

Feb. 12th

In our Chinese services yesterday
Liang S.S. Sr. gave us a good Bible
sermon. We must not look on
the dark side of this work. It is
the Lords & it must succeed. If
we will only wait on the Lord
then all will be well. Our
church members are so careless &
indifferent but let us look to God
& work with all our soul.

Feb 8th

Last weeks prayer-meetings for the
Chinese were a success. Even the first
day of the New Year our chapel was full.
The Imperial Chinese P.O. opens on the
first of this year. The Local Officials (ma-
tior) went on a strike but they are
coming around now.

Day before yesterday Tang S.S. came over &
said he was afraid to stay in the native city
where Mr. Sydenstricker, the Presbyterian missionary
had put him, as the old gate keeper was jealous
& had threatened him in many ways. Tang
asked that we let him stay here. I went
over to see Mr. S. & found that the gate-
keeper "Lao Tzur" was a Bragadocio kind
of man & would do nothing. Tang was
after prayer & talks with him persuaded
to remain.

The new Imperial P.O. run by the Customs,
is just getting opened up. Much con-
fusion is occasioned by the native
posts refusing to work along with the
Customs P.O. All of the interior points
are closed. We are in hopes it will
be settled soon. All were glad

yesterday that foreign mails extra local stamp would be dispensed with. Just one week of the extra charge was sufficient to satisfy them that it was not lost. This is a great induction.

Mr. Walker went up to Yangchow on Tuesday & expects to return today or tomorrow.

Miss Maggie Reid of the C.I.M. an Irish lady from New Zealand has been staying with Mrs. Walker since she left. It has been a treat to have her in the house. She is so jolly & sweet tempered. We have been busy preparing for the wedding of Mr. Orr Smith & Miss Allie Ferryman both of the C.I.M. Mr. S. is one of the richest men in the East & has a large estate in Scotland. This is his ~~third~~ wife.

Prayer-meeting English day. Before yesterday was led by Dr. J. L. Anderson. How thankful we all are to see him up again. The meeting was well attended.

Yesterday Mr. S.I. & myself went out to "Tee Bae Dou" about a mile from here to see "Siway Chang" who is suffering from risings on his hand. Poor fellow he joined the church ten years ago, was chapel keeper at one time but seems to have fallen away & now is almost a beggar.

Ling Shong is still in a very bad fix with his leg. Wong Shong our chapel keeper went up to Nan-kin to see about his "estate" of there. His old brother is about to die & leave him with a nice property.

Last night we had a very good meeting in chapel for outsiders. God bless his work.

Feb 15th 1897

This has been a mid-~~letter~~ day. Early this morning Mr. Pierce went over to bid Dr. & Mrs. & Miss Anderson good-bye. Then we went on down to get a boat for him. I bid him good-bye at Mr. Gibson's. He letter is in Shanghai & has asked me to send the Presbyterian & Gospel Mission mails up for him & to forward mails to Shanghai. After getting things straightened at Gibson's - Mr. P. Leving left in the mean time. I went down to China Merchants to buy a ticket - return trip for Miss Forbes but fortunately the fellow charged entirely too much for it so I could not buy. Coming on back dinner was made & I with the children partook of it. Mrs. & Mr. Walker were at the marriage of Mr. Dr. Ewing & Miss Ferryman. The wedding was quiet but was said to be

quite a success. Our boys day school commenced s.c. reopened after the holidays on yesterday. There were twelve out. The girl school opened with Ten S.B. teaching with six present. I have much hopes for the school work & may God bless our efforts.

At five in the afternoon the foreign community gathered, by invitation, at the British Consulate for tea & music. Misses Lay, Weatherstone Tenant, Kupper, Jones Mrs. Weatherstone & Mrs. Probst & Mrs. Nash, Mr. Carles & Mr. Shille all took part in the singing or playing. The music on the mandolins was fine. The piano & conditions were also real good & the violins were sweetest themselves. The refreshments were of the best & tastiest. All came away full of thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Carles & the musicians. Miss Forbes could not go last night as the Kaifung was filled. Dr. Anderson with sister went but very little room for them.

Feb. 22nd

By last-mail I heard of the death of my cousin Ned Wallingham, a young boy about fifteen. There are now only two of uncle John W's family left - ~~Mansie~~ Winborn.

My adopted brother Maner is to be married soon to a Miss Maude Tilton of Savannah Ga. He is about twenty one.

Miss Willie Kelly heard of the death of her father by last mail.

Ling Shong's leg has been taken off by Dr. H. Hart of the Methodist Mission at Wuhu. The old man gets on nicely. May this be the means in God's hand of an awakening in this dead church.

On Friday I had a nice long walk in the country with Mr. Gilmer of the C.I.M. Coming up to a crowd that had been gathered together to see a bear show Mr. G. took the opportunity of telling them of Christ.

Friday night Mr. Walker gave

a magic-lantern exhibition in our Chapel on the Bible. Mr. Gilmer explained. Attendance and attention good. A large number of women were out.

