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Mr. R. J. Walker of the Scotch Bible Society returned after one months trip to the N.E. He had good sales and reports the people friendly.

Mr. Thos Hutton is getting settled down now He preached for us in English last Sunday PM. Mr. Walker preached for us in Chinese in the morning. I am now boarding at Mr. Walker's at twenty dollars a month. My study is over there and my sleeping apartments here.

Mr & Mrs Pierce went back up to Yangchow last Saturday. Miss Mackenzie is still in a very low state of health. She may go home after Christmas. The painting &c goes on fairly well. There will be about one hundred dollars Mex. expended on this place - two large houses and chapel. My cold seems to be some better now I am glad to say.

Dec. 12th Saturday Yangchow Voij. # 3

My head has been troubling me considerbly for the last four or five days so I thought I would come up here to see if a change would not help it. I reached here last night about seven. Today Mr. Pierce and myself went out to Chu Gzao Jih a place about twenty li S.E. of Y. We sold a few calendars and tracts. We found the people friendly as a whole. My head has been hurting all day but I have not had to stop on account of it. I hope I shall not have to stop studying but let the Lords will be done even thought it may bury every aspiration that I have.

Miss Mackenzie was some better yesterday when I left. Let patience have its perfect work.

Dec. 14th " 1896

I returned today from G. I hope I shall now go to work more systematically than I have been able to do for the last month or more. I find that the first thing I must do is to learn how to take care of myself. My cold is terrible - I think that is not too strong a word. For more than two weeks I have had it and still it holds on. Dr. Anderson has been keeping me taking an chloresin preparation. May I learn the lesson that should be learned from this very unpleasant experience. I believe I could have averted it if I had only had common sense enough to act up to my better judgment. I am sorry Dr. Anderson is down with fever. Miss Mackenzie is still sick in bed. Let us do with our might what our hands find to do & withal be happy under all circumstances

Dec 16th " 1896

I have just had a very painful experience. We took a young boy Li Shien Tsun of March 1st '96 to '48 " '79 sixteen years old into the church some six months ago. I was in favor of it at the time or rather saw no special objections to it and as our sister Miss. M. was so much in favor of it Bro. Pierce did not object. Miss Forbes has been supporting the boy at school at Mr. Kupfer's. I find out from my house boy that they have both been in sin, the older one apparently doing the leading. The boys have been defiling themselves with one another and have also brought in one of the little girls from the school. We see that we are. Sin fix we are born in sin & the only way out of it is to look to X for strength. Wile man that I am who shall deliver me from the body of this death But some lessons from this - may we

not learn them?
First. Boys & girls are not to go to school together for some time yet. It puts temptations in their way that are very hard to resist. "Bear ye one another's burdens & so fulfil the law of christ."
Second. Keep them employed - keep them busy some way. I am inclined to be negligent about meeting with them singing, praying, talking and reading the Bible together. Be not afraid to keep them occupied somehow. My work should be to keep them on the move. What can be done for some meetings at nights with the servants? And may God help us.

Dr. Jno. A. Anderson is down with typhoid fever. Miss Mackenzie seems to be improving. She is not yet up. Mrs Sydenstricker is not very well today.

Mr Killie & wife are here from up the canal. They are going on to America via Europe. Mr. K. is suffering very much with his head & all the M. D's advise him to go on home.

Bishop Joyce & wife came in last evening & leave today for Szchuan Province where they will spend the Winter.

Another fire is now burning in the city This is the third this year.

Dec. 22nd.

Dr. Jno. A. Anderson is down with typhoid fever. His wife & sister are with him besides some nurses.

Miss Mackenzie was over here at Mr. Walkers today. She looks much better

no foreign services last Sunday because of the bad weather.

