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Sept. 14th

Another weeks work is ended. I missed my mark a long way this week, perhaps I had too much laid out to do. Hope to come in though on the home run i.e. at the end of the year.

The property is not yet bought. They want to keep out 6x6 ft for a gate & then we learned that a large square on the east was not to be included. It is slow work but I know it will be a good experience for us if we will only use it as we should. As these burdens come upon us one by one we must stand up under them, we must not shrink. The Lord is calling us into large fields. He is putting upon us various kinds of work that we had not dreamed about having but thanks be to His name He has given us strength to carry it on so far & we shall trust Him in the future. If we follow His directions we are safe.

The Mohammedan rebellion is on the increase.

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Sept 18th (Sunday)

God ~~day~~ all arrived. Mrs. Pierce was able to be with us in S.S. & church which added much to the exercises. At "Bak Tsz Hong" had a very good & attentive audience and my reading of the religious papers: Baptist Courier, Examiner, & China's Millions was both pleasant & helpful. Also read most of Rev. A. B. Simpson's work "The Gospel of Healing". I rejoice that there are those who can thus trust Christ. I have never yet done so. Whether I should or not is a question in my mind. I know I am not as near Christ as I ought to be, I do not serve Him as I should, I do not trust in Him enough - I know these things. I feel them. They burden me. I fear it is a lack of knowledge of what God's word teaches. I am trying to fight the devil without the full armor on. Since the meeting of Northern & Southern Baptists in Shanghai I have not lived as I should have, as I pledged myself to do. It has been too much of self. I need a knowledge of God's word. I need to know that

I need to trust in that more, I need to have the Holy Spirit poured out upon me to lead me into the fullness of this blessed gospel. I shall work & pray & trust, & may God let His Spirit direct me.

Sept. 17th

All seems about ready now for us to begin to buy the place. We waited until this P.M. for a letter fr. Mr. Herber. It came but no information was given. We will probably buy tomorrow. One month we have been working & yet it seems that all of the work is before us.

A stray letter came in from home this P.M. It did my heart good to hear from the dear ones. Mother is well & all are well. Sister Katie's horse is to be sold for debt.

Sept. 18th

No place bought yet. The experience is proving a good one for me. May the Lord develop me in His own way for His own cause for the perfection of His weak & erring child. Why can I not trust Him for all that He says



The place is about to be bought for \$500 Mexican which is about \$250 gold just about twice as much as a native would pay for it. To show the measure or at least to show the tricks of a Chinaman to get money see a minute. To the East a friend & man who owns the ground lives. His gate opens into our place. They at first said we would have to leave a path the whole length. Then he came down to half a road & finally he asked for six foot square in N.E. corner. The man selling the place said he wd. give us better to all but + he wd. be kept out so + his friend wd. not be provoked with him but + when we got in we cd. force him out. We answered "Then we will keep fifty dollars until he does more" They next come & say the corner to 1 N.W. is not included that belongs to someone else. At this point they tried to force us into buying at \$500 leaving out these two. We let it rest a day & two nights when he came back & said he had bought 1 place

to N.W. & that we col. h. all but the 6x6 ft on
N.E. for \$800. A trick it was to keep the 6x6 ft
out. We gave way but I must say I did so very
reluctantly but nevertheless I did. Things went on
for several days & now he says he has fixed
it with his friend about the 6x6 ft & we can have
it for \$20. We tell him we do not want it

& that more than that we don't care much
about taking any of it. He immediately comes
back says he will wait on us ten days for
the money & will not want the 6x6 ft.
Oh consistency there are a great many found in
China.

We hope tomorrow to
buy & begin to see about the building of the
wall. If there is one thing that a man
has to do in dealing with a Chinaman it is
to be fully decided in his own mind as to what
is right & then stick to it, hold on
with a bull-dog grip, leech-like hang on
& say thus far I go & no further.

Sept 20th Morning

Yesterday forced and still no place bought. What is the
trouble? One thing is that we are in the dark. We ourselves
do not know the law on such things and so we are
more or less wound around the fingers of our Chinese
friends - a thing which I do most earnestly desire to
be able to avoid as soon as possible.

