SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL
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July 2nd

It is now half past four P.M & we are just getting into Wuxih. We should have gotten in early this A.M. but I think the boatmen want to make good cash out of me. I shall wait & see what Mr. Franklin does. I have read Dr. Nevius' little book on Methods of Mission work & am now reading "The Partisan. The first was very instructive & suggestive the latter I am finding interesting. During my summer vacation I want to try & see if I cant do some good each day & will as well some each day.

The Wilkinsons, the Crozier & Mr Paxton were to leave yesterday afternoon. All things at "Jia Nga Jien" were about ready to move when I went up to dinner yesterday. Mrs. W. has grown me a good lunch. They have been so kind to me since I've been up there.

July 4th 1895

Glorious day of our independence. Long live America, may she ever be a leader in energy enterprise and May she as a nation never forget that there is a God in Heaven who rules all things whose we are & whom we should serve.

I spent a pleasant time in Wuxih. Reached there on Tuesday evening about five thirty. They were packing for the summer vacation but made me feel real much at home by calling me right in. After tea had been there a short time Mrs Sykes & her little one, Mr McGinnis, Mr Franklin & myself took a row in Mr. McG's row boat. The trip was very pleasat. When we reached home we found Mrs. McG. working on an opium case a woman had taken a dose of opium ashes because some row had with her son. The husband had come 30 li with her. The native Dr. was called in about 6.30 o'clock. We then all went to work trying to arouse

her. At 12 30" the husband said he would have to go, so they took her off in her unconscious nearly dead state. We dosed her with coffee, let her smell ammonia, tried to make her walk, gave her electric shocks gave her six injections one in each one of four limbs & two on her body, put cold wates on her, fanned & hollowed at her but all seemed to fail. She left us looking as if she was very near deaths door, Mrs. Sykes, Mr. McG. & in fact all worked faithfully to restor a woman. My visit up there was quite pleasant. It is a nice home to visit.

I completed The Partisan today (second reading) The historical parts grow on me.

Tonight I am about forty miles from the nearest foreigners that I know about. I feel perfectly at ease for I know in whom I have believed. He shall always keep me as in the hollow of His hand.

July 6th on boat landed & waiting

Spent yesterday reading & writing. Read the Revolution part V U.S. History by Ridpath. The day was quite warm & I laid on my couch almost all day not going on land at all. We stopped about six or seven miles out of C at four oclock yesterday. The boatmen said it was "Lau Jah gi". It is now a quarter of eight & I am getting my things out. The boatmen have been very good but I think indifferent would describe it best. It may have been due to my indifference. I am thankful that I am here safely & hope that my summer may be strengthening to me in mind body & spirit & that I shall be the means in Gods hands of doing some good as well as receiving good.

July 7th Sunday

I reached here (Baptist Mission) yesterday forenoon & went up to see Miss Mackenzie whom I found somewhat unwell. I got the keys from her

& a nice foreign mail then came on back & began to fix up. So far I have been taking my meals at Dr Cox's & C.I.M. They have not answered me positively as to whether they will board me or not. It is quite convenient & is so pleasant & instructive here are at present ten young ladies up there recruiting.

At our Chinese service this A.M. Ling S.S. had the meeting which was only a study of the S.S. lesson. There were 11 scholars 13 men & 4 women. The singing was quite good.

I went over & heard Mr. Cox this A.M. in a foreign meeting that they had. This P.M. there is to be a meeting on the hill.

I am much pleased with surroundings at this place. I do not want to leave a field where I think the Lord has called me to nor am I looking for an easy job or a nice place. I am ready & willing to do any & every kind of work if I know myself, yet I think I am duty bound to see to my health & provide for the future by taking care of myself now. Some say "shall we all leave the sickly places to be unevangelized" By no means. If one feels called to go there let them never hesitate. But there are other ways of working a place besides living at it. May I follow where God leads. I want to do His work in His way & shall look to Him for direction.

