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May 20th

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was invited around to Miss Atkinson's this P.M. to meet Miss Steger but declined because I have not been well for some few days.

Mr. Bailey came around to see me this evening. I invited him to come to stay here at this place for some time but he thinks + I front walks &c are too close for his wife & children.

Have locked 1 boy out tonight. He was not here when I came. Presumably he will come in later on.

My trip down to Hayschow &c cost me sixteen dollars & seventy cents (\$16.70). I would not do without it for much more than that. I feel that I will be greatly benefited by the trip.

May 22nd

The Chismaman is an easy going & re-sponsive being. In my trip back & forth to Mr. Patton's I find them, as a general thing, polite & kind hearted. I try to remember that I am in a foreign land & that

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all & miserable salutations which greet me are but things + I so expect & when I am called teacher it is a mark & politeness.

Dr W. & Mr. P when running a race this P.M. ran into each other & were bruised up considerably. They are both laughing about it & making the best of a bad run.

Miss Smith was over tonight at supper. She made it pleasant for us. We were surprised to hear + in 1 late war she was a Unionist but as her father was fr. Vermont it is all clear.

Our native prayer meeting this P.M. was led by Bro. Wynn. He read Phil 2 & spoke fr. 1 first few verses & same chapter.

Number out: boy, Wynn, Younglin & myself. My time seems to get away fr. me faster than formerly. My programme must be wrong somewhere for as it is I seem to be doing very little - keep striking & never let the iron cool.

May 25th

Have had the carpenter around this P.M. to see what can be done for 1 window. Have given him the job of thoroughly repairing them.

Went around to East side with Mr. Franklin this P.M. I seemed all wrong, couldn't talk or at least felt that way & so did not try - that is where I think I was mistaken try try again. I do not seem to enter into life today as I once did. I feel far away from people - onward, onward face the difficulties, ride over them, beat them down, keep a brave face & above all look to God but remember & God fails no person in ignorance or indolence a letter from Mr. Fletcher this P.M. kindly inviting me to be with him this summer.

May 27th

I heard a good sermon yesterday by Mr. Anderson on "Hope". It was clear & well put. He told me

afterwards that he had never before preached on that subject.

Today Dr. Jones & Mr. Lucas called around to see me. I went with them over to Tong Hing & saw the Dispensary work there.

I do not mind near so much going out among the Chinese now as I did some time ago. I was surprised to see how I enjoyed walking on the Quai this P.M. - it seemed really as if I were walking on an extraordinary street.

Recd. American mail last night nice letter from Dr. Pickard & one from Miss Ethel Rowley also from Mamma and the dear ones at home. What a great treat these mails are to us.

I am having quite a time getting my washing brought in. I think (Judge not & ye be not judged) the boy has not doing his full duty.

Killed a large snake in the vine this AM. Had Mr. Franklin to look at it while it was trying to escape. The natives did not want me to kill it but I did.

May 29th

The thing + interests me now is how can I get my clothes from the washerman (or the boy). When I went to Hongchow I gave ^{the} to 1 boy & told him to carry to 1 washerman's. I have tried every way. I know to get 1 boy to bring ^{the} but he has slipped out & my hands every time. Yesterday at ten o'clock I sent him for them & he has not yet returned "What's a fellow to do" grin & her it or make a new suit & or shell see I have waited until it now seems that patience ceases to be a virtue.

Mr. Lucas & Dr. Fern called a short time day before yesterday. Bro. Peterson expects to come up on Friday. All is well with me. I thank God for His goodness to me day by day & pray for increased strength.

I have just read the 107 Ps. It seems especially applicable. When men are at their wits end

then ^{the} cry unto 1 Lord in ^{his} trouble
And he bringeth ^{the} out ^{of} ^{his} distresses

It's methinks 1 storm a calm

So + 1 knows there I are still

Then are ^{the} glad because ^{the} am quiet

So he bringeth ^{the} into 1 haven where ^{the} would be.

Oh + men wd praise 1 Lord for his goodness,

And for his wonderful works to 1 children - men. Ps. 124

May 30th

Yesterday Mr. Carter paid 1 case & boy with my clothes in 1 hands & "to go" The boy has \$5.00 worth & clothes. I feel sorry for 1 mother & family but what else could I do. I hope it will do us all some good & be 1 means in God's hands & turning 1 boy while he is yet young.

Mr. Franklin left yesterday for Dooch. Dr. W. went with him to attend to some mission business.

A Lesson to Learn You must not be too easy on 1 Chinese. If I had stopped paying the boy his weekly salary when 1 first sheet did not come in then I wd. not have set before him 1 temptation to take all my clothes later. Be positive with ^{the}

June 2nd

I had everything prepared yesterday for the coming of Bro. Fatum. Was looking anxiously for him.

At half past six I wrote a letter to Mrs. Wilkinson telling her I would not be around for supper as Bro. Fatum had not come & I wished to be here to meet him. I took my tea pot in my hand & started out to get some hot water to draw some tea. The shop man in front indicated that he had a letter. I went over & read one fr. Bro. F. saying on account of not being able to get a native preacher this week he would have to postpone another week.

