

as to what step to take next.

Today being my twenty sixth birthday I give myself anew to the God to whom my mother presented me twenty six years ago. Where life goes easy or where it goes hard may I be in God's hand following His command.

Nov. 2nd

Today it has been snowing almost the whole day. I had fire, the first time this season. Temperature existed 36°.

Nov 3rd

Sunday

Today we partook in the individual cups at communion services.

I made my first real attempt to make a talk in Chinese at the "Dah ty. hong" this afternoon from Mk. 2:1+2. It was not much. But F.W. Robinson says "no work truly done, no word earnestly spoken, no sacrifice freely made, was not in vain" so I can hope & pray that good may come of it.

Nov 5th Morning

Yesterday Brother Wm. Ma and myself went out to sell tracts & gospels. We sold 17 gospels 14 of Dr. Johns tracts & gave away 91 small tracts. The two Brothers could preach as well as sell. We went to the great market of the Yangchow people. Found it a noisy & crowded place. They pressed hard up on me tried to scare me away then tried to push me out. But I did not "git" as the fellow says.

Bro. Ma has a terrible cough which I fear will be the cause of his death in many years.

Nov 6.

Teacher said yesterday & I know a few days ago was 1 first-time in his life or in 1 life - his parents & China had snow in the Chinese 9th month. This was 1 17th day & 9th month.

We have not begun to build 1 wall yet. Are trying to get a proclamation for 1 official - have not seen him yet. Hope to today.

Nov. 12th 1898 Tuesday
I have been down to Chingmang on a trip for the benefit & church & brethren down there. It is the first evangelistic trip I have taken.

Saturday morning Bro. Yu & myself left about nine o'clock. Reached C about 2. Saw Mr. Weatherstone about the renting & Furness house. He has already rented from the Northern Methodist. I think we can rent later to Mr. Walker & Scottish Bible Society. Mr. Capner says he thinks we can & is exerting himself in our behalf.

I went all through the garret & over two houses to see about what could be done for the crack in the wall. We have decided to bolt it up with large iron rods which will make it strong & safe I think.

Lin Jones will get out & Chappell house in a month's time he said. We may however rent it later.

I led in prayer 22. I attempted to do so for 1st time in Chinese last

Saturday after Miss Mackenzie had practiced some hymns with the boys. On Sunday I

tried to take charge & services as best I could. The Lord was with me I believe & I hope the little done may result in good. Had Chinese services morning & evening. In the evening I did not take part in the exercises except to listen.

In the foreign services Mr. Lipper gave us a good sermon on the Love of God.

Yesterday (Monday) I was working during the morning hours on sewing to the house. Left C. at 3.30 and reached Saⁿ Tsah Hou at 8.30 where I staid until 4.30 this (Tuesday) morning. Reached here at 7.00 just in time for breakfast.

Brought two tons of coal back with me. Had coal 11.00 then 8.25.

Bro. Wu's son Wu Shik Yang went with us.

While down there I staid in the shed room & Chappell. It

was pleasant enough. Dr. Lauseck was in Yangchow while I was away. I am back now & ready for hard work for another two weeks if the Lord be willing when I will go back. Miss Mackenzie was quite unwell. I do not think she ought to go to house keeping & have told her so. It will be too much on her.

The wall to our place was begun yesterday. We have not succeeded in getting a proclamation but we are going to work any way. May the Lord direct us and grant that all shall be done for His glory. I sent off twelve letters week before last & have twelve before one to answer. Mails to read, books to read Chinese to study, Calendars to sell, &c. What a glorious privilege to be allowed to work.

Study. Walks to look at the wall - going on very well. This afternoon & evening writing has taken up my time.

A Chinese man sold.

Talking quietly along about Foochow, Mr. Pierce America distance &c. A man comes up with rabbits "I say to the man I am talking to what do you call those things he has he says 'hou ty' I say 'Are they good?' 'Yes do you all in America have them I said 'yes'. He said 'What do you call them I answered 'we call them rabbits - and like to eat them' all in English. One & numerous listeners said to the Chinaman 'What do they call them?' He put his head down in disgust & said 'I don't know we say 'hou ty' just two characters & they use a whole string of words.' The crowd had a good laugh on him & so did I

Nov 14
The official says he thinks we had best go to the Consul for our Proclamation. What is wrong?

