The Chinese say it is not at all  
healthy.

The thermometer went down  
to 25° - quite cold for this time &  
year.

Mr Crozier preached  
yesterday at Dr. Snodgrass on 1 subject  
"Peace" Text Col 3:15. He gave us  
some good thoughts. These abstract  
subjects are very hard to deal with

but I think in 1 main it is well & we  
treat them, for how else can we think  
on them.

American meal  
last night. That is always a joy. Mother  
& Maggie both received two letters from  
one. The ones for 1 first of Dec  
waited over for those & last 1 month.

Bro & Sister B. & myself have an invitation  
to take dinner with Bro. B's teacher.  
Mrs B. is not well so neither you  
will go. I shrank from going but my  
teacher kindly offers to go along as he  
too has an invitation three months  
& a half in China & this 1 first  
meal with a Chinaman. May 1 Lord  
Bless 1 evening.

March 21<sup>st</sup>

I went to 1 first & had as pleasant a time as I  
expected. There were six Chinese at 1  
table. All were so polite. It was quite laugh-  
able I know to see my attempts to use the

Chop sticks but they were very considerate. I do  
not know what I would have done without my teacher  
He acted as interpreter. The viands did not  
make me sick as I had feared they would do.  
The meat was served in all styles. First  
lamb, then duck & chicken & fish & shrimps  
&c &c. Watermelon seed & candy & rice to  
wind up with. Wine was on hand. I am  
now invited to show my heart by giving a  
present of some kind.

Mr. Gary had a number of friends  
around on Tuesday evening to meet Mr.  
Allen of Shanghai. The game called  
was played. It was quite pleasant. The  
list handed to each had such things on it as  
"Watch & wait" "Bitter Sweet" "Best of a  
great Commentator" "The Seasons". Then as  
we went in the other <sup>room</sup>, the articles were all  
on tables & with numbers attached  
to each. We had to identify & mark  
1 number on our sheet. The Best of a

Commentator was represented by an Irish  
potatoe bust open &c &c.

My teacher did not come today. I  
am afraid he is sick as he was not  
looking well yesterday.

The Brittons are fast getting ready to  
leave. I am buying about \$75.<sup>00</sup>  
worth of things from them.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

went out with Mrs & sister B. shopping this AM.  
It was quite interesting to see the clerks getting  
around. They were dignified & polite. I was  
struck with how they changed after they found  
that we wanted to buy. They are in many  
respects like our American clerks. Whisper-  
ing here & there, little jokes among themselves  
&c. They seemed ready & glad to pick up a  
little English.

The day has been lovely. I do not feel  
so well. A kind & worthless feeling is  
on me. Mr. Paxton invited us

all around to dinner today but as we were  
out & did not receive the invitation until  
about dinner time we did not go.

Tonight we expect, &c. Mr. Paxton & myself, to  
go to Mrs. Harts. She & Dr. are having a few friends  
around in honor of Miss Allen.

March 23.

Went out boat riding this P.M. with Palmer & Warner  
& Miss Gary & Miss Allen. Mr. Anderson's children  
went along in another boat. We went out to the  
fifty-three arch bridge south of the city. We  
went into a temple near there & saw the urn, in  
front, the vessels for sacrificing &c. Miss Gary  
asked for some candles which had been lighted to  
keep as mementos.

When is Easter?  
Don't speak too soon. I said it was  
just after 21<sup>st</sup> March but I see Mr. Web-  
ster's sentence can mean two things. S. Apple-  
ton &c. express it as Webster does. But I  
doubt & can't substantiate. What else did  
we talk about on the trip besides Easter?

Too many things to mention suffice it to say the evening was very pleasantly & I hope profitably spent.

Bro B. went to Quinsan tonight. He did not leave Mrs. B. real well & I think it troubled him some. This is the last trip he can take there for some time for he leaves for home after next Monday week.

The war still continues. Li Hung Chang & Hon. Geo. W. Foster are now on their way to Hiroshima on the peace mission.

