

May 16 on Ste. Gotsung
 I left Shanghai this morning. Came
 down to the steamer last night
 at about 10 o'clock. Bro. B. & T.
 would come down to "see that
 I did not stay in Shanghai". I
 have a nice quantity of fruit
 for Miss Mackenzie from the
 Shanghai brethren. I, like
 Bro. Pierce failed to get a free
 passage back to Chungking.
 That makes the trip cost me
 \$8.40 Mex. more than I had
 expected. I bought
 Giles dic. while in Shanghai.
 It cost me \$33.30 Mex. This
 mission had several copies
 of Williams. But that is
 published in 1870.

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May 18th Chungking 123

I reached here at six o'clock in the
 afternoon. They were not looking for
 me so soon.

Messrs Haden & Little have been
 run out of Kianggin. A child
 was buried in their back yard
 without their knowledge, and
 later on a mob came to
 search for the child. Haden
 said it was a wild cry
 when the crowd found that
 the body was in there. He said
 it was a terrible feeling, but
 what could he say to the accus-
 ing parties except that he
 had not had any hand in
 it & knew not that the child
 was buried there. The whole
 thing is being unraveled - the leader
 of the mob did the burying some days ago.

May 20th

We went up to Yangchow day before yesterday and returned yesterday.

The cow-house and servants quarters are progressing nicely. They are being built by "Tsu Shu" a member of the C. I. M.

Mr. S. had nineteen scholars out yesterday. That does real well for even a special occasion as our presence was to them.

We look for foreign mail today. Miss Mackenzie seems better. Miss Price is not so well - has a headache.

May 23rd Saturday

A foreign mail came yesterday. One letter from dear mother. The last two mails have brought only one

letter each. - What would I do or be without my mother. She grows nearer and dearer to me each day.

I went around to the poor-house a few days ago. One poor man was actually rotting to death. The odor was terrible. He asked

me for money. I tried to tell him of Jesus but how could he listen hungry & worn & ~~there~~ with this terrible pain in such a place. I asked him when his soul was going when he died, he said he did not know.

A poor blind man standing or sitting near said "To Jesus" I told them to believe. The poor man was dead & buried when I went yesterday with the

C. J. M. native Dr. to see him.

I am now going over every day at eleven o'clock to sing & pray with Miss Mackenzie's school boys. The largest one seems to be in earnest about joining the church. May we be directed from above in our dealings with him.

May 20th

Bro Tatum's family expected to leave for Japan yesterday. A letter to Mrs. Pierce from Miss Forbes last night said Mrs. Tatum was very ill - not expected to live. Have not heard whether or not they went to Japan.

Miss Price was asked by the Shanghai Mission to return as soon as possible - which she will be too glad to do. Dr Anderson

says Miss Mackenzie has not yet been able to go to Shanghai.

Miss Mackenzie announced her intention today of putting on the Chinese dress when she returned from Japan. She did not have enough money she said to go to Japan so I have offered to pay her travelling expenses about \$35.00 Mex.

She is like some other people as to taking care of money.

The U.S. Boston is here. Six of the officers & Gun-Boys went out in Mandarin chairs today to see the official.

I am to preach in English here tomorrow - the first time since I've been up here.

We are having Chinese services every other night. I lead one night during the week. Mr. Erickson of the Alliance Mission met with us one night, and added much to the exercises. We hope that we shall even this very summer see some of the fruits of our work - Trust in God.

I have been studying morning and evening (or afternoon rather) for the last week. It has been quite straining sometimes so I did not work much today.

We are having a plenty of milk & butter these days.

The Chinese had the "Dau Train wharf" today. Children

dressed in fantastic costumes jumped high up in the air was the one remarkable thing. It was amusing to see the little boy turning over & over up there in the air. I did not exactly see how he was suspended. It was well done.

Mr. & Mrs. Bear of the Pore Church South went to America via England. They left about two weeks ago.

The Kiang Yie riot (Haden & Little, Southern Pore²¹) has been about settled.

Mr. Woodbridge's family have gone down to Tsang Chao. The opening down there seems to be promising.

June 3rd

a large fire in the city yesterday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock burnt down many Chinese houses.