It was quite a disappointment to me but we live to have such. Let us make the best of them.

12 M. at services today, the pastor, the former doorkeeper, Su Ter ter, & Sia Siem Sam the former N-Pros preacher & myself told his studied the S.S. lesson together. This P.M. we look for Dr. DuBois to preach for us.

June 4th

My teacher is sick & has not come for two days. I have been working by myself. The carpenter came today & is getting the windows fixed securely so that I will not be disturbed by the one in charge during the summer months coming into the house. Repair will cost about \$7.00 Mex.

Had a nice American mail last evening. Letters from home & from Maggie, then from Mrs. J. A. Moore Cousin Shelly, her Stepp & one from Miss Julia Mackenzie. Bury wrote me the nicest letter I have ever received from the fellow. He is thinking of studying dentistry. I have suggested that he study medicine also so that he can be prepared for emergencies.

All at home are preparing for the marriage of our noble Sis. "It will not be home without her then" Bury says. The old home is fast breaking up. a sadness about it but not all is sad. We are trying to fulfil our mission in life.

June 6th

Literary Soc. met this PM. at Miss Flemmings. A paper was presented by Mrs. Parker "The new Cook Book". There are no cook books in China. The cooks tell each other how things are to be prepared but last year this man, name not given, makes bold to bring out the book. He has evidently been with the foreigners & has been used to their ways more or less. The book was pleasantly put S. L. his statements as to how to make preparations &c. were put in striking way.

The evening was quite pleasant from first to last. How much we have to be thankful for in being allowed such privileges out here.

Szechuan Province at Chungking the capital there has been an entire destruction of mission property. About \$300,000 dollars worth. It was on 29 30 & 31st of May. It is said to be the worst uprising against missionaries for about one hundred years. Dr. Hart's father is working there but they hope that he

will be out of the city at the time.

Our work with Mr. Paxton progresses well. We are having lessons every day from Bell's Mandarin Primer.

June 8th

Bro. Tatum came in today while I was over at Dr. W. at dinner. It gives me great joy to have him with me. He & Bro. Lee a Chinaman are here together. They are the first visitors I have had since I have been at housekeeping &c. the first to stay any time. May the Lord greatly bless the visit, bless it to my good, bless it to their good & bless it to the good of those of the natives who hear the preaching. We hope to have a meeting this afternoon. Bro. Tatum is now taking a little rest.

June 9th

We have had a splendid service today so far as numbers are concerned. The two sisters who teach at the Methodist place came over.

with some homely odd scholars. The total attendance with shut doors was thirty six. The blind sister was not out but her son was here. I sien san was out. His wife is a fine looking woman reminds me something of cousin Josie W.

We had communion or partook of Lord's supper today. There were nine to commune. This is the largest number that I remember having to commune here at one time.

Lien sien san preached this afternoon. There was a good crowd out & they paid very good attention.

I am so happy to have Bro. Patum with me. It does not seem like the same place while he is here. May the Lord bless the meeting we are entering into.

June 10th

Today I have not done very much studying in my text books but h. b. with Chinese more or less all day. Bro. Patum & myself gave out the

contract of varnishing our windows, banisters &c. today. All told the repairs on the house will cost something like forty dollars Mexican. I do not feel that we are doing ourselves justice not to keep it in repair for it loses in value when left to the weather.

The service tonight was especially quiet & orderly. Lien sien san preacher, Bro. Patum said a few words at the close & then tracts were given out. May the Lord bless the work done.

Wed June 12th 1894

It is said that duties never conflict. It may be so but it is certainly hard to tell at all times what is one's duty. Today Bro. Patum declines to go to the gardens without me & seems very anxious to go. There are a number of carpenters at work on the house. What am I doing? Well almost against my will I have consented to go.

I am glad Mrs. Wilkinson has consented to go with us. The day is auspicious all &

friends from the 'Tien & Hong' are going
except Dr. & Mrs. Hart. Last evening we
spent a pleasant time with them. I
hope it will all be for the best to leave
today but must admit I cannot see it
that way at present. Some would say then
do not go & perhaps I ought to refuse
but I have not done so, so here goes
4 o'clock.

Am back from the trip. It was quite pleasant
all around. We found the party eating their
dinner when we reached the gardens. It was
indeed a treat. We found all very well on our
return i.e. so far as we can now see.

Friday 14th

Thermometer was 84° in Mr. Weston's room
yesterday. It is getting warmer every day.
I am feeling the effects of the change in
trying to feel as if all starch was out
of me. Bro. Tatum has decided to
remain over with me a week longer. I

am very glad for I am sure the work will be
done much better while he is here. The painters
are at the Banister this morning. All seems
to be moving on nicely.

June 16th

Yesterday we went around to East Side & had a game
of Tennis. Dr. & Mrs. Hart leave tomorrow.