Bimetallism is much discussed in our papers at present. All leading powers are going to have a meeting for consultation as to its advisability &c.

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Last week had many divisions, this course is started out with one no less than any we have had. Yesterday about two o'clock, Bro & Sister Britton, Thomas & myself set out to take a trip

around the South side of city & to visit the garden outside of "Lon Men" N.W. Gate. We took a boat on the East side of city, went down by the Methodist settlement & out to Foo Men. Then we went the whole length of South wall. There were some masons at work on the Southern portion of West wall. They are carefully taking care of old city wall - all work seems to be done well & it is an eye to future generations. We went to the garden outside of Foo Men. The garden is now owned by an official named Sang. It is called "Lon Men" because it was once owned by a man named Louie. It is decidedly one of the prettiest places I have seen in China. Its walls, & pools with gold fish in them, its libraries & tea houses, the few animals here & there, the high pieces of stone, the trees, the shrubbery, all give it a very inviting appearance. It is quite a popular resort for the Chinese. Outside are horses & donkeys for rides. Little Thomas was given a ride by

his father on a donkey. The boy says at one time there were rickshas there but 1 Mandarin (or the official) put a stop to that.

Weather quite warm - thermometer now registers 72°

Preparations for leaving are being made by Bro & Sister B.

March 30<sup>th</sup>

"Tempus fugit et nos fugimus" was one of C. L. J. B. Patricks special sayings. I feel the force of it more & more as I grow older.

Today is quite pretty outside. Sun shining brightly & birds singing merrily.

Yesterday Mr. Franklin stopped in a minute to see me. He is taking a country trip visiting 1 station & their mission.

Mrs. Parker & Miss Atkinson came in to call on Mr. & Mrs. B. but they had gone to Dr. Williamses so I had a pleasure in chatting with them a half hour. It was quite pleasant. Mr. & Mrs. Anderson

came to see 1 B's day before yesterday & happened in just as we were sitting to 1 table. They took dinner with us & staid until time to leave for prayer meeting.

I had prayer-meeting on Thursday at East Side. Studied 1 1<sup>st</sup> Psalm.

We hope to leave for Shanghai next Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Yesterday Mr. Hayes preached at Dr. Burbois'. Text "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit - saith 1 Lord." He brought up instances in 1 Bible Samelites, Midianites & others it was God who used men & it was by Gods power that all things were done.

Dr. Venerable & wife of Sinchay were out. Also a Mr. Hopper of United Methodist Church, England. Mr. Lyon was out & Miss Smith had returned from a trip she took down to Hanchow.

We are today in 1 midst of making exchanges &c for Mr & Mrs B. to go. We hope to leave for Shanghai on Wednesday. We

have thoughtfully been invited over to Mrs Wil-  
kinsons for dinner. I do not feel much  
like going as my head is not in 1 best  
condition possible. Last week Mr & Mrs

B. had quite a number of friends to call  
to tell them goodbye. Mrs Bailey is then used to  
see them.

American mail should  
have been here on Saturday night but has not  
come yet hope to get it this P.M. (Monday)

Later I did not go to Mrs W. but had  
1 boy to bring me in a dinner from 1 street  
instead. I paid fifty cash for it & about  
five cents for rice chicken, beans & a kind  
of salad.

Mrs. Brittons bread coming  
afterwards was good.

Still later American mail has come.

Oh - poor month every when.

Cousin Carrie Lawrence was murdered  
some time ago. Mother says, after  
they were about how Herbert went in  
with a Mr Calhoun & found 1 mangled

body, "Oh my boy 1 devil is abroad in this X<sup>th</sup>  
land, every day we are made to feel more  
& more 1 importance 1 living near him (God)

In Missionary Review for March 1885  
are the following words

"The Rev Asa Gordon D.D. of Boston, one of our  
editorial staff, died Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12.5 P.M.  
Fuller notice & great loss must be reserved  
for 1 next issue"

Truly a strong man from our Baptist  
host has fallen. Let us follow him as  
he followed X. On! on! on! No time  
to stop. Life is short what one does he  
must do quickly or it will not be done

