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April 24th

Prayer meeting this P.M. led by Bro Yonglin, from 1 Jno 3 he talked. I sat & conversed with them some time after the meeting. They both said they understood me - that is encouraging

Went up to "Tea Sing Jong" this P.M. Called on Mr. Hearn, Dr. Hart, & Miss Gary. Also stopped at Mrs DuBose's but she was not at home.

I notice in Baptist Courier of March 14 the following.

X "Denmark March 10 - On last Sunday afternoon, with the aid of Misses Maggie & Donella Rice, we organized a young people's Missionary society here, which in honor of Rev. W.W. Lawton our Missionary to China, we have named the "Lawton Missionary Society. The officers are Alfred T. Willis, Pres. Dora Turner, V. Pres.; Maggie Steadman, Treas. & Willie Metz Sec. We have about thirty members to start with & hope others may join us in the good work.

A.T.W."

May the Lord bless this work to His glory

April 25th

Prayer-meeting this P.M. at Dr. Parker's led by Dr Wilkinson. As I was coming back along the street walking by myself my mind off from these near me trying to get rid of the "foreign devil" solutation by being absent in mind from China my eyes rested on a piece of white cotton goods with No. 2121 written on it. The goods thus marked were like a friend from home. I had to stop & look & try to say a few words about it. What we know well & are well acquainted with we have a certain nearness towards.

Moral. Know the Chinese & you will love them.

A Cat came in to visit me tonight. It rushed down stairs back up in a minute & through the side-light it went, breaking the window-glass Moral. Dont scare any body or anything for it's effects reciprocal or rather are brought back upon you

April 26th

"You ought each day to add something to your stock of knowledge & soon you would be eminently accomplished" said the wife "Loh Yang-ty" to + gentleman (the wife one v Honan officials I suppose of Typical Women in China p 101) A good maxim to copy after. Took supper with Mrs Hayes tonight. Just two weeks ago I ate dinner with Mr Bryan & family in Shanghai since then I've eaten with no foreigner until tonight. Bro Hayes & the youngest son are both sick with fever. On my way back I stopped at Dr. DuBose's a short time. Mr. Whitehouse was there. He expects to go on to Huchow soon & in six weeks leave for England.

April 29th

Yesterday Dr. H.C. DuBose preached here in the chapel for us at one oclock. It was quite a treat to have him preach for us. In S.S. I was able to take some small part in the proceedings It was enough to encourage me some.

I preached yesterday at the foreign meeting from

the text "Let us rise up & build" Neh 2:18. We had several visitors out. Mr Whitehouse, Mr Day, a Mr Robinson I believe and Dr Parker's brother. I had a short talk with the latter. Found him quite pleasant & agreeable.

I received two pressing invitations to go to Sinchang & pay a visit one from Bro. Price & one from Bro Hudson. I appreciated it so much but do not feel that I can well leave at present.

Had a nice shower today which was much needed.

The war is now at a standstill. The treaty is in the hands of the Chinese & they are deliberating whether or not to accept them. Russia Germany & France are about to step in to look to their interests. England is still quiet. At present it looks much like Russia & Japan will try their strength.

Bro. Bryan & Miss Lottie have gone up to Chinkiang to see our brethren up there. I hope Miss Mackenzie will not be left in Chinkiang alone

April 30th

The boy did not come until a very late hour of the night last night. I do not know what to do with him. I hate to dismiss him & yet I do not like his disobeying. I forgot to shut up the house last night. The front door & the door to the kitchen were both open. I don't know what I shall do with myself. I can't dismiss self so must correct it.

Afternoon

Literary meeting this afternoon at Miss Atkinson's. Paper by Miss Pyles, on translation & book on foot-binding. The original was written about a year ago by a Northern Presbyterian native preacher. It was clear & well put. Dr. Parker pronounced the translation good. The new doctor came in this afternoon. Mr. Lyon was at the meeting, also Mr & Mrs Porter (Dr. Porters brother & sister in law) Miss Stigger & a Mr Robinson from Manchuria. He says he things 5/6 of the women of Manchuria bind their feet. The Manchus themselves do not except to a very limited extent.

The women & children are many of them coming around to look at the house &c. I do not want to treat them harshly, but they are becoming so boisterous that I will have to put a stop to it somehow.

The boy is out again tonight. Says his brother is sick. It is hard to know how to do. I shall try & act right with Gods help.

