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Oct 13th 1895 Sunday

Shanghai. Reached Shanghai Friday Oct 11th at 12 oclock. Pleasant trip. Am now at Bro. Tatums. Bro Blalock & Gospel Mission came in fr. Japan on Thursday. He with Bro. Royal & wife left last night for Chinkiang on the Onwo - the same boat & we came on.

The Association was organized yesterday with 1 three churches of Shanghai, Quinsan & Soochow. Chinkiang & Yangchow did not join this time. The brethren ~~censured~~ blamed us for 1 action but they acted so nobly about it that we h. reason to be thankful and are thankful. The Chinkiang & Yangchow churches do not feel that their missionary & native force is strong enough & enough developed at present to enter the association.

I met Dr Allen & Southern Presn. church yesterday I'm surprised to hear & Dr. Parker leaves Soochow to

come to Shanghai in order to take charge v Shanghai College. Mr Hearn goes to Soochow in Dr. Parker's place. Mr. Gray is going home for a rest. Miss Gary comes to Shanghai. Mrs Shanghai goes to Soochow.

In the Southern Presbyn. church some changes are made. Mr. Franklin of Wusih goes to Hangchow. A lady & gentleman just out go to Wusih. Dr. Worth. A ~~Dr.~~ Mr Little just out goes with Mr Hayden to Kongyin. Miss DuBose just out joins her parents at Soochow.

So we are changing here & there, some go & some come, but God is 1 same unchangable from everlasting to everlasting.

Oct 14.

Sermon before the Conference was preached last night in Bro Tatum's chapel by myself fr. Acts 1:8 Ye shall h. power after + 1 H.S. has come upon you" The Conference was organized by electing

Bro. Tatum chairman & Bro Lawton Sec. Today, Monday, we have had a good day. The reports & missionaries last yrs. work was interesting. ~~So~~ was sorry I could not hear it all but as I had to see Dr Winston at 11.30 it prevented my being there.

Bro Bryan's talk on Cause was good & interesting by 1 way Bro B. is 40 yrs old today. Bro. Tatum gave us a good treatment tonight on Results in mission work why not greater.

This afternoon I went out to Missionary prayer meeting was surprised to find Mr. Gray & Soochow leading. After exercises I met Mr. Fletcher Miss Gary, Miss Anderson & C.I.M. & other friends All 1 which was quite pleasant

Com. on Bible Terms { Tatum, Britton, Lawton

Com. on Natives Salary { Bryan, Mrs Pierce, Miss Kelly

Com. on securing Med. Missionary for Yangchow { Pierce, Bryan, Miss Mackenzie

Com. on Printing Press { Bryan, Lawton, Tatum

Com. on Programme { Lawton, Mrs A.M. Tatum, Miss L.W. Price

Saturday Oct. 19th 1895. Grand Canal

The Conference has come to a close. I staid in Shanghai for two days to do some shopping & to get through copying minutes but more particulary to get Bro. Bryan to come with me to Foochow. On Wednesday evening I had a nice walk around the race-track with Misses Steger & Bohmar of the Southern Methodist church. Bro. B. & myself got on the boat last night. The boatmen roaded four miles out — almost to the Episcopal College then stopped over until a quarter of ten today for the turning & tide. Today I read Mr. J.M. Barrie's "A Window in Thrums". It is pleasant & has some good good practical things in it worth thinking on. We are on the boat now about 40 li fr. Quinsan & it is about 9 o'clock Saturday night

Tuesday Oct 22 Soochow

Sunday in Quinsan was pleasantly spent Bro. Bryan was sick & cd. not go out. Brethren Wu, Lien, & the cook went out to church. Eight other christians were present After 1 preaching we celebrated the Lord's supper. This the first time in my life that I have led in this. It was pleasant to be with those eleven in + little chapel thinking v X whom we trying to follow. In 1 afternoon we had another service Quite a number were out. After t.s I went up on 1 mountain with two v young brethren. They were kind beyond measure. That night Bro. Wu saw a thief come in 1 boat, or rather to 1 door. Wu cried out so + it awoke every one. I think Wu was worse afraid + 1 thief.