A sweet & yet a somewhat thin  
letter from my Maggie. She is truly having  
a trying time. May 1 Lord bless us & cause  
all us to be for our good

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Every thing packed & ready to start out for Shanghai  
with Bro & Sister B. on their way to A. & will take in the

Association & N. & S. Baptists in Shanghai

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1 o'clock

Left Soochow yesterday at eleven o'clock. Just as we were leaving 1 boy wanted pay for 1 month, before he had worked a day. I told him I wd. leave him 1 weeks pay & hand him a dollar. He refused to take it. I asked Bro. Britton to come in & talk with him. The boy told Bro. B. that he wd. quit if I did not pay. I told him to go. We talked it all over & 1 boy decided to stay so I laid him 1 dollar & left.

We have had a pleasant trip & are nearing Shanghai. The country scenes & fresh air have been so pleasant & refreshing. We have sung & read & talked. I walked an hour & a half yesterday after leaving Soochow (to Wang Maan). The hands have been very faithful - had a head wind but it pulled through it all & we will make 1 trip in a little more than one day.

May I Lord bless us in our meeting & Northern & Southern Brethren

April 6<sup>th</sup>

All is well. We had a good spiritual meeting last evening led by Mr. Coe. Quite a number & Northern brethren are here. Today we had a missionary conference which was in all respects improving, interesting & pleasant. I thank God for the subjects discussed & for the privilege of hearing the brethren talk on them. These are vital topics to be decided. Men must stand firm. Life is real & earnest. We have to take up its duties. Let us be ready at all times for an answer to our <sup>own</sup> any one for our faith. Subjects discussed were

Support of Native preachers

Wine Subject.

Schools and then a number of other subjects of ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~importance~~. The day was one & most pleasant & profitable that I have experienced for many days.

April 8<sup>th</sup> Monday

We met this AM. at 10 o'clock. Meeting held by Mr. Mason. Committee appointed. Officers

elects as Pres. Mr. Ballard Pres. Mr. Smith Sec. &  
 next year say from Kings.

Sermon preached by Mr Coombs from  
Jas 2:21 As Father hath sent me so I send you  
He seemed to have a Spirit & Word with him.

Next comes trading & letters fr. Churches  
We are in midst of last programme now.

Yesterday (Sunday) sermon in 1 morning  
by Mr Mason Jr. 24. 20. 18. In 1 afternoon  
1 brethren all divided up & went, some to 1 East  
gate, some to 1 West & some staid at 1 North, too far off  
to 1 hear them. I went to 1 East gate with brethren  
Watson & Cliff. We gave out quite a number  
of tracts & had a sermon by young sea sang  
of nippo! & John sea sang of Hunchow(?).

See 1 evening at six o'clock we went to 1 Mason-  
ic hall & heard a good sermon from Mr Cosmum  
from text - "and I if I be lifted up will draw  
all men unto me" outline we must be  
lifted up. The Spirit alone can lift us.  
When will we allow ourselves to be lifted.

Last evening at 8 o'clock there was preaching here in  
1 Baptist Church by Mr. Gosford but I did not come  
out. Staid in Mr. Brynair's office & read 1 Missionary  
Review.

Review. Dr. Basket came in last night. I saw Miss Baker yesterday at Masonic Hall. Also saw Miss Water & Miss Reynolds.

Watling is in town with his wife. Came to Chinking  
to be married. I hope to see them soon.

The weather yesterday was cold & drizzling but today it is clear & bright. (How do you finance forward Lewton? Thanks Bro Bryan)

Evening session finished at two. Reading & ch  
letters & statistics & ch's took up one & half hours.  
Then came reading & subjects & essays, seven were  
handed up. Subjects: two or three on the doctrine  
of the Principals & Baptists. One on "Why 1 gospel does not  
spread faster, another why does it not spread among the  
officials & what can we do to help it to be wider spread  
among them. How is it a reading & one on "Methods  
of Managing B. Churches