May 1st

I have been over to look at Mr Hayes school this morning. He organized it two & a half years ago with three scholars. It was hard to get scholars for sometimes although nothing was charged for entrance & their rice was given them - the parents had to clothe them. After about six months they began to come in now there are twenty five attending; some have been turned off & others have been refused entrance because of their unfitness for the work. He has three teachers a young man & his wife - the young man being a preacher - and another man who is not a member of the church. The school is in

good quarters & seems to be doing well. There is a large yard in connection with the school to which the children have access.

I also visited the male hospital at "Tea Suz Chong" It was indeed a treat to see such a flourishing work. The buildings are large & commodious & well kept. There are Chinese who assist in the work. Young Dr F has just come. He is tall, has a pleasant face & seems to be a strong young man. Mr. Lucas is at Mr. Anderson's. I have not seen him as he has been sick

May 2nd

We were to go on a picnic today but the weather did not permit. I went up to Dr. Parker's to exchange some books & to see him on other business he greeted me with "Hellot picnic".

Mr Lyon expects to go with us to Hangchow We leave in the morning. It is quite a treat for me to go on this trip. May the Lord go with us. I could not consent to leave now except because I feel that it will help me in

so many ways & because I can leave the work better now than I can later on.

May 4th Grand Canal

Dr. & Mrs. Wilkinson & three children, Mr. Lyon & myself left Soochow yesterday about ten oclock for Sinchang & Hangchow. Achen is the cook & Mrs W. has her Ahmah. We have two boats. Last night we staid at Bingbong had an early start this morning It is not 6 A.M. We are going through a beautiful country. The canal is wide. On the banks there is a pretty growth of high trees reminding one somewhat of the Ohio & of the Savannah at home. We are now getting to "Shang Zhur Fong" a pretty little Chinese village on the canal. The boat stops for a time for the boat-men to get their "vah" I suppose. On the bank an old chinaman has a large black hog scalding it in a large kong. He knows how to "take the "wool of" as well as a S.C. farmer. A few of the natives collect to see the "Yang Quetsuz". God is so good to his creatures. To give us this beautiful earth, with its shrubs &

trees & birds & domestic animals - all it would seem just for mans benefit; and we are so unworthy, we forget the Giver & think of the gift, forget to thank the Giver in enjoying the gift. May we praise God more & more each day, praise Him from our hearts. We have had beautiful weather so far. This morning the sun shines very brightly, the waters are placid & before me everything seems to say "Praise God for His blessings to man & especially for His goodness to me"

May 4th 8.45 P.M. Sinchang

We reached here at one o'clock today. Hudson met us & after a little Chinese waiting we had all things transferred into our boat which we were to keep and to the houses of our hosts Messrs Hudson & Venable and Mr. Price. This afternoon Hudson took me around to see Sinchang. The city runs East & West & is about two miles long & one quarter of a mile wide. No pagodas here. He showed me the "race course" where there is never any racing. He took me to the large temple just back of Mr. Price's home & to several of the mulberry groves - all around the city the natives have these groves.

I visited the day school. Nine scholars were present, there are fourteen enrolled & four more expected next week. The teacher is a heathen. This is Mrs Venables & Mrs Hudson's school. At four o'clock we had services at the church. A young man - a Chinaman spoke. There are eighteen members at present. Thirteen of these are in some way or other getting "rice" from the foreigner. There was a feast here not long since & the native Xtns preachers & all partook of wine. I am very much pleased at the outlook of this field. Man seems to be a moving forward. May the Lord do great things for these brethren & may He pour out showers of blessing upon them.

May 5th Sinchang Sunday

Today has been one of happy experiences of my life. This little church here is a model. Twenty three members including four taken in today, three by

letter & two by experience. The singing is wonderful Mrs. Price leads that S.S. was divided up into seven classes with Chinese men & women teaching. There must have been about thirty five or forty present.

May 6 On canal near Suchang on way to Hangchow

The religious services yesterday were quite impressive. At the religious services two joined by profession & three by letter. It was indeed a propitious sight to see these Chinese uniting themselves with Gods people. There are quite a number of inquirers. Some are pleading to join, but the brethren move slow in accepting for Dr. Nevius says it is easier to get a Rice Xn into 1 church ten to get him out. Our brethren act on this principal & are careful as to who they take in.

The meeting for the outsiders was pleasant & well ordered. I liked the prominence paid to singing Mrs. Price is a great worker & has spared no pains in doing what she could to improving the singing.

This morning I went into the room with Br. Price & saw him while hearing his theological class. There were three young men in the class & he says there is also a member of church who comes in very [illegible] in the morning to study with them. Mrs. Price has her two Bible women talking with them, teaching them the Bible & hymns

Mrs. Venable has been sick for two days but is better now.