July 9

Teacher came this A.M. promptly & I studied with him for about two hours. I shall like the change in dialect for my vacation. The tones are brought out quite clearly here & + is one thing I need very much.

I was debarred a great pleasure this P.M. but I give it up cheerfully for the gospels sake. I refer to the pleasure of calling often on the young ladies on the hill, especially Miss Mackenzie who is

unwell. I am so glad that they let me know how they felt about it. In Soochow the Chinese ideas are not carried out or adhered to to any great extent & so I thought it would be best. I do not think we can be too careful as to the example we set / natives & to what extent we allow ourselves to conform to our foreign ideas instead of Chinese idea. As God leads me we will follow gladly & cheerfully. All things work together for good to them that love God who are / called according to his purpose.

Quite a cool spell we are having

July 12th

The cool spell still continues. I have slept with blankets over me every night or at least a part of every night since I've been here. I am trying to write one letter a day until I am up with my correspondence.

Miss Chambers left yesterday. She is quite a nice young lady - cheerful company. She

expects to spend the summer in Chefoo. Four young ladies came in yesterday. Two have been to Szechuan. Had just gotten up there when the riots occurred & they had to come back. They were in works on the Yang Tse.

Miss Mackenzie is slowly improving. I am afraid it will be some time before she is perfectly well. She is an excellent woman & if the Lord spares her older missionaries say she will be a great addition to the mission force.

I am studying daily. Take one lesson a day in Baller's Mandarin Primer.

Thermometer 72° 5 P.M.

July 14th

Weather has turned warmer. Thermometer registered 84° degrees yesterday.

Miss Mackenzie came over & spent the afternoon with us yesterday. It was quite pleasant to have the little party of workers here together & talk over the work. We all feel very much the need of other workers. Let us pray earnestly

that they may soon come in. Bro. Pierce made an offer to the Board similar to the one that that I made viz. that he would help to support a missionary if sent out now. May the Lord direct us. We are all His workers, the work is His & we are sure that it will be well, yet as His agents we must do all in our power to carry on this work.

I am now boarding with Mr & Mrs. Pierce. It is certainly a treat to be as it were settled again.

July 15th

I this day write to apply for a transfer from the Shanghai to the Christian Mission. May the Lord direct all.

July 18th

We have been having another cool snap. Thermometer has been down to 68° & is still 71°. It has been raining continuously for several days. Visited the beggars home. What a poor rejected set of outcasts. One poor creature who was so poor that you could count his bones in him almost was lying on a small piece of matting with his head resting on the floor. There were twenty five in there & they say at nights there are a great many more. Lazarus was one very poor beggar with sores over him & yet he was rich. May the Lord direct me in our work.

July 21

was stopped yesterday so it is now

July 22nd

Yesterday Mr. Mills of C.I.M. preached to the foreigners. He is an Englishman & has a little different brogue from what we Southerners have. His sermon was on desiring to do Gods will & loving to do his will. It was Biblical & he seemed to be at ease in its delivery.

Mrs Laughlin of Northern Presbyterians is here with me. She was stopping at a Chinese inn & when Mrs. Pierce found it out she went over & brought her here. She has just been to America — left in Jan & is back already. She went home on account of her sisters ill health who died a short time after Mrs L. reached America

This morning I counted twenty nine beggars between here & the temple to the North w's place. Poor creatures - the Scriptures are fulfilled which said the poor ye have with you always

July 26th

Visited U.S. gunboat Detroit yesterday. Mr. & Mrs Pierce, Dr & Mrs Vanschaick & daughter, Miss Mackenzie Mr. Blalock, little Ethel, three servants and myself. Lieut Smith of N.C. took us around and showed us the things of interest. The boys were just eating dinner so we did not see as much of the vessel as we otherwise would have seen. Men are all told about two hundred & thirty on board. Capt. Swing is in charge. We did not see him as he was at Gen Jones'. It made us all feel quite proud to board a U.S. gunboat so far away from home. Of the men on board Lieut Ewing says about one half are foreign born - a small proportion Dr Vanschaick says.