It has been quite a privilege to know them.
They are both pleasant entertaining company.
Mrs. Hart is a splendid singer & the Dr. says
on the music line he is a good listener.

Miss Shipper leaves tomorrow for Shanghai. She has
been here for quite a time.

Dr. Fearn gave us a sermon today from John
2:6. He dwelt especially on the imitating
Christ. I enjoyed the sermon, but from a
homiletical standpoint could not see the unity
& general divisions. But it did me good. It is
not homiletics that we are to preach but X &
him crucified. Let us get nearer Christ. Let us
follow his example more & more. At the

services tonight we had a good crowd so far as numbers are concerned but it was noisy. I thought Bro. Tatum managed them well.

Another week has gone & it seems that very little has been done. we must redeem the time. I do want to make the most of my short life but the question again & again comes up as to how can I do so. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. So well what is in hand then we can rise on this.

June 20th.

I think this is the day my dear Sister is to marry. May the Lord bless her in her new sphere of life. She is a lovely woman & has always been such a sweet & thoughtful sister to me.

Bro. Tatum left this afternoon. His visit was a source of much pleasure as well as help to our mission.

I feel that there is much to do & I would like to go at my work with renewed energy for the next two weeks but one has to move slow where it is

so warm & especially a new corner. My letters are to be answered, my studying is to be kept up, the building or rather repairing & things around are to be noticed & I have to push on Sunday work. Do thoroughly what you do & worry not about the rest.

I missed prayer-meeting this P.M. but felt it necessary to do so.

June 21st

Workmen are going on very nicely with the work.

The old gate keeper Bro. Tatum called my attention today at the fact that one of the lamps had been changed out of Chapel. On investigation I found that one in the passage had been taken down & put in the Chapel & one of the Chapel lamps frame work for hanging included had been disposed of. That poor boy must have had a fine time when I was away.

June 22nd

Foreign mail today. Two nice letters from home. They are all busy getting ready for the marriage of our dear sister. The papers announce that Mr. W. H. L. L.

has been elected President of S.B.S. Seminary &
that Dr. H. A. Harris has been elected as a Professor.
Our Seminary is fortunate in having such a man
as Dr. Harris in its faculty.

June 27

Mr. Wilkinson & family with Mr. Carter leave for Shanghai
on next Monday. I leave for Chinkiang on
the Monday following. Expect to go via Wushih & be
joined by Mr. Franklin.

Mr. Bailey's wife
& children leave for America today. I have not heard
whether he expects to accompany them or not.

We have had continuous rains for the last week.
Today the sun has begun to shine so we can get our
clothes sunned ready for packing away.

Yesterday the Chinese "Kong Ji" was at Dr. DeBose's
a good number attended. Mr. Hays & a native
led the meeting.

Mr. Crozier leaves
for Shanghai next Monday. The foreigners
will all leave soon this summer. It seems
hard for me all to have to leave but we have to take
care of our health.

June 28th

Death of Mrs. W. D. King is announced in N.C.
Daily News. She died at Fairassan May 30
of small-pox. Not married quite two
months. May Bro. King feel that God is but
drawing him nearer to His side.

Chinese mistake.

The boy who takes the slops out asked me for
money. I told him to wait until his (ya)
father came & I wd. pay him. He says "did
you say wait a minute so you can give
me a dose of medicine (yah)"

Chinese Curiosity satisfied

The old gate keeper was going all around
the house & in the close looking at things, pick-
ing up this & that asking about what it was.
Presently he took up a bottle of strong lavender
salt & asked what was in it. I told him it
was to smell putting it to my nose to show
him. I then stuck it very near his. He
took a good whelming & it threw his head back, while

Another Chinaman & myself laughed heartily to see the old man working as the tears rolling down his cheeks. He laughed himself but did not examine anything else.

June 29th

An observation. It is not the Chinaman who treats me badly, laughs at me, calling me by all kinds of objectionable names as that makes us feel badly. What then is it? It is the state & inner man which produces the feeling. If you are near God if your heart has been recently blessed with refreshing showers from on high then you can go among them, meet up with & endure anything that they wish to give & glory in it because it is somewhat the kind of life which Jesus lived.

I have decided to leave here on next Monday instat & Monday following. The work is all done & I will be alone up this end & city so I thought best to go.

I dismissed my teacher today. I hated to

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do so but I thought it best as I am told that to keep the same teacher does not seem to be the best thing for the most progress in the language. He is a good natured old man, I liked him & therefore it was the harder to give him up. What will he think - it? Well I am trying to do that which is for the best all around.

June 30.

I preached today. I read my sermon from beginning to end. I was more pleased with that way for it makes me more at my ease, as to the effect I can not say. How I shall do later shall be decided by circumstances.

A letter from Mr. Franklin tonight makes it doubtful about his going with me to Chinkiang. He has Japan on the brain.

Met Mr. Hamilton & wife of Chinkiang. They are of the Northern Presbyterian church.

The weather today has been very warm.

Tomorrow I have a good days work before me - packing &c.