My visit was very pleasant from first to last. I see that it requires work, hard, well-planned, systematic work to do anything here in China I hope I shall be better fitted for my work because of this visit – I am confident that I shall.

We left Suchang about twelve oclock today & are now on our way to Hangchow. Have a head wind – boat men are tracking

Mrs. Wilkinson & the children stayed in Suchang Mr. Lyon, Dr. Wilkinson & myself are together.

Since being on this trip I have been enjoying very much the Student Missionary Enterprise" Addresses & discourses of Second International Convention of Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions held at Detroit Mich. Feb 26 to March 1, 2, 3 & 4 Edited by Mex Wood Moorhead

I have been much benefitted by the little book. The addresses of Drs Pierson, Gordon Messrs Mott, Speer Wishard & others is quite inspiring.

Miss Geraldine Guiness expresses my feelings exactly when she says: (p 134) Oh how many years I lived a life of great failure, of great heart hunger --- . All my life I h. b. a Xn, & for yrs & yrs I h. known + tr was on beyond me a gt·er fullness, a blessing & power + I knew (I have to say "know" wwk) about"

I long to be near God & yet I am so full & sin + I will not give up. When Bainard, 1 missionary to 1 Indians in N America gave so much & his time to pleading for 1 H.G. Can I not spend some more tan I now spend. Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit saith 1 Lord.

May 8th On boat getting into Hanchow

Yesterday we had a pleasant day. Passed it talking reading & walking. The poppy fields were very noticable the amount & opium the poor people don use We saw 1 tallow tree & 1 camphor tree. It is now half past eight & we will soon

be to where we shall get off. May 1 Lord bless this visit to my spiritual good & may I know better how to carry on His work for having seen his work

May 8th At Presbyterian Compound

We reached Hanchow at 8.15 At nine oclock we went up to Dr. Main's hospital (Church of England) This is very fine & the work seems to be under good control. The hospital is the second largest in China ei. in area and is perhaps the finest. The grounds cover about four acres. The flowers were beautiful - such a collection of all kinds. He also had some nice horses which he took pride in. Leprosy is treated in there. He has different prices for treating patients according as the time complies with his office hours or does not.

We took dinner at Mr. Mattox. He is now in charge of Dr. Judson's college. He & his wife both seem to be hard workers. He has been out but one or two years & therefore the work comes rather hard with him. Mrs Doolittle is Mr.

Judson's sister. She is now only seven months from America. She has been there for about twenty years but before that time she was in Tein Tsin.

We went over to see Mr. & Mrs. Garritt. The former had just returned from a long country trip & has his feet blistered from the sun.

Now I am at Miss Kirklands. She is a pleasant little lady of Scotch descent. Was born in Scotland. Has travelled extensively. Miss Graves of Va is also here. Dr. Wilkinson is at Mr. Stuarts. Mrs. Stuart is now in England on her way to America. Miss Davidson & Miss Boardman are there. Mr. Colwell & Mr. Hudson are both pleasant. The former & his wife are both from Louisville.

Observation. The power to be entertaining in company is a thing that I have never yet gained. I attribute it to two reasons, one is because I have not enough self confidence & the other is because I do not know much. "God places no premium on ignorance" so

the last is not a valid excuse. As regards the first I simply have to say that patiente, well planned persistent effort will help to overcome this. One thing I might do: feel more myself what I want others to feel. Without this I can never let live those things which I have lived in my livers. The school-boy says "If at first you don't succeed try try again".

May 9th 1895. Grand Canal bound for Shanghai. Today we have had quite a pleasant variety of experiences. After breakfasting with Misses Kirkland & Graves I took a view of the girls school, which is under the direction of Miss Davidson. She seems to be very much interested in the work. Is quite pleasant & so stylish looking. I was impressed by the way she went into the school-room this morning - she gave expression to the entrance. Her school has about fifty students. This year they are trying to run all expenses on $800.00 Mexican. The girls are expected to do their own washing, keep their rooms in order & sweep out halls. I was struck with

the calisthenic drill. They went through with it real-well; the only fault that I could see was that they did not put enough energy in every movement — & therefore did not give them much exercise.

From the girls school I went over & sat with Miss French for a short time. She is nicely fixed up & is so pleasant in conversation. After that Mr. Colwell, Mr. Hudson, Dr. W. & myself took a long tramp. We saw the lake — went down to the lake's edge & would have taken a ride but had no cash on hand. From there we went through the Tartar city & up on the City hill. From the top of this hill we had a very fine view of the city. The wall is 16 miles around. We went also to the treasury & saw some of the large turtles which were there to keep off the robbers. There are said to be about two hundred in the pool. They are very large — look to be a yard each way. We also went to a Confucian temple. The walks between the large pretty trees are fine. We also visited

the large medicine house. Went to see the deer they kept in there for their "harts-horn".

