who seems to be in earnest. May the Holy Spirit guide him.
Today is cloudy & so the War Gang cannot do much work. We began work on the wall between our compound & "Shing Ching Tsih" last Saturday. It will take ten days or more to build it.
Wong Das twins two brothers & another relation came around last Saturday to ask that we place the out house in the North West portion of the yard. after some talk we consented.

Feb. 25th 1896

Bro. Pierce returned yesterday afternoon at four oclock. He found me sick in bed with a terrible headache. If I ever wished for the tender touch of Mother, Sister, Maggie or someone of the fair sex just to put their hands upon my burning head it was yesterday. I even felt that, well shall I say it, I even felt that if the Ahmah was here, (an old woman who has been a member of the church for some years & is now down in Chinkiang with Mrs. Pierce) and would rub it a little it would be eased. But that was not all that I needed, an internal remedy had to be applied, I took a cup of salt water & in a short time began to vomit. after this I was some easier. What brought it all on yesterday morning, was my getting provoked with Wen Dah Tz younger brother, & trying to make him work or leave the place. I carried my point, but I did

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wrong in opening my mouth. I was laid up all day. When I got up last night to undress I almost had a case of vrdigs.

Today Bro. Pierce has not been well. This morning he was out but was quite unwell. This evening he has had to give up. He says he has chilly sensations (I had the same) and says his head is hurting quite much.

Today we sent around to the official to tell him that we want to move this week. We will have to send a letter to him tonight stating the same.

Wm Dah Tey went off this morning with $20.00 we gave him to buy tiles. We look for him back this evening ~~or tomorrows morning~~

March 28th

I can scarcely realize that it has been more than a month since I had this little book in hand writing in it. This month has been one long to be remembered.

To start when I left off. Wm Dah Tey returned and the tiles came on after a while. Bro. Pierce and myself were both sick the rest of the week, eating nothing but still trying to go. On Thursday, I think it was, I had to give up & stay in bed; but Bro. P managed to be up, so he went over to the new house & I staid in bed in the Dar Ting & saw the goods taken from there to carry to the new place. It was thus we moved. It took two days to get everything but our bed things were all moved

the first day. In the evening I dressed and walked over. We kept getting worse & worse. Both of us had fearful headaches. At one time we had two boys, one apiece, putting cold water towels on our heads. It was decided to send for Mrs. Pierce She came Saturday evening.
Sunday we were ready to come to Yangchow but the wind was too great. Monday it was raining but we came through it all & landed at Miss Mackenzies that evening. The boatman carried me on his back from the chair to the boat in Yangchow. When we reached Chinkiang the Dr, (Dr Anderson of the C.I.M.) was called in immediately. He said we had contagious diseases & we ought to

be moved. So the next day Tuesday we were taken over to the large Chappell house - both of us put in one room. Dr. Anderson carried us both up stairs on his back. It was at first thought we had small-pox but in a short time the disease was found to be typhus fever.
Bro R.T. Bryan came ~~down~~ up from Shanghai and staid a week during our worst stages. While here he went up to Yangchow & got Wong Dao Yein's place off of hand. He did a fine piece of work up there in a short time

Miss Bessie Forbes, a Northern Baptist, formerly of the Union but now not connected with any Board came with Bro Bryan to nurse us. She had had small pox & it was thought in

Shanghai that that was what we had. She has certainty done much for us in every way. No one could have been kinder, more thoughtful more obliging, more brave (to stay in this house as she did when we were so sick & no one else but Chinese here) more self sacrificing. She was always so cheerful with it all.

Mr. Kuh, a Chinaman from Shanghai, who had been in the U.S. thirteen years & spoke English well well, also came up. He & Wong, the chapel-keeper, & Dih Liy would keep nights watch while Miss Forbes & a Chinaman & his wife from Miss White's was there in the day. We were both out of our heads for some

time. Bro. Pierce was talking loud & sometimes hollowing at the top of his voice while I lay in a kind of stupor. The Dr. was all that a tender, watchful thoughtful, kind, Christian man could be. We spent many pleasant moments, Bro. P. & myself, laughing about little things that would take place. Since we have begun to grow better we have had many hearty laughs at the table, chiefly about things that Miss Forbes would tell us about as having happened when we were sick. Now we are much better. Thank the Lord. He it is who has raised us up. We are spared a time longer. Oh that we could

work earnestly, as we should, for the spread of this gospel of our Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ. We want him to be in us & around us & about us so that all of our thoughts & words & actions shall be to advance his cause.