Last night Li Siu Tsin was received as a candidate for baptism. May he be filled with Gods Holy Spirit.

A U.S. mail today brought a nice letter from Maggie two sweet ones from Mother one from dear old Grand-mother who will be eighty two years old this month and one from my good friend Charles.

I led the ^{Congregational} prayer meeting this evening. Pro 14 chapter was studied. What a beautiful chapter.

Mr. Wickerham of Idaho who is

getting up a directory of China for some business firm is with me tonight.

The "Ou Tien Whay" on the 18th of the 4th Chinese month was a big affair. It is said to have cost \$20,000 Mex. or more. The business men subscribed to it.

June 8th

Bro. Pierce preached at foreign services yesterday. The day was rainy.

Li Siu Tsin was baptized yesterday morning. May he indeed be Gods child.

We were very much surprised to find out that Ling Shong was to be married this P.M. He invited us to have prayer-meeting with him, but it turned out to be a marriage feast. His other wife died about a month ago.

June 15th

Mr. Sydneustriker preached yesterday for Mr. Miss Mackenzie is invited by Miss Moon to go to Chungchow for a time. The St. heartily approves.

I have just completed "Story of the China Inland Mission VOL I by Miss Geraldine Guinness (now Mrs Taylor) It is largely made up of quotations from Mr J Hudson Taylor showing how the work began &c. It is well written, interesting, instructive & inspiring.

Tomorrow Republicans of American nominate in St Louis, Mo. their man for Pres. I think McKinley will be nominated.

June 24th

Mr. McKinley of Ohio has been nominated. For the past week I have enjoyed

part of the time at least the company of Mr & Mrs League & Robert. They left yesterday for Shantung province. Mr.

Crocker is here with us now. He is on his way to Japan for the summer. Mr & Mrs Pierce Ethel & Paul Mr Crocker & myself went out yesterday to a place called "Pah Koan dong" we left just after dinner & got back just before supper.

We have had two mails recently. Miss Maggie has had a severe spell of sickness, but is better now.

The Convention has met and the debt of the Board is reduced to \$20,000.

There is a great deal of talk in the papers now about Dr Whitbitts article in Johnsons Encyclopedia. Some want to put him out of the Seminary.

June 29
Miss Price left last Thursday for Shanghai.
Miss Mackenzie was better at that time but
has gotten much worse since Friday.
The Dr. seemed quite uneasy about her
yesterday.

Bro Crocker left today for Shanghai &
then Japan. He stayed one week in
Chinkiang. His stay was quite
pleasant to me. He preached a good
sermon for us yesterday at English
services.

Mr. Haden took dinner here Saturday
then went on to Kwai Yip that night
to see if the report, that the Chinese
grack who was at the head of the
riot, was true as to his being dead.

Thermometer registered 89° they
said on yesterday.

I read two chapters a day in the
Bible in Chinese & wrote 111 characters

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in the copy book. Am not studying
much. The nightly services in
the chapel are well attended.
We have not heard from Mrs Paton
since ~~the~~ St. left Kobe. She was
very sick at that time.

July 4th 1896

All is quiet today - we are free.
Weather is warm 88° . Miss M. is
improving. Had a good meeting
in chapel last evening. I conduct
exercises every Friday. I am
to conduct exercises (English) at the
C.I.M. tomorrow.

July 7th

Preached on Prayer Sunday at C.I.M. & enjoyed
the services.

Miss Mackenzie left yesterday for Shanghai.
Dr. & Mrs. Anderson both went with her.
Bro Price & Dr. put her on the boat. She

was not able to walk.

Have just read "How I became a Christian" by a Heathen (Japane^{se}) Convert. There is not much in there that would make a Christian feel proud of being a member of Christendom instead of Heathendom, but there is more truth than poetry in what he says.

Thermometer registered 91°. Its coolest today.

July 12

We have been having cool weather for the past five days. Ther. 72°.

Miss Mackenzie reached Shanghai safely & was doing nicely when last heard from.

I believe she has decided to go to Japan.

I am sorry if this for the Dr. is in favor of her going to North China.