Mr. Colwell & Dr. W. did some shopping & thus we had a view & interior & stores. The clerks are polite & pleasant. We ate dinner at Mr. Colwell's at 2.30 o'clock & immediately after dinner we hurried away to get to the boat in time. We had to wait from something after five until half-past seven before leaving. We are now on our way. About ten boats in tow. Mr. Lyon remained in Hangchow.

Today's lesson. Be more thorough.

May 10th. Between Kaashing & Shanghai

We finished breakfast this morning at ten to Eleven & dinner at five — quite fashionable.

Last night it rained very hard & the wind blew quite severely. The rain began to come through & fall on Dr. Wilkinson's head. He called the "old plank". He came in with the ~~[illegible]~~ candle. Dr. was kneeling up in the bed. He said "Lau pa loh ue". Then Dr. would take up a quilt in his arms look first up to where the water

was coming in then at the boatman & say "loh ue". Dr. ord. take up another quilt then look at 1 boatman & say "Lau pa loh ue". After a time the whole end & "pon kay" way in Dr's arms he looked up at the leaking boat then down at the boatman in the most pleading way saying "Lau pa loh ue".

Lesson The new missionary has many hardships.

I have just read hurriedly "Ten years on the Euphrates" by C.H. Wheeler of Harpoot, Turkey. He has some good suggestions as to the building up of a native church. I copy fr. page 298

Resolutions adopted by 1 (A.B.C.F.M.?):

Mission to Eastern Turkey in 1866

1. Resolved: That our primary duty as Missionaries is to seek 1 establishment & living, independent churches, complete fr. 1 first in having pastors, & aiming at a speedy & complete independence & foreign aid." Good WUL

2. That, to secure this result, we need to aid in 1 establishment & merely educational institutions only so far as, among ignorant & degraded communities, they are essential in order to enable 1 people to study the Bible" No objection WUL.

3rd That we witness with painful solicitude 1 adoption & a different policy in some stations, especially in giving to Protestant communities, for consecutive yrs., a gospel so entirely free as to encourage in them 1 idea, t, in listening to it, they do rather than receive a favor, thereby hindering, rather than helping on, 1 primary objects & missionary labor" Good WUL.

On the same topic see Dr. Nevius' book

May 11th 1895 Nearing Shanghai

As we were preparing to get to Shanghai there was a terrible noise outside. I looked ahead & saw a large barge coming diagonally towards us. Two boats in front of us was run into & badly damaged. This knock saved 1 boat just in front, but our boat was run knocked into & the ~~left~~ right side & frame work was real badly damaged. As I saw the first boat run into I began to sympathize & say to ord. h. b. our boat if we were in this place, but I had hardly

more than thought v's when I was escaping fr. 1 front part v planks projecting fr. 1 barge. The barge had a torpedo in 1 front. I was much afraid + Dr. W., who had just run back into 1 boat wd. be hurt but I am thankful to say he was not. As I saw what was to happen I began to run in & then I saw + + wd. be worse tm. if I were in 1 water so I went out & as we were struck I fell on 1 front v boat. The steam tug came back for us but 1 barge had us tied & wd. not permit it. I 1st went over to 1 dry dock with 1 Lan pa to see what cd. be done. The appearing before 1 owners v barge + 1 directors in 1 making v steamers &c was new & impressive. The Chinamen takes every thing as a matter of fact. Our boat-man is to see what can be done. The barge cd. h. kept out 1 us if it had tried or so it seemed but 1 hold + 1 launch was to blame. I shall see results later. It detained us about "two hours + better"

May 13th

Yesterday was Sunday. I spent it very pleasantly. We had a walk on the Bund. Then went over to the Baptist church & heard a sermon in Chinese ~~from~~ by Bro. Bergan. We then went over to Mr. Tatums for dinner. In the afternoon we came down to the boat. It was with much difficulty that I wrote a letter to M. There was a continual walking back & forth on the boat by the Chinese. I went out to hear Dr. J. Hudson Taylor. He preached from the text "Looking unto Jesus" It was a good spiritual sermon.