I have or am now having a door opened between these two houses on the upper verandah. It will be much more convenient for me and I hope will cure my cold which by the way is still troubling me. Ling Shong is in a bad fix with his foot. I brought his case before the native prayer meeting tonight & told them that they should help him. It fell like a bomb shell. Why should not the foreigner do it as they had all been doing in days gone bye. May this be a step towards a higher life among them.

Li Sien Tsien has been stopped from school and sent home for two months because of a terrible offence that he committed. May the Lord cause him to see his mistake and bring him back purified and more willing to hear the advice of older ones.

Dec 26th 1896

Another Christmas, my third one has been spent in China. The first in Soochow second in Yangchow, & third here in Chinkiang. (fourth in Yangchow) Yesterday we had the church of England services in our chapel conducted by Rev. C.T. Kupfer of the Methodist Mission. I took dinner up at the Kupfers. There were at the table, Rev & Mrs Kupfer, Rev & Mrs Wright, Dr. Hoag, Dr. Pott, Miss Hilbold Miss Dauer, Miss Emory, Miss Rouse from Soochow Little Edith Kupfer & myself. The dinner was a very nice one and the day was pleasantly

spirit. At four in the afternoon I had a meeting in the chapel for the Chinese school children. Gave each a package of candy &c, a handkerchief & a picture. Today there were nineteen out at ~~service~~ school.

In the evening I took a second dinner here at Rev Walkers. There were present Mr Walker from England Mrs Walker from Scotland, Mr Wilson Scotch, Miss Hilbold Hollander (or German I don't know which) Miss Hammeris & Miss Arpeannon? both from Finland & myself American. The Finish ladies gave us some songs in Finish. Miss Hilbold entertained us with the violin & Mrs Walker with the organ. Later we all sung some religious hymns while Miss Arpeannon? played. The whole day was quite pleasant and I hope it was profitably spent. Today it has clouded up some.

Miss Mackenzie is steadily improving. How thankful we would be to hear her able to enter the work again.

Dr. Anderson is still very low with the typhoid fever. I feel that he will rally through it. Let us not forget to pray very earnestly in his behalf.

Dec 31st 1896

A nice American mail in yesterday and another one today. The Walkers had a nice tree this P.M. for the children. They were very sorry that the Wilson boys did not get here from Yangchow. Miss Mackenzie is improving. Dr. Anderson is a little better and we hope is now on the

way to recovery.

And now we come to the close of 1896. Another year is past & gone. A varied, a curious year it has been. Dark spots & bright ones. Blighted hopes & unexpected blessing. Joys & sorrows. Has the year been a successful one? Who knows! Surely I should be nearer my God. I should be more determined to give myself wholly & unreservedly to those who know not Christ. I should see what a very weak mortal I am physically, mentally & spiritually oh so weak!! But thanks to our Father there is a desire to know more & do more. May I learn to rest in Him. To give myself wholly into his hands not saying "Father this way suits me better" but "Father thy will be done" & may God help us to the end. Amen

Jan. 4th 1897

The new Year has been begun in earnest. There is much to do on every hand. Men & women are starving for bread & clothes - but ten thousand times worse they are starving for the Bread of Life. Let us go forth sowing precious seed. The harvest will come. Onward is the Lords command. Forgetting the things that are behind.

Mrs Pierce is sick. Mr. P. & myself could not go to Shanghai as we had expected. The Buddhist priest stays around. He is trying to get some work to do.

Ling Shong seems to be in a sad condition. Let us work & pray

1st trip to Shanghai in 1897

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Jan. 8th

I left Chinkiang last night at 5.20 p am
now 11 am not far from Shanghai on the S.S.
"Chang-on" which translated means the
"Ever faithful" I have some Chinese
passage & have eaten the lunch that
Mrs Walker gave me with some of the
Chinese "chow". Expenses so far
getting to steamer 20¢. Ticket to Shanghai
$2.20 extra for coolie 10¢ ... Of course
it is not as nice as foreign passage
but its very good. I look for Bro. Pierce
to come on in a day or two. I shall
try to let this trip to Shanghai be the
most helpful one I ever spent. May
the Lord direct me in all things.
Was thinking of staying at Mr Evans
until Monday but don't know yet.