Yesterday morning we left Quinsan at 6 oclok & reached here about 2. Had a good wind. In 1 afternoon & evening Bro. Bryan & the natives held services while I packed up. My stay in Soochow was pleasant beyond description. The old experiences & scenes come up before me quite vividly. One thing to make t.m come up even more vividly t.an t.y otherwise would do is 1 fact + Bro. B. is on 1 track & a lamp + 1 boy stole. It is in 1 shop in front & we have almost gotten 1 man to give it up but he has not yet done so. We have just sent for the "De fong" & shall see what he can do. We have a good wind this morning so I want to get off as soon as possible Bro. B. is sick again. Have not seen any v friends yet.

Wednesday Oct 23rd

Yesterday I was packing up & trying to get a boat. It seemed at one time that I would have to pay $14 or $15 for one but Mr Lin got me one for $10. They say it is quite nice, large & roomy.

In the afternoon I went around to see the friends in Soochow. They were all so kind. It gave me joy to see the friends, shake their hands & look in their bright & happy faces. The Lord has been exceedingly good to me in raising me up so many friends. This morning we hope to get off.

Dr. Wilkinson & wife presented me with a nice medical work

Wednesday afternoon 2 o'clock

The canal was brought in Wednesday yesterday morning Bro B. is a good one to work up such cases.

All my goods are about carried to the boat

It has been no small job for them to get them out of house & I suppose it is harder for them to stow them on a boat. The thought has come to me "How much use would my Saviour want me to be carrying from place to place for this work. How do these natives think of it all. What influence has it upon my work among them. How much of these are lost. Of course to move from place to place these are a source of hinderance but when one is settled down are they not a source of great help. Would not Christ have us use every thing & we can use profitably? When one is surrounded by those who have so little & seem to need so little it causes us to stop & think.

My trip to Shanghai this time will do me a great deal of good. It has made me see more than ever that one must himself stand up for what he believes. The Lord means us to stand if we feel it is for a permanent good & work his love given into our hands. There are some

things in the Chinkiang Mission + all ✓ Shanghai brethren do not approve of + there are some in ✓ Shanghai mission + all ✓ Chinkiang brethren do not approve of. What we must do + what I must earnestly endeavor to do is to have more ✓ love ✓ God, more + love which is long suffering, which does not judge which over-looks ✓ short-comings & faults ✓ good traits in my brethren.

We all seem to be especially impressed with ✓ fact + we must have a more permanent basis ✓ work than we have had. There is a desire to unite ✓ Missions for this purpose. I opposed ✓ union with all ✓ energy + I could on general principals. Mrs Price also opposed it. The rest all seemed to be ready for it if there were no objections.

Since ✓ meeting there is some talk ✓ dividing ✓ work out something like this Shanghai Chinkiang Ossa, days schools & evangelistic work

Soochow evangelistic work. Chinkiang Boarding school work, supplemented with day-school and evangelistic Yangchow Medical work supplemented with itinerating and day school. In any vacant place + ✓ way seems to be opened there is to be passed ✓ work among ✓ women by our single & married lady missionaries. I like this basis ✓ work very much & if we could establish our work on a permanent basis we would go forward & labor with ✓ strength ✓ Lord. I would not give my vote to join simply because I saw no special reasons given when the question arose but knew + it would perhaps prevent our carrying some ✓ our plans ✓ work.

Thursday Oct 24 1895. Wusih.

We left Soochow this morning about half past four and have just reached here, Wusih

at half past seven. Had a strong head wind all day. Today I read the 5th Chapter of Mark over with a teacher and spent the rest of my time writing. The weather has turned right cold. a fire would not be objectionable. I had expected to go up to the Wuxih Missionaries but it is so late & we have so soon in the morning that I expect I had best not do so.

Friday Oct 25th 1895 Tsang Chow

We left Wuxih early this morning - about five o'clock and reached here about half past six. I had hoped that we would get half way to the next walled city by this time but we have not. This city is said to be larger than Wuxih but has less people in it. There is no work being done here that I know of. It is about 60 miles from Soochow & 60 from Chinkiang. It seems that it would be a splendid place to establish a station but at present our Southern Baptists

cannot well hold what we have begun. Today I read Mk 6 with the teacher wrote two letters and read some in Arabian Nights. My head has not felt real well so I spent a good part of my time walking. I am anxious to get to Chinkiang for services on Sunday but I am almost afraid to hope that we will make it. If however we have a favorable wind tomorrow it will be easily made.

Bro Wu is on with me and is quite kind. He seems to be taking interest in giving me names of things &c. It is quite pleasant to have him with me. It is different from when I was alone.