Then perhaps we are delayed because we do not trust
in the Lord enough. The work is His & if we trust in
Him it will all come out well but if we are not
ready to be submission & do what the Lord puts
upon us then we shall be whipped into line.
May we be directed for His glory.

I had a slight chill & come from yester-
day. I must take more care of my health by
being more regular about exercise, and must
take more of it.

Bro. Pierce & myself took a walk on the street
last evening. We enjoyed some lorne-candy
& some chestnuts. The latter are far inferior
to those we have in the U.S. but are good as a substitute

Sept 20

Land not yet bought. Today they come again to take off the N.W. corner 60x20 ft and deduct \$30 for it. We object, they talk, we worry and they smoke. Ah we should not worry for it is the Lord's work. Let us be led by Him. We must do His bidding.

Nice mail this P.M. Maggie wrote a beautiful letter quite cheerful and introduced by an original poem that is interesting especially when you know you are the person referred to. She is going on Paris Mt. to spend a week with Miss Sloan.

Father lost four fine cows in two days. A peculiar disease affecting the head entirely.

When Flander heard 4 missionaries were being killed he said to Father "Beck will have to toast a pistol now" Let us learn to wield the sword of spirit, & will defend us.

Mr. Raymond Mears was brutally murdered not long since. Without

had nor hope in the world.

Chambers has been appointed to Canton and will join Bro Graves back. We praise the Lord that the way has been opened for them to come. How we would have liked to welcome them here. We will work while it is day for the night soon cometh."

Miss Ethie Ramsay in thanking me for some silk gloss says "The blue to make me think & Harris so beautiful & my missionary friend is working for & the scarlet to remind me that though my sins be as scarlet they can be washed as white as snow by the blood of the Lamb."

Bury gave me a long description & new ditch But is digging & adds if I knew it would be that much trouble to tell you I never would have said any thing about it.

Mother's letters are always such an inspiration. What a reason to be thankful

she is more & more to me every day.

My dear Maggie becomes more lovable she shows a true Christian spirit in all of her letters. How much I have to be thankful for in Gods giving her to me. Her letters are so comforting & cheering. May she be brought to me in Gods good time.

Sept. 21st

Another week's work is recorded in Heaven. What have I done. Today I finished my paper to be read before Shanghai Baptist Conference. During week completed Mrs Nevins' tract & read it over & got a fair translation of it. Took up Ballers again & Bryan Mark.

The land is not yet bought They have come to talk again & we hope to have the deed written out next Monday. This is a great big undertaking for our comparatively new missionaries but if the Lords bidding is in it why need we trouble.

Sept 22

"There is more help in a sincere encouragement than

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in a ton of advice." Rames Horn

"It is an idle hour + a man spends in explaining himself. It is our business to live + not to apologize for living"

"There is a race for riches would cross 1 month, hell on a rotten plank, but many ^{times} in a race for life eternal, will not bear the weight of G's promise. Let us shudder break" Rames Horn.

Short clippings these with much truth & common sense. Oh let us be as eager for men's souls as we are for money

Sept. 23rd

Yesterday I took a S.S. class & did what I could with 4 boys. It was pleasant & helpful. I enjoy it & am working for a time to soon come when I can work more advantageously

I commenced Mr Al Smith's book "Chinese Characteristics" yesterday. I am enjoying it very much

Today we are told + 1 place cannot be bought. It appears + all our work has been knocked in the head. We were waiting for M to come up to sign papers when M came with this report.

Sept. 24th 1891

Completed A. Smith's Chinese Characteristics today good from first to last. Instructive & quite spicy.

I suggested today that we go back to Chinkiang & work from there, trying to buy from there but the majority feel that it will not be lost so I fell heartily in line with our present work.

Teacher's relative died - he did not come today.

Mrs. Rice & Kelly are keeping house in Shanghai. A note from the latter informed me.

Sept 25:

Today I prepared an article, principally quotations from A. Smith's Chinese Characteristics, for Seminary Magazine. Went on with regular Chinese study.

A new development has taken place in regard to the place we failed to buy. We find that our Bro. Ma has not been telling us the whole truth & it almost looks as if he is implicated in getting money under false pretenses. Bro. Ma comes up & says that 1 middle man are keeping back \$100 for themselves & Ma has told us that 1 man

was not willing to take less than \$500. It looks worse & worse the more it is looked at. How weak the poor people are. I question if we are doing right to put ^{the teacher} him in such responsible positions. Li, the teacher comes up & says he can buy the place easy enough if we advance \$40. After due consideration we advanced the money & now he is seeing what he can do.