May 14th

Sunday evening we went to the C. I. M. home to a gospel meeting. The building is very nicely fixed up. I was struck with the large map of China which they have painted on the wall. It was large well painted & varied enough to show off well. Yesterday (Monday) I went in the afternoon to see Dr. Allen's anglo-Chinese

College. They h. a hundred students in them at present & say it is self supporting except 1 foreigners. It is pleasantly located & has room for growth. Yesterday I spent much of the day shopping – ordering summer goods &c

May 17th

Dr. W. left on Tuesday morning. I went them on up to Mr. Jackson's boarding house. The brethren at the old north gate gave me pressing invitations to stay with them but I felt & M he had so many visitors & it wd. not be right for me to do so & Mrs. Tatums little ones were sick also. I dined at Bro. Bryan's two days & took dinner & supper at Bro. Tatums one day. Mrs. Tatum took Miss Julia & myself out to St. Johns, the large Episcopalian school, Mrs. Seeman & husband are now in Japan & their carriage comes around twice a week to take Mrs. B. & Mrs T. out to ride. It was quite a treat to me as it was 1 first time I had ridden in a carriage since I had come to China. We went out the Bubbling Well road & saw many v fine residences. St. Johns is quite fine. Prof Cooper kindly invited us in to take a cup of tea & then took us through the building. They h. a hundred & fifty students, the largest school of the kind in China they claim – even larger than the one at Pekin. Dr. Pott is a young man son v publisher in NY. He is Pres v school. His wife is a Chinese lady. I saw him marching the boys into chapel did not meet him.

I left Shanghai on Wednesday afternoon took quarters with the Chinese. In a small room about 9x12 were eight Chinamen & myself. Four of them were smoking opium & other smoking types. It was warm & sultry & M did not let in much fresh air. My head ached a great deal but it was cured when I got out, aired myself & had some good food. I thought it wd. be well for me to have 1 experience. They were kind & polite

Mr. Hayes & family were in town by the same launch. It was quite a treat to go over & see them & to enjoy a nice saucer of strawberries in their boat. My quarters cost me $2.00 for I had 1 space & two men. Wine money was 20¢ & rice 10¢. Our boat was towed fr. Hangchow. This cost us $8.20

When I reached home yesterday the boy was out. He had gone to visit his mother. While I was away he had come into 1 house. The signs were + he had come into my bed room through the transom & then opened the door to 1 kitchen. My crazy quilt given to me by Sis he has carried to his home for safe keeping he says. He has now gone to call my teacher. I sent him off about quarter of seven & it is now a quarter past ten. "Love suffereth long & is kind." "You can't always get 1 Chinese to do exactly as you wd. like but you must be satisfied with the

best you can get out v.m. says Mr. Lyon. I took breakfast with Messrs Paxton & Franklin this A.M. I am going to board there now for a while at $21.00 per month. Bachelors life does not suit me when I can do better.

Recd. a nice mail last night. A good letter from Jim Ware. Also letters from Mrs. Fred Jones, Miss Maria Cassin & my cousin Nan Porter. Also from Miss C. Osborne, Dr W. & the one fr. G & home. It did my heart good to read so many sweet, sympathetic letters.

May 18th

Today has quietly passed Nothing of special interest here except that I have been closely questioning the boy as to how he came into the house while I was in Shanghai. He denies + he came in & says + it was left open. I hate very much to discharge him but at present I do not well see my way out of it. My keys are lost, the ones which I have not been using the ones to the coal room, to Bro. Bs. room &c. I

must have put them somewhere & now cannot remember. I however believe that they have been moved. I hate to have such things but I know it must be best for me else they would not be brought on me.

Dr Wilkinson & family returned today. They all seem well & happy. I feel that I am greatly blessed in being privileged to go over there for my meals & especially in having the benefit of the conversations of the brethren to listen to & sometimes take a part in.

May 19th First talk by a Chinese

Today we had our regular service in the ch. I made bold to say a few words on the hymn "Jesus loves me". I rose & said I was for America & my command of C. was not as good as I wd like but I wanted to say a few words. About a time Bro. Tsuen, the old gate keeper began to sing. I told him to hold on a minute I had something to say & with a I first away. I will not say how much was right but I said it all the same, & I praise God for the power of saying even these few words. In the S.S. lesson I tried to take part. I let a boy stand at a door & invite those in who would behave well. About a dozen came in. The blind sister Dora came today. She gave good attention & seemed to take interest in what was going on. After a service I went in & sat with a blind sister a time having her to recite "Jesus loves me" to me. She wd not recite much but wanted to sing – no tune was heard for there was none.

I went with Mr. Paxton to "Sir Son Jan" this P.M. He preached for us or rather made a S.S. lesson talk, which I think must have been real good. Mr. Bailey read a sermon this P.M. on the subject – disappointments: "The mind was bitterness". There must be opposition it is good for us it strengthens, we will conquer, & helps & edifies us.