Poh Ting Zoh is a boatman. He is 22 years old & is a Yangchow man. He is good natured & lively, well built and pleasant. He looks on with much interest as I write

Wong is the head boatman. He is 55 yrs & is pleasant. His son is 21 yrs. Is quiet & I

so far as I can see has rather a bad disposition. Chih is the other one on board. He is 31 yrs old. Has sense & is inclined to be a "bluff" but when you know him better is good-natured & kind hearted. Wong Jr. has a little boy 2 yrs. old. There is a girl on board which is the younger sister & concubine of Wong Jr. She is 13 yrs old. The older is 20 yrs. old & is the Mother & child. They are all good-natured & willing to work.

Oct. 26th 1895 Shim Pong

Today we were blessed with a good wind for five or six hours. We passed Da Yang at two o'clock. Reached this place at quarter past six. We started this morning at a little past two o'clock. I find the boatmen a very good set of men.

I was amused at the "Lau Pan" when buying turnips (red) this morning. It was at a time when a wind was blowing splendidly

that he happened to spy the man with the turnips. That however did not seem to trouble him. He lowered the sail went up to the shore and bought about a bushel for 156 cash. The man claimed four cash more as we were pulling off but the old man threw him three & said your scales are not right. They had a little quarrel before a bargain was struck & they started talking at each other. The whole transaction took only seven minutes - a remarkably short time for a Chinaman.

Things worth remembering.

1. Two chinese soldiers going through the streets of Soochow carrying one gun between them. Bro Bryan & myself had a good laugh at them.

2. Soochow when he saw my face burnt with Carbolic acid on both sides said he thought the bed-bugs had been biting me. The acid stopped the itch but the birth marks were

not very pretty. It was Miss Mackenzie's recommendation

3. I woke up hearing a sound like 1 last melodious notes of a donkey. Was surprised to find out + it was myself trying to laugh at a dream I was having.

Monday Oct 28 1895

Yesterday we traveled some so as to get into Chinkiang for our services. We reached there just a short time after they had begun. In the afternoon I heard Bishop Walden preach from 1 Jno 3:2.

1. What we are now 2. What we shall be (1) We do not know (2) But we do know that we shall be.

I had a fine foreign mail yesterday Two letters from home, one from Sis, two from Maggie, one from Bro Britton, one from Mrs Fred Jones, an announcement of Jas I Hendricks marriage to Miss Sadie Manly, a

letter from Res Jno T. Morrison, one from W. B. James one from Walter E. Wilkins and one from Bro Marion Gasseway of Mexica. I also received a nice birthday present viz some pictures taken by Jno. Trump of the dear old home & the loved ones. It is all so natural. Sunday was a pleasant day in Chinkiang.

This morning we left about six oclock. It is now almost twelve. We are nearing Yangchow. I have not been well this morning but shall be careful a few days then hope all will be right.

New duties are upon me now, new experiences before me, The God whom I serve lead me at all times for his glory.

Oct. 31st.

Lets go back a few days.

The evening of Oct 28th we reached Yangchow safe and sound. After getting everything brought up from the boat I paid the "Lao Ban"

the rest of the money that I owed him. We separated very pleasantly. He did not even ask for a cash more than I had given but instead told me where he staid & invited us to call his boat again.

Oct. 29th Bro. Pierce and myself ate an early breakfast then started for Chinkiang to pack away Bro. Chappell's goods so as to rent the house. We reached C. about twelve, went to work that afternoon & got most of Miss Mackenzie's goods moved into one room in the church.

Oct. 30th We worked hard all the morning until three in the afternoon packing Bro. Chappells goods away. Things were just left without any packing at all by our Bro & Sister when they left so it made it much harder on us when packing them up. We rented the house to Mr. Weatherstone for $40 Mex per month

But we will have some repairing done before they can go into it. At half past three we left for Yangchow. At "Santsah hoo" the "tang-tsz" was down across the canal but they readily opened for us. When we reached Yangchow at ten the city gates were locked but they soon let us in.

Today Oct. 31st is my 26th birthday. Just one year ago today I left my native land. How varied have been my experiences since that. The Lord I believe has especially led me in all things. Today Bro. Pierce the teacher Li & myself called on two officials leaving our cards (Li Bro P & myself I noticed the teacher did not have his) with them. They "were out" at both yamens. We simply went to have our cards at the last ones. But we waited to get a favorable motion from the first so that we could begin to build our wall. It is not yet decided