Bro. Pierce preached in De Ting this evening. A good, large attentive audience. Several women came out. One man got hold of my hat & put it on before I knew it - they are what we might call too familiar - very much like the negro "fir him an inch & he will take out."

Sept 27th

Yesterday nothing of special interest as regards buying & place. Today things appear a little complicated. Li has brought back 1 money for reference & says we must wait a day or two. The native X^{mas} seem to have involved themselves at last. Ma seems to have done so in buying. May it all come out for the best.

Sept. 28th

We had a walk in 1 wall yesterday afternoon. Mr. P. fixed up a chair + Mrs. P. went also. There were 50 Chinamen following us on 1 wall + at least + number waiting to greet us when we came back down. I held Mr. all "spell bound" Mr. P. said in my talk to Mr. in English. I took a ride on a pony, but the owners soon got me off. The boys were rude in coming back. ^{some} school boys went, for which H.S. at least be reprimanded.

The buying + property seems still to implicate some of our native brethren. For this I am truly sorry and the Lord only knows how it will all come out. The man seems to be getting only \$300 for 1 place the other \$200 is stopped by 1 middle. We know not how much our native brethren would get but what is to be regretted is + we have said, or represented 1 man as getting 1 whole \$500. Let us keep temptations out of our way - they cannot bear them.

The question + organization of an Association

Central China is about to take place it seems. I am opposed to our churches going into it on 1 ground + we have no church members. We shall have to go slow - it is quite uncertain as to how it will come out.

Saturday evening 28th

The place is quieting a time. The native members + church are again asked to h. nothing in world to do with the buying. They have promised to keep this month's sheet about it but + well we must not judge.

Another week gone into eternity. What do I do for my Master - how do I help to tell 1 story - his love. Let us try to live X. I can see how far I am from Him we must study to show ourselves off from Him let us pursue this study with diligence.

Oct 1st 1895

Miss American mail yesterday. It came in a package from Foo Chow instead of in the box. Letters from Mother, Sunbrauns secretary Mami Peoples, Origen, Cleveland, Miss Maggie Cairns Bob Williamson, Ralph Oral Bro. Chappell, Williamson H. Scholter. 11th + Miss H. Scholter. It was pleasant to read them all. I'm sorry that

I almost allowed the coming of so many letters & papers to stop me from doing a good days work.

I bought some Lacquer work for Miss Kelly yesterday. Six waiters, 2 large, 2 medium & 1 small for \$4.50. A collar box 80¢, a glove box 80¢.

A man comes around & says he can buy the land for us. We are now waiting a time. Yes I fear we are not praying about the matter as we should. I speak for myself & know I am not. We have we do depend on self. Let me put my trust more in God than he shall help me as I should be helped.

The letter from Maggie made a sad revelation to me but I'm willing to bear gladly with her the trials which God has put upon her. I think now it is not wise that she come to China at present.

I see the Lord wants to teach me to stand alone.

He will not let me have any earthly prop. ^{single} gentleman to work with me & now it seems that she will be right away some time. I shall trust God & I know he shall do all for me that I deserve. Let me leave on Him. He is strong & ever present.

Oct 2nd

Quite a pleasant surprise today. Mr & Mrs F. M. Royal came in a short time. They were married a week before up in the interior. She was Miss Mary Sullivan - L.C. & came out with Miss Humphreys - N.C. to work with 1 Gospel Mission.

It was such a treat to see Mr. Royal again. He looks well & is of course happy. He is in native dress & has a game. Says he has never enjoyed better health than since being in China.

He told a fine young man who came out with them & who had gone out into 1 interior with 1 army in 1 late war shooting himself to death 180 miles away from any foreigners. Royal spoke & young man in 1 highest terms & says he knows & it was 1 over strain & mind caused for being alone when he could do little talking & had run him crazy.

I have had a little experience in being alone & I know it is very trying on a new comer. I do not think one should be subjected to it.