On Saturday I went out to "San Lu Si" - the "Consulate Bluff" as the foreigners call it, with Pien Shong, a young man, unmarried, a tailor who has been a member for some years of this Chinkiang church. We took dinner out there. I was "taken in" when I found that I would be expected to pay one dollar for the right-seeing & the dinner. Not having the money I brought one of the men home with me & gave it him. This was the worst I've been caught so far. Capt Newcomb of the Chik had invited me around to take dinner with him - perhaps this is why I was caught. However I hope the day will prove a season of life unto life. Yesterday - Sunday

1st visit to Yangchow in 1897

Young S.S. of the C.I.M. preached for us. He gave us a sermon on giving. May the Lord use it for His glory. Sunday afternoon Mr. Thupfer gave us a good sermon in the foreign service. Last night we had a nice service for outsiders. "Lao Ling" & the "old Priest" were both there. Oh that the Lord would use us more & more each day to open the eyes of the blind. Thanks be unto Him He is now opening my eyes. Light! Light! Light!!!

Feb 23rd Yangchow

Mr. Thos Hutton & myself left C. this morning at 11 o'clock & came on here to Yangchow. On the road down we had a good opportunity of preaching to those on the boat. Sixty cash, about 39 gold is what it costs one person to come there from C. to Y.

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Feb. 25th

Grand Canal

Yesterday Mr. Hutton, Mr. Pierce & myself went out to "Shu-chin Li Miao" about 30 li from Yangchow. We sold a ~~number~~ of calendars, tracts & gospels. We passed by ~~three~~ large bridges the largest was the "Thousand Happinesses" bridge. When we reached "Shu-chin Li Miao" we took a bowl of "mean" each (18 cash apiece). Then ate some foreign food that Mrs. Pierce had prepared for us. After dinner Mr. Hutton preached to the crowd around - I counted eighty listeners. We then went on into the city selling & telling of Christ. We stopped in at the C.I.M. when we came back & saw Miss Murray. We are on our way back to C. at this time (10 o'clock). Sixty cash each is the price. Our donkeys cost 120 each yesterday - mine 60 as I did not take one going. Fine weather. I am glad to have had the trip.

Feb. 26th

Arose this morning a little late as my head was not real well. Breakfasted, then called on Miss M. Came back & read over S.S. lesson without a teacher. Went over camp & sprayed with the boys - there were only eight out & ten girls. Took a walk up on the hill. Watched the soldiers a time shooting at a target - gathered some crocus flowers the first of the season. Took dinner, read some in Bible which was also done after breakfast, took up Review of Review. Had a long talk with "Poan Shien Young" a man who used to be an inquirer three or four years ^{He later on joined the church} ago. Read some more in R. & R.

At half past four went out for a walk & visited a Chinese school at "Shiao Mar Ter" & found the teacher Mr. Wong quite pleasant. Preached to a number of women who gathered around. Called on "Li Shien Tsun's" grandmother whom I found

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to be quite pleasant. Her grandson Li Shien Tsun has gone up to his home. Went on from there and preached to another crowd, this time of men. I heard "Got down you" today from a rough looking Chinese boy. How sad that they should learn the worst of our English.

Mr. & Mrs. Orr-Ewing are to spend the night here. I am glad I can see more of them. Mr. Graham of the Southern Presbyterian church came down from Chin. Grand pa & reached here today. He will probably preach for us on Sunday - It is my time.

I hope to give more time than I have been doing to the work among the natives. It has been said that "Lawton thinks too much of Lawton" may I not from this time forth begin to think more & more of Christ

March 1st

Day before yesterday I went with Sway Chang out to his home at "Der Ba Dou". They were somewhat surprised to see him so changed. Yesterday, Sunday, he & Mr. Walker and myself went to see Wu S.S.'s mother. We stopped near the "Shien Shau" & preached to about fifty people then went on & saw the old lady. Found her spinning with a number - about five others.

Mr. Walker preached in Chinese for us yesterday & Mr. Graham in English. We expelled Li Shien Tsun from the church yesterday as I thought - but found out afterwards that they had only suspended him. The case must come up again.

Mr. Walker's fine cow had a young calf last night.

We are just back from a pleasant musical & tableaux at Mrs. Matherston. All did their part well.

March 2nd

After the morning devotional reading & breakfast I read the B. in Chinese without a teacher. Then looked over the R. of R. for a time. After dinner I went with "Sway Chang" for a long walk almost up to the north gate of the city & around to the West gate. I learn that there are a good many places where the foreigners have had chapels in days gone by. Has all of that preaching been wasted? Will not God yet move upon this hardened mass?

I went into Miss Hammerin's school outside the West gate. On my way back I went into a ^{place} shop where the poor are housed and cheaply fed.

It is kept up entirely by the natives. Oh how poor these people are. I saw a hut 6x10 ft & 5 ft high with 5 people living in it. We preached to about 40 at one time and to other smaller crowds. Prayer-meeting tonight, 6 o'clock.