The wall is progressing & no harm has been done yet. Bro Pierce wants to see the Consul tomorrow then the U.S. Consul later if need be.

Letter to Bro. Morrison post. today

Nov 15th Sunday Yangchow

Nov. 15- Bro Pierce went down to Chinkiang to see about a proclamation for our place.

We have not gotten one yet. It is said that all v. middle men except our teacher Li is in the Gamen. The man from whom we bought property has run away & there we felt so as to be security for his returning etc. that in a report to give me. What a real cause is I have no idea.

Nov 16 we went over to see Mr. Suffer here in Yangchow as to some suggestion that we thought he could give us about

the building & wall. We found him very pleasant - this is perhaps the most I have seen of him. He had some tea, cake, candies & brought out & we enjoyed his hospitality up there. We stopped by Mr. Andrews' on our way back. He was out on a trip up the canal. Mr. Gaff was in. He is to leave here in a few weeks to go to Honan to relieve Mr. Taylor. He will go first to Shanghai to meet his wife who has been on a short visit home.

Today Nov. 17 we had the regular S.S. Church chapel & prayer meeting in Chinese & a little prayer-meeting in English. My S.S. class numbered only three today on account of a "May" in the city. - Our day schools are very poor now only about 18 in the two. Mr. Cuffer says they have about 50 in their two & the C. I. M. ladies at South gate say they have about 18 in their one. Our teachers are poor I think.

Nov. 18th

Yesterday Mr. Huffer & Northern Methodist ch.
took dinner here. Schools, payment &
native brethren, buying property were among
the living topics discussed.

The building & wall goes on. At first
"On satz" tried to put black dirt on us
for inside filling but now he is using
red with is much better. We have not
received the proclamation as yet.

Today we had a big calendar selling after
dinner. Bro P. sold 103 Bro Ma sold
113 Bro Wu sold 72 I sold 68.

We have 5000 on hand to sell this year
so will have to exert ourselves on that
line some. I am putting

most of time in on Chinese these days for
I want to be able to stand alone. My
extra time is taken up with current literature
& writing so that at present I am not doing
any outside reading - shame on me!

Nov. 21

Have been hard down at study. Sacred Edict
first chapter was completed today. The duties
of children &c are discussed. Some
good things in it. Am now study-

ing over Baller's Murdering Prince for the
third time. Have complete Mark but
am reading it over again more carefully
for our evening Chinese services.

We are discussing salaries & nations
but have not yet come to a final decision.
The wall goes on well. We are giving
\$7 per square ft. It is 8 ft high.

I expect to leave in the morning for
Chinkiang - I leave on Friday to get the
proclamation which has not yet come.
I hope Misses Mackenzie & Kelly (who
is visiting Miss M.) will come back
the same time next Monday for
a short visit to Mrs. Pierce.
Calendars are being sold slowly.

Nov 22 Chinkiang

Reached here at one. My boat cost 300 cash plus 30 cash for wine money. Have been to see Gen. Jones. He says the matter of proclamation will be attended to. He says a man leaves for Yangchow tomorrow to look into the matter. I found the Gen. much less like the typical pleasant Virginian this time than ever before.

Called this afternoon to see Miss Mackenzie & Kelly. I found it quite pleasant. The house here in Chinkiang is being repaired for Mr. Walker & Scotch Bible Society to live in. My American mail has gone to Yangchow. I possess my soul in patience for a few days.

Nov 24 Sunday

Yesterday Miss White, Kelly, Hillbold

Dr. Toft, Mr. Tong and myself went up on Golden Mountain. The cave, 15 ft in the mt. was a curiosity. The Buddhist priest's worship was something that I had never seen before. Miss Hillbold said it reminded her very much of Roman Catholic worship. After coming back I had a nice walk up the hill with Mr. Gibson. He is no longer in the Customs.

Today we had good services morning & evening. The church was crowded this morning except on the women's side Bro. You preached. He is quite taking in his address.

The foreign S.B. was pleasant. In foreign services Dr. Anderson & C.E.M. preached.

We hope to leave early in the morning for Yangchow. Mr. Kupfer kindly offered their boat but having a load of

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timber &c I did not accept his
offer. The Methodist brethren are
especially kind to us.