The brethren & gospel mission have had their hearts
made glad by three converts coming into the church.
I believe these are the first fruits of their labor.
May the Lord continue to add unto us such
as are saved.

Oct 30th

Chinese Eighth month fifteenth day
big time outside. This is one of the three
fast days & rest days of the whole year.

Was busy on my sermon for the conference.

Oct 4

"Keep 1 Bible open & 1 door & heaven cannot be shut"
"We obtain favor with God only when we are willing
to give up the favor of men" Here are two texts
to think on. How much truth in them & yet how
little heed we pay to them.

The teacher did not come today - trying to buy the
land. Comes tonight & they want \$20 more for
the deed - we do not yield.

Cholera Peking correspondent in N.C. daily
news say the deaths h. largely exceed them. 1161 & 1885

the two previous epidemics. The number & deaths
in Peking is estimated at 120,000

Oct 5th

We gave over \$100.00 tonight on the place. We hope it will
work. I feel that it was pretty temptation in the
way of these heathen to break the Sabbath. Why did I
not say so then? Ah I am a poor, weak, unworthy
mortal. I am bowing to man rather than to God.
I know God will hold me responsible. I should
have plainly come out & said I was opposed to
paying the money tonight. I should! I should!!

Oct 7th

Yesterday the service were more interesting than
usual. A good attendance, and attention.

Communion after the church service. Today
the church had a meeting and on motion of
Mrs. Pierce introduced the individual communions
service.

Pu Lien Sun was admitted for
baptism. May his life be richly blessed.

Miss Henry called this P.M. to see Mrs. Pierce.
I bought a set of lacquer ware wares for \$9.00 this
afternoon. These were chosen pieces

The land seems to be progressing well enough. May the Lord open up the way for us. We want to do His will. We know we are self-willed but if the Lord will have mercy - as I know He will - then in His good time we shall come out more than conquerors through Christ.

My dream A donkey braying. I was awakened the other night by what seemed to be the last agony of a braying ass. I was surprised on coming to my senses that the sound was nothing less than my own efforts to laugh at a dream that I was having.

The dream was the picture presented of Father Buh & myself near a pond. Buh knaked a broken log. Father & myself were standing on another log which crossed the pond. After Buh broke the log a number of slimy serpents came & covered our log. I walked the other way & escaped them but Father walked across them on tiptoes with hands in the air, mouth open & with great efforts to raise his feet to his mouth at each step - he feared they were little snakes.

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The place is still being worked at i.e. the one we want to build.

Thursday Oct 10th

Left Yangchow yesterday at 12.31 reached here at 3.34. A quick trip 2 hours & 3 minutes.

The men are here this morning with the deed & we are about to go over to Mr Jones' to see his private secretary Mr. Yang to find out if it is all as it should be. He says he cannot tell but can only give his opinion about it. May it all be as it should. We must not fail to put our trust in the Lord.

This morning we had a Mission meeting. Decided to rent the house for 40⁰⁰ c.c. the Hammer house. Mr. Pierce went down to see Mr. Brothers on the latter favors having two rooms made into one we are opposed to that but perhaps may compromise on a folding door.

We want to get off for Shanghai this P.M.

Friday 9 o'clock

On Board Onwa. We left Chinkiang yesterday at

seven P.M. There being no passages on upper deck for foreign passengers we go half Chinese. Every thing first of fairly well. A young Canadian named Mr. Geo Carter is in with us, he seems to have seen something & would say this is his 4th time across. We pay \$2.50 each, which gives us

meals in 1st class. Officers are all kind. Whole distance fr. Chinkiang to Shanghai is 156 mi.

The *Cassia* is just repaired. Capt J. Johns is in charge. Mr. Jones is 1st officer. He is pleasant & agreeable.

Mr. P. & I have just been down to look at the engine &c.

It is "dunder" make. A man casting out the lead line is hollering "har got round" ^{seem} "No ground". He is a Singapore man. Dark complexion. We hope to reach Shanghai at 12 M.

Land in Yangchow bought & paid for yesterday. Papers in Bro. P.'s hand. We have much reason to be thankful. ^{Chinese very candid & outspoken}

Burnt my face with Carbolic acid night before last. Mr. Foo Chow said "I thought bad bugs had been biting you. It is not very becoming."

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