Miss Mackenzie has been sick for some time. She has overworked herself. I am glad she is getting better again.

A new missionary this morning about ten oclock arrived — Pierce Jr. Mrs. P. is doing nicely.

April 4th 1896

Another week has gone. How very fast the time goes by. We have been going up on the hill very pretty afternoon

this week. We still eat as if we were starved. Our strength is greatly increased. Oh how good the Lord has been to us in restoring us again to our work. Our lives are truly in His hands. Ought we to keep any part of them for ourselves. Let us try to serve him better & better day by day.

Mrs. Pierce & the little one are doing very nicely. Little Paul Leonidas, for that is his name, has had some pains that have made him cry quite much sometimes — one night Bro. Pierce did not sleep much — but otherwise all is well.

It has been suggested by the Board that Bro. Tatum come to

Chinkiang for a time and while he is here I go to Shanghai to help Bro. Bryan "et al". It has not been decided yet but I hardly think the change will be made.

In my last letter from Maggie she told of having accepted a school about ten miles from home. I hope this will be good for all concerned. I hope Maggies health will improve, & then I hope it may cause her loved ones to become reconciled to her leaving. She is a noble woman - I am not worthy of her but the Lord, I believe, has guided me from the first, & so I can but thank Him. It seems hard that we should have to wait so long sometimes to

see our plans consummated, but what the Lord directs let us not trouble about. This time while I have been in China, I hope has been at least as well used as if I had been married.

Bro. E.Y. Mullins has resigned the position of Assistant Cor. Sec. of the F.M. Board because it is too confining. Cousin Bob is left alone.

Dr. T.P. Bell has resigned the Sec. ship of the S.S. Board & bought out the Christian Index, Atlanta.

Dr. Frost was unanimously elected Sec. of the S.S. Board

The Cuban rebellion continues Gen Campos in charge of the Spanish troops is removed & Gen Weyler, a severer man, put in his place

April 7th, 1896

We are thankful for such good weather so we can go out and get fresh air and some outdoor exercise. Our strength is fast increasing. Truly the Lord has been, and continues to be, good unto us. Mrs. Pierce and Paul Leonidas continue to get on nicely. Miss Mackenzie is better today. She hopes to come back down to her house soon.

Wu S.S. went to Shanghai about two weeks ago. The church down there wanted him as an evangelist. We of this Mission wanted to keep him here but he wanted to move, so we said nothing. May his labors be richly blessed of our Father.

Friday 10th

Mrs. D.W. Herring (nee Miss Rea) was baptized here at Chinkiang this PM at 4 o'clock by her Bro D.W.H. The baptism was quite an impressive one. Miss Rea is from Australia. Has been out at Shanghai a little more than three years. She is a sweet looking lady and pleasant & kind hearted.

Mr. Earle D. Sims is going up to join the Gospel Mission. He has been in the U.S. navy for four years. He is from Mo. & is a school-mate of Stafford, Creek, Gill "et al"

The weather is very warm. Mr. Woodbridge's son says Ther. has been at 90°

Miss Mackenzie came back down to her home today. She, Bro Herring & wife & Mr. Sims took dinner with us today.

Friday 17th "

We have been hoping each day this week to go to Yangchow but the weather has not permitted.

Yesterday Brethren Ferguson & Walker came in from a trip to Taichao, a city 100 li E of Yangchow. Mr. Walker of National Bible Soc of Scotland had been roughly treated there some time ago. So he & Bro Ferguson of the British & Foreign Soc. went there about a week ago to see if they could not have an interview with the official & save other foreigners from harm. When they reached there a large crowd came out & began to throw at their boat & to try to stick through the window with long boat bamboo

poles with sharp irons on the end of it. Mr Walker said the natives were at them for four hours - from 4 to 8 at night. Two or three glasses were broken, doors were damaged, & the boat roughly used. Some of the men were bruised up considerably Ferguson said he was shot through the hand - but they did not remember hearing any gun or pistol shots. Two Frenchmen Catholic priests were also roughly used. One ran to the Yamen & the other jumped into the water where he staid for some time - one hour they say. The foreigner is not yet wanted in China. We are yet "devils" in their eyes.