Nov. 25th

We left Chinkiang this AM. & reached
him at five. Miss Mackenzie &
Kelly were offered the Methodist house-
boat. It was accepted & thus we
had every thing fixed up real nicely.
Tonight we have been playing Amer-
ican authors. One feels ashamed
of themselves when so ignorant of
history.

The wall is doing very nicely. Our
men are quietly working on.

In Chinkiang the repairs go on.

Nov. 27th

Yesterday Mr. & Mrs. Pierce, Miss Mackenzie
Miss Kelly and myself went over to see the
wall then went to laquer ware shops to

see & buy. In the afternoon the ladies³⁵
accompanied by Bro. Pierce went to the
ten thousand god temple, the Methodist home
and the C. I. M. Home.

Today we all went out in the country &
spent about two hours walking, & riding
on wheel barrows. The country scenery
was refreshing.

This afternoon
the ladies staid in and made candy.
Tonight we went to 'Deh ling's' (the
cook's) marriage. We simply went
into the crowded house, stood while
Bro. Pierce performed the ceremony
& then returned.

The bride was
on her richly draped bed. Had a bridal
hat on, was leaning on the arms of
two women and in all was quite dif-
ferent from our Western customs.

After about a weeks rest I hoped
to get to work at the language in

deed earnest tomorrow. The past week I have scarcely averaged an hour study a day. Miss Kelly is far ahead of me. She knows very much more about the language than I. She makes me ashamed almost when I see how far ahead of me she is. There is no cure but laziness I suppose. I am ready now for another hard year's work. Harder indeed than what I've done.

Nov. 28th

The young ladies left this AM. - Thanks-giving. They had a fine favorable wind. The wall progresses slowly. Then not yet out of custody we want to go to work at the school house soon in our compound. The Lord has been greatly blessing us. Let us continue to trust.

Nov. 30th

Just one year ago tonight we reached Woosung below. The experiences of year are many & life-lastingly impressed.

Yesterday Bro. Pierce with Brother Wu & Ma went in the country to "Kuan Churin San" "Sweet Fountain Mountain" 30 li away to sell calendars & preach. The building & wall goes on slowly. It is about half done.

Today Bro. Pierce was invited around to see the official. He told Bro. P. that he was waiting for orders from Chinkiang.

A fire just to the South of us is just being put out. We were sitting at the supper table talking with Li Sien Sun about the land when the alarm was given. We sprang out & we followed not knowing what had happened until we saw the bright light. We all feared that it would burn our place & so some preparation was made to save goods. Bro. & Sister Pierce were quite excited. They had

quite a number of their things moved. I went down to see the *modus operandi* & *financier*. The water is brought & put into a large tub in the street. Into this the water is poured. The pump is placed into this & with their crude arrangements they pump out & tub. There is no rubber tubing. So the man with the spout has to stand on the tub. Six or eight men, half on one side & half on the other & tub work the pump.

Dec. 1st 1895-

Today is the first anniversary of my arrival in China. It is also the twenty first birthday of my Maggie. We today had the pleasure of seeing three of the natives put on Christ in baptism. What a solemn & important step. They were baptized in the yard in the large tub made for

that purpose. The three baptized were "Ma Su Mo" (13 yrs) & Lin Ling (25 yrs) & Chiu Sien Sun (31 yrs) a teacher out in the country. After the baptism we gathered in the dining room and partook of the Lord's supper. Oh that the Spirit of the living God would come down with all of His quickening power and kindle a flame of sacred love in their hearts. If the natives have Christ in their hearts and begin to tell it out, soon we will have such an outpouring of the Spirit on China that there will not be room to contain the converts. More of the Spirit's power! More of the Spirit's power!! We need it, we must have it!

Dec. 4th

Bro Pien's teacher Li went to Chinkiang on Monday with a letter from Bro. P. to Gen. Jones to get the proclamation but the teacher returned today without it. All is quiet however & we hope no harm will befall us. Bro Wu has been gone

to Chintian for several days to be at the celebration of his mother's 70th birthday.

Sir Nicholas O'Connor the British Minister at Peking has been removed to Russia & before it is his successor not yet appointed.