I have had a pleasant visit from Bro Blalock & Gospel mission. He came on Monday morning & left yesterday Thursday P.M. I am glad I had the privilege of seeing & knowing him. He seems to be a very different man from what I knew in the Seminary. He is very earnest and enthusiastic about his work. He is now suffering with his eyes & thinks varnish poison. He hopes by taking a trip to Japan to be made better & to return in the fall able to go to work with renewed energy. May he be blessed in his efforts to help give this gospel to the dying millions of China.

July 29th

We are have very warm weather at present. Thermometer registers about 95°. Has been up to 97° during the last two days. I am now reading R.H. Conwells life of C.H. Spurgeon. I have read a life of the great divine before so I am enjoying this yet it does not seem to me to be the book that a biography of such a man might be. I am getting good from it though & some knowledge of this great man

July 31st.

I am now at work copying & revising for my own use a Syllabary which Mr. Bear lends to me. The ~~is~~ole he has ~~is~~ made by Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Burr and also Mr. Bryan & Mr Chapell came in for the afternoon & worked with them. I feel very much the need of one therefore I put much more time at it than I otherwise would do. We are expecting American mail soon.

August 1st

Had a nice mail this morning. Three sweet letters from home, one from Sis one from Mother & one from Father. It does my heart good to think of them & to know that they do not forget me, even in the time of much excitement. Sweet Sis is to be married in two days from the time of writing. Maggie writes a long & interesting letter. She is a good writer. Has an easy flowing style which will be of much use to her in after years if the Lord will give her health & strength.

Jim Kendrick writes me a nice letter. He is in La at present but does not expect to be there always. Mabelle Estes writes from Roanoke. She is now working in a Photo Gallery. May the Lord be with & bless her. She is a sweet young woman.

Mrs Jno. Stout writes me a nice letter which I very much appreciate.

Little Florence Pickard sends me a dollar to buy two Bibles, one for a little boy & one for a little girl. Her name to be put in each of them. I had almost wished that I could have disposed of it as I should choose & I would have said let it be for an outcoming missionary. However I can build my faith without the dollar. I shall pray earnestly for a man & the Lord will surely give him to us if it is best. Oh how little faith we have. Let us take God at His word. He speaks & the heaven & earth are made, can He not send one man to this work. We shall go forward with all our strength looking to God for help & strength. "Lead ~~us~~ kindly Light-"

Aug 2nd

I have just finished Dr R H Conwell's life of C H Spurgeon. I am impressed with Mr S" great earnestness & persistance in prayer. He trusted in God & God gave to him the things that he should have. Oh may I too learn to trust in God, may I too see that Gods work is to be carried on by Him in His way for His glory & not by one in my way for my glory. When I glory may it be because I am hid entirely behind the cross of Christ. as to the Life &c. the book I must say I think it tame as a biography. It does not tell you enough about the man. You see the work that he did but I want to see something of his inner life which was barely touched. Mrs. S. was a grand woman. It was to her perhaps that S. rose to the position that he held. Who can value a true wife? They are what make many a man. And on the other hand many are ruined by the wrong kind of woman. I thank God more & more each day for what I see in my Maggie from her letter.

Aug 5th

I nice mail this morning. My noble Mother wrote me two long letters. If any son has reasons to thank God for the Mother given him then I have more. Consecrated, earnest, bright, happy, loving, never thinking that she can do too much for others, a model woman wife & mother. She tells of the marriage of Sis. How that dear one will be missed from the dear old home. Yet home shall always be brighter for the very thought of her.

Miss Maggie writes of her father having fallen off of Jim's young pony & broken his arm. She says that the ones at her home often speak of her pale face & so she is now playing tennis to put roses in it. She is a lovely young woman and I hope & pray that in Gods good time will be brought here to join in this work.

Miss Lottie Price has gone to Nagasaki for a little rest. May it strengthen her.

Aug 7th

Miss Mackenzies teacher is writing for me this a.m. He is a brother of one I have had. I am not studying now as the weather is very warm. I have dismissed my teacher for a while.