Jan. 11th Shanghai.

I have been here three days. The change
has be a pleasant & I hope a profitable
one. Bro. Pierce has not come down
so will perhaps put off our meetings
until later in the year.
They have commenced a girls boarding
school here over in the servants
quarters of the ladies house. I
hope it shall be a success. The
English being taught I do not heartily
approve but may it prove a success
under God, and a means of uplifting
these poor down trodden women.
It is encouraging to see the
work in other stations. I hope
I shall be able to go more
heartily into the work than ever
before when I reach Chinkiang.

Jan. 15th S.S. "Tehsing"

Bro Pierce was detained about a day and a half on his way down to Shanghai by the heavy fogs. He stayed only one day in S. We are now steaming to Chinkiang. Miss Forbes is going up to Yangchow to pay Mrs Pierce a visit. Our mission meeting was not very long, but we formed ourselves into a united mission - joining Chinkiang & Shanghai Mission. My visit has been a pleasant one. I feel better and more able to go to work for the Lord.

This year I want to add to 1st. My Spiritual Man
2nd " " Physical " "
3rd " " Mental "
The latter cannot be with out correct
attention to the other two

Jan 19th

Saturday Mr. Pierce & Miss Forbes got off to Yangchow. A little child Kristian Jensen the son of a man from Denmark died that morning & I was asked to funeralize it. I read from the Methodist discipline & made a few remarks such as I thought suited the occasion.

Nu bing what my boy 12 yrs old has run away because Mr. Walker caught him stealing.

Sunday I preached in English. At night I opened for Chinese service. Only four out. We are speaking of opening a girls school here. May the Lord direct us.

The weather is quite cold at present. Cecil & Theodore Wilson will likely leave us tomorrow for school in Chefoo. They are nice boys

Jan. 22nd "

Time is gliding swiftly away. Am we making any progress in the world? who can say no. If day by day I see myself & the world lost without Christ- am I not making advancement?

Ysterday & today I have been out more than usual selling Calendars, tracts &c This I must do more of each day else I will not be able to stay in China My head gives me a great deal of trouble. My mail & indoor work accumulates but I must know that without health I am more of a burden than otherwise. May I learn the lessons day by day that my Father would teach me.

"Eastern China Greetings" sent off today

Jan. 28th "

A young man named Wong from Pekin has been coming in quite frequently to ask about the doctrine. The Buddhist Priest still comes. The Ling Wha has been found & his grand-mother is bringing up the lost articles.

I have been selling some calendars these few days before the new year. Mr. Wong. S S & myself sold one hundred ysterday morning.

Dr. Henry Woods went on up the Canal ysterday. He has been down here to see about a disturbance that has taken place at their station.

Jan. 31st "

I have been selling calendars for one or two days with a young man named Wong from Pekin. We sold 200 together on yesterday. The streets are crowded with country people. Money is hard to get today. Foo Chong & the bank both refused to let one have any as they are settling accounts.

I got through reading Wm. Kelly's commentary on Ephesians last night. I enjoyed it & find it throws light on many subjects.

The Local Post will be done away with next Tuesday, the first of the Chinese new Year and the Imperial Post will be opened. Charges will be much higher than L.P.

Feb. 1st "

Today is the last of the Chinese 22nd " year. I am just back from the "Beggars home" where we gave out the money collected in two hundred cash packages instead of having the so called feast. Those who received were some of them hale, hearty looking fellows but it was the best I could do under the circumstances. The collection all told amounted to twelve dollars.

Tonight is windy & rainy. Our Chinese week of Prayer commences tomorrow instead of Sunday as the program has it.

The policeman came in for his present this morning. I stopped him short by asking what he had brought for me. He went back & brought some oranges but I did not take them. I did not give him the money this time.