I completed Dr. J.R. Graves "Forty Years in China" this morning. Good

This whole week has been cloudy and rainy. We have not gone to Yangchow. I have not begun to study yet.

This Mission has asked Shanghai Mission to send one of the young ladies here to stay with Miss Mackenzie. The decision has not yet been reached. Miss M. is now at the C.I.M. for a day or two. She is quite unwell.

We shall soon have a nice quantity of milk. Bro Pierce has two nice cows that have young calves & another one that is not at present milking.

I paid for my new spring suit of clothes today 15.00 Mex.

Tuesday 21st

Three months ago today I came from Yangchow to prepare a

place for Mrs P. & Miss M.

No studying in Chinese at all - not hardly opened a book during that time. Today for the first time since getting over the sickness I tried to study a little with Miss Mackenzie's teacher.

A small foreign mail came in yesterday

April 24

Bro. P. and myself went up to Yangchow yesterday and returned this evening. We found every thing in fairly good order except that the house had not been opened for some time and things were damp and musty.

This morning we were invited to a breakfast given by Wha Lee Sen

the old wood man. He was quite pleasant. The meal was good. I always enjoy a good Chinese meal. This is the first time I've ever been to a regular restaurant?

I moved all of my things down today. Some had been brought before by Ma S.S. when he came for Mrs. Pierce while we were sick. The rest we brought today.

Apr 26th

Today has been a beautiful day. This evening Dr Anderson of the C.S.M. preached us a good searching sermon.

Dr. Anne Walker & Dr. Fearn both Southern Methodists at Soochow were married last Tuesday.

Cousin Birdie Gifford who was

Mrs Robt. Alderman by marriage died a short time ago. She was a sweet young lady. They had been married only a few months. God's ways are not as mans ways.

My foreign mail had nice letters from Miss M. Home, the Misses Kinnard Jno Trump & a postal from R. H. Barrett.

I am hoping to go down to Shanghai next week to the Educational Association

May 2nd

Bro. P. & myself went to Yang chow yesterday & returned today. Found everything in very good order. The school had 10 scholars when we went in. The carpenter has begun on the cow house & servants quarters.

The Anwo was sunk at-

Pheasant Point, loosing harbor day before yesterday. About five foreigners and about 250 Chinese are reported as having drowned. The Newchwang, who ran into her was also badly damaged. Foreign mail is thought to have been on the Onwa.

Messrs Ferguson & Walker & the two Catholic Priests who were all treated so badly at Taichow are all doing fairly well - A ~~tribute~~ the Chinese paid for damages done.

Rain continues. We hope to go to Shanghai next Monday.

May 8th Shanghai.

Bro P. & myself went down to China merchants hulk at 4 o'clock Monday

waited an hour for the steamer, then after her arrival we waited four hours for her to unload. It was the fastest steamer on the river Kiang-Yu, Capt. Knights the officers were kind & pleasant. We reached here at 10 o'clock Tuesday. Came up to Bro. Bryans. Recd. a foreign mail. Letters from Mother, Miss Maggie, Aunt Annie, Aunt Jane & cousin Bob Willingham. The Chipping party at home cleared about 20.00

We are enjoying the Educational Association very much, Drs. Mateer, Faber, Edkins, Parker, Allen, Fryer, Reid & many others are in attendance. I joined them last night. Think I may become a life member which will cost 20.00 Mex.

May 10th Shanghai

Bro. P. went back day-before yesterday. He failed to get his free return ticket before leaving so suppose he had to pay the regular $8.10 fare. Miss Price returned with him to see what could be done for Miss Mackenzie. We hope they will come to Shanghai soon. I stay over a short time to teach Miss Price's classes.

T. J. Leage & wife came down from North China a few days ago. This is their first visit to Shanghai.

I have a cold, but hope it will soon be better. All are so kind & thoughtful here. How sweet to have good friends.

May 11th

Heard a fine sermon last evening from Mr. Bonfield on "Letting Your Light Shine."

This evening led the prayer-meeting. Met young Mr. Lyon and wife after the exercises.

Taught the boys English for Miss Lottie today - She is in Chinkiang. Found them attentive & quick to learn.

May 14th

Wrote home & to Miss Maggie today. Went to call on Miss Forbes, who came down today from Chinkiang. This evening went out to the West Gate, Deacon Woo's chapel, with Bro. Bryan. An American mail came in day before yesterday. Mine went on to C.

The boys are doing nicely in school.