Kucheng riots are terrible. In thirty minutes nine missionaries at Kwasang the sanitarium of Kucheng, were killed outright and nine others were treated terribly. "Re vegetarians" were the promoters. There was an organized band of some eight men with a leader who led them through it all. It is sad to think of yet we know that all things work together for good. We believe these uprisings are but indications of the fact that Christianity is being felt among these people. It is all in Gods hands & it is going to redown to the good of His cause. We will work & pray

Aug 9th

Miss Helen Kirkland aged 68 of Southern Presbyterian mission at Hangchow died Aug 1st 10 p.m. It is said that one third of the members of S.P.s at Hangchow were gotten by her systematic, loving, self-denying zeal. I had the pleasure of being a host of Miss Kirklands when in Hangchow. It was a great privilege to meet with one who put so much life into all that she did. She came out as a missionary at quite an advanced age but she has silenced the tongues of those who would say that people should not come out unless they are young. May God raise up others to take her place.

We had a glorious rain last night. It was a blessing to us all. I am not studying now but am spending my time in writing, reading & am having the teacher to copy a syllabary for my use in Chinkiang.

Aug 13th

We are about to leave for Yangchow. The day is bright & we have a good wind. We will buy land up there if the way is opened otherwise we will continue renting one chapel. We have decided to give up the large compound which we have been renting for $44.00 per month. We will have to put chinese houses up again give up schools there for a time & begin work "from the jump". The Lords will be done in it all. If we could see forward as well as we can backward how many things would be done differently but we do day by day what we feel is for the best. The weather has been pleasant. It is now 78°. Has been down lower than that.

The outrages still continue down South.

Night of 13

We arrived here safely at a little past one

I have been reading Hyperion. We are not decided as to what we will do for we cannot tell what the landlord will do. He says he will not sell but I believe he will. May we be directed from on high

Aug 14th

Completed Hyperion today. His description of places & scenery & men are good & well put. Of course I do not quite understand.

Today we have been talking as to what to give for this place in Yangchow. At present Mr Pierce offers 1500 Rs. & the landlord wants 3900 Rs. He started at 4450 Rs. At present our price, we have not decided what we will give for this land, is Rs. 2000 but I am afraid we will not get it for that. We will go as the Lord seems to lead. We are having faith in God. The Board has not ordered us to buy but we feel that the step should be taken & we are going forward trusting our Leader. We know we cannot err if we follow Him.

Aug 15

Bro Price has just had a talk with the "go between". The Landlord claims to be sick. They have come to Rs 3600 Bro. Price is still at Rs 1800. My eyes were opened this morning by the fact that the Chinese take one month on such transactions as this. The "go between" took a cup of tea & a nap during the interview We are making progress slow. We are not yet settled on the price. May we be directed. We must not lie yet how are we to deal with these people. "Wise as serpents & harmless as doves"

Aug 16

Mk. 9:23 - "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth". This passage comes before me this morning with great force. Here is a conditional sentence, one part of condition says "If I (Carlton) can believe" i.e. in the present crisis if I can believe that this place will be ours, or the Lords if I can believe that the landlord will be brought down to a reasonable price, if I can believe that the needed money can be found to pay for the place; then it is a possible thing that it will be bought. I have always believed that we could get the money and I now believe that the landlord will fall much below the Rs. 3600 but do I doubt that he will come down to a reasonable amount? If so why do I doubt? Am I not sure that God in Heaven overrules all things? Am I not aware of the fact that all things & peoples are in His hands? So why need I doubt even this? My answer is as the "father of boy" in Mk. 9 "Lord I believe: help thou mine unbelief". So it not true that we have the promise "Every one that asketh receiveth". We are asking in faith. Let us decide our price & then trust God

Aug 16th evening

The landlord came around this PM. & has not fallen any on his price so we feel that it is not for us to stay in this house. Bro P. & I have been looking at other places & we hope to be able to buy & build