Our "letter of credit" has not yet come from the U.S. We are "strapped." Hope it will come in on tomorrow's mail. Bro. Pierce & myself went to Yangchow

day-before yesterday & returned yesterday. We went to see that some little work around the house was attended to. The servants' houses & the cow house are completed and make a very nice appearance. The two cost (\$200) Mex. about \$125 gold.

A boy working on the house here in Chinkiang fell from the eaves yesterday down to the ground about 25 ft. He was knocked senseless. One eye may be blinded. It is a wonder it did not kill him.

Another large fire in the city last night, just about where the last one was. How sad to see it all taken from them. But God knows & does what is best.

July 17th 1896
 By the help of the Lord I have about gotten
 my health in a fairly good condition
 as compared to what it was some
 years ago. Many were the struggles
 that I had to overcome, to constrain
 myself to eat simply that which I
 knew was best for me. If I had not
 so energetically kept up the fight I
 know my health would have been
 ruined. It has taken years to accom-
 plish this but thanks be unto God it
 is about accomplished. And now
 I blush to acknowledge that I have
 another terrible enemy to overcome.
 It is eating my life away. For years I
 have been carrying on a small war-
 fare with it. But oh I shudder to
 think of how I have been overcome.
 The question is now, and has been

for some years the problem of my life.
 I fight & pray & watch but oh how
 weak I am. I see though that the
 time has now come for a more determined
 warfare. The fight is to be a life or
 death one. I go into it quaking but
 hoping to conquer through God's strength.
 There is to be no mincing of matters.
 The devil has to be put down, tram-
 pled to death, forever cast out, a
 complete victory gained. With
 the help of the Lord I shall win.
 Get thee behind me Satan, be
 off! Let not your heinous image
 again haunt my mind. Would
 you sap the life blood out of me?
 Be it known to you, Evil one,
 that from this day the fight is
 to be unto death - yours or mine

July 21st 1896
 Mr. Bryan & family left last Friday for Japan. Crocker is to board with them at Fushikori. Miss Price & Mackenzie hope to go this week to Nagasaki. The latter is some better. A letter from James yesterday counts as if he is somewhat thinking of staying in the home-land. He says he can't come this year on account of the debt.

Dear Maggie is some better but is still sick. I pray for her day by day and shall continue to wait and pray. The Lord is doing all this as a schooling for us both. It is hard at times but the Lord knows best what we need.

No "letter of credit" has yet come. It is inconveniencing us no little.

July 28th Sunday Morning
 It's raining this morning. All is dark & dismal looking without but within I have a sweet restfulness in God's abiding presence. I feel some stronger within but how near I must stay to my Savior. I have just read "Annals of the Poor" by Leigh Richmond. These stories "The dairy maids Daughter", "A Negro Servant" & "The young Cottager". The Isle of Wight, 22 miles long and 13 miles broad, is where Mr. Richmond meet these three poor people. The stories are all more or less touching. I think I like "The young Cottager" best.

A letter from Miss Mackenzie to Bro. Price states that they have bought their tickets for Nagasaki. She is much stronger. May the Lord direct her in what.

she shall do. I hate to think of her coming back here to help house by herself.

We are now having the iron rods put up in Mr. Walker's house. The whole will cost about \$60.00 Mex. & I do not think it can do much good but it will perhaps make those who live in it feel safer.

Dr. Henry Woods wife & four children are here in Miss Mackenzie's house on their way to Shanghai. It is a nice family.

Li Sien Teien came in and had a nice long talk with me a few days ago. I am sorry for the dear boy. His father is an opium smoker & his mother is dead. He stays with his uncle, who says Li must now go to work & leave his house

Li Sien Teien not having anything special to do on Sunday afternoon wanted to know of me if it would be wrong to sell calendars. It looked at first blush that it was the very thing to do, but we talked it over, and decided that it would be best not to do so.

Dr. Woods and family took dinner here yesterday. Dr. Anderson, wife & Miss Arden took supper here last night.

We had a game of Bible characters. I am certainly very ignorant about things in the O.T. It is indeed a shame on me who have had so many advantages to be thus ignorant. And then how can I see how God will deal with me unless I know how he has dealt with his children of old. From this day I hope to begin to study my Bible more closely.