I had hoped that I would not have to go to Chintian next Sunday but as it is thought best that, I for the sake of Chinese, not to left her when Bro. Pierce is not late home I shall have to go to get out of way. Bro. Pierce will go also. My going will simply be because I must not stay. We are here among these people & I suppose we must conform to some of their ideas. In Soochow Mrs. Britton did not seem to think one minute about this. Bro. B. would go to Quinsan without hesitation.

Dec 7th

We have decided that it will not be the least improper from a Chinese point of view for

me to stay. I proposed that I go down and stay with Bro. Lee or Bro. Ma while Bro. Pierce was away and had decided to do so in order that I could remain here & study & work but Mrs. P. asked Tai Hai about it & she said no one wd. ever think anything of the other arrangement & now it is all well & good. However Bro. P. cannot go today as Bro. Herring & party say they will be with us tomorrow.

Bro. Pierce & myself have begun a little study on Gk. & Hebrew - one hour a week to each.

The work on the wall goes on well. It is raining today & so we have to stop.

Mu Sak Tsu has given in his estimate for the schoolhouse. To raise our doors, blinds & wood & inner wall it will cost besides six hundred & seventy six dollars about three hundred & fifty gold.

The Lord is greatly blessing us. Oh that we would praise the Lord for his goodness & mercy & guidance & protection & blessings!!

Monday Dec. 9th 1895-

Saturday Bro. P. did not go to Chinkiang because looking for Bro. Herring & party. It was quite a bad day & as the party did not come up we decided & he had remained over at C.

Rev. Ferguson who has just joined the British & Foreign Bible Society came in Saturday night & spent yesterday with us. He will stay in the city a few days.

Yesterday morning I received a note from F. J. Hudson saying he was in Yangchow. We went down & found Bro. Herring's party but Bro. H. was not with them. He had gone back to Shanghai ~~for~~ to look after some things that had gone wrong - i.e. some goods that had been bought but which did not come. He expects to catch up with the party today - he rides on a wheel.

In the party are Hudson, Miss Davis, then Miss Johnson & (Miss) Dr. Hill & Northern Presbyterian Board. They spent the day here yesterday & left for their

boats in the afternoon. I went down this morning to see them but they had gone. Mrs. Pierce had proposed for all to stay up here but they said they wanted to get an early start this morning so left yesterday for the boat. One Miss Johnson is a Scotch Presbyterian the other two are Baptists. One was baptized on last Thursday in Chinkiang.

They are daughters of a Scotch banker. Two have been out about four years. They support themselves. The third has just come out. They are going to work in conjunction with the Gospel Mission bath on. This morning is cool but clear. We have been stopped in our work on the wall by the rain but hope to make some headway today.

Dec 10th

Bro. Herring & Bro. Hudson took supper last (Monday) night with us. Bro. Herring looks well & seems thoroughly given to the work. Hudson & the

ladies went only a short distance around the city yesterday & had to wait on the boats which were coming down stream. I felt much for the ladies & tried to get them to take a walk out in the country to vary the mononary but they did not think best.

One & little boy working on our wall was crying yesterday when I went down. I asked him what was the matter he said "I'm cold." I examined & found on his lower limbs he had only a thin pair of pants. His mother & father were both dead. I was moved by the poor little fellows condition brought him back with me. As we reached the stair case he stopped looked at half lighted & w. not follow. My teacher came & invited him in. He came up around good. I gave him a coat, pair of pants & pair of socks & sent him away happy. Oh that we knew how to deal with these poor people around. Poor in this world poor & no hope here after.

DEC 13th

Dec 11 was a red letter day in the history of our mission. Two of our brethren from the homeland Dr. H. Q. Tupper Jr. & Rev. J. M. Wilbur visited us. Dr. R. T. Bryan accompanied them from Shanghai up here. Then reached Chinkiang on Tuesday night, stayed at Mr. Peers & Southern Presbyterian church who wd. (Mrs. Duwall formerly of our mission. Wednesday they came on up here. Reached here at two o'clock. We went over & looked at our land then visited 1 ten thousand gods temple (Wan Jih lin) & bought some lacquer ware. Bro W. N. Ferguson ^{& little son} was here that night also. Yesterday the brethren returned. Bro. Pierce & myself with Bro. Mc. went with them as far as Saⁿ Tsah hou. There we bid

them - good bye & thanked our Father for the great treat which he had given us. Brothman Pierce & Ma & myself then sold some Calendars at a native dinner & walked back home.

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