March 4th

Yesterday morning Messrs Jas Gibson, M.J. Walker, Jno Anderson M.D. & myself went for a hunt on our island starting at six a.m. & returning at six P.M. Dr. A. killed two birds & I one. Although we did not have any of what the hunter calls luck yet we spent a very pleasant & I hope profitable day.

Ginning

I saw the way ginning cotton was done yesterday for the first time since being in C. Two small wheels one wood about $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter & one iron about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter. A crank for turning either with the hand or the foot & a wooden fly wheel $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft in diameter. The girl put in two or three loads at a time. This plan cleans the seed real well. The lint is not cut up at all.

An Chinese with certain characteristics.

Yesterday when I shot down the dove that I killed - the first one that had been killed during the whole day, the boatman walked up in an indifferent kind of way to pick it up. One of the numerous country cooks on said: "How can shot well how many have they killed today?" Without a moment's thought or concern the boatman in a cool & calm way answered "Twenty odd."

Last night four or five beggars were out at the services. The old priest holds on. Any thing is fast-improving.

Miss Mackenzie has had another severe attack. She is some better now.

Fine weather.
Nice letters from Mother & Maggie day before yesterday.

March 8th

Yanchow

On the 8th Swas Ching & myself went up to Yanchow. Left at 2 P.M. & reached there at 7 P.M. Coming back on Saturday we left at 9 A.M. in a hard rain. Hired a 30¢ boat to Qua Sjur. Early up we walked from L. to Y. 30 odd li i.e. ten or eleven miles.

Yesterday (Sunday) we had hard rains but about three dozen were out at services. Mr. Walker preached. In the morning not so many were out.

At foreign services Mr. Longden, Northern M. from Nankin preached from "Whoever will come after me let him deny himself take up &c". The sermon was good & helpful.

I gave 300 cash this am. to the old Buddhist Priest - it was left over from new year's foreign gifts to poor - He took 50 of them & bought a N.T. & that without any suggestions on my part.

March 14.

We have not yet gotten off as the wind has not been favorable.

Today I gave the old Priest, Trang Tih Guong, \$3.00 Mex about \$1.70 gold to buy him some new clothes & shave. He looks like a different man. We are trying to make some arrangements to get him at work.

Mr. Pierce is with us tonight.

March 15th Chu San Tsan

This morning Miss M. went to Yanchow with Dr. Mrs. A. & Mr. Pierce. She looks very weak. It is hard to tell what she will do.

American & British mail came in before we left. We left C. at about 1½ o'clock and have gotten about 60 li - 20 miles at 9 o'clock & stopped.

March 18th 1897 Return Pany Chow & Wusih
We ran down to "Shao Ho Kien" on the 15th.
On the 16th Mr. Walker was sick on the bed
most of the day. He ate a very little breakfast
and no dinner or supper. That day we
had very good sales at "Lo Si Tai" & "Lo Si
Guan" - the latter place we staid at all night
if we had gotten there sooner we would have had
better sales. We reached "Sun Yu" a
place 27 li above "Yang Yow" yesterday morning
about breakfast time. A big rain came
up. However Mr. W. & some of the natives
made fairly good sales. The rest of the day was
too rainy to sell. Last night it poured
& worse than that - it poured into the boat. The natives
were aroused early - I slept sound but found my bed
wet on one side & at the head. All of this morning
it rained so that we stayed at the South Gate. Pany Chow
we left there at 3 P.M. & are now half way to Wusih.

March 22nd Return Soochow & Karshing
On Friday when we reached Wusih we went
up to see the friends of the Southern Presbyterian
Mission. Mrs. Worth was not well so we did
not see her. Mrs. McGinnis, Mrs. Sykes and
the others insisted on our staying over for
dinner but we wanted to use the good
wind so we left early, sold some books, then
came on board & ate dinner while going.
Left W. at half past one and reached the
Fong Chao, not far from Soochow that
night. Stopped at "Shu Tai Guan" and
bought some smattering for Mrs. Walker.

Saturday morning arrived early in Soochow
After breakfast Mr. Walker & the natives went
out to sell books & tracts for the day. I
finished up some letters then went up
to Bro. F.C. Brittons. They have been back
from America a little more than one

month. It was a treat to see them. Met
Mr & Mrs Park of the Southern Meth. Church there.
Miss Smith of the Southern Pers. is now
boarding there. Having rented the house it
was but natural she should desire to stay.
It is so pleasant to see her there.

Saturday P.M. I went out the "L Men"
out of the North Gate to see Dr. Wilkinson's
new hospital. The walls are built
& one or two small houses. They have
had no little trouble in buying may they
have less in building. Dr. Davis does not
seem to think his time too precious to
stay out there & watch the builders.

Having seen the new place I walked to the
other end of the city, outside the "Foo Men"
to invite Mr. Walker in. We stayed Saturday
night with Bro. Britton. He has been in town
for a few days but is up again. On Sunday

Mr. B. read S.S., Mr. Walker preached & in
the P.M. Tany S.S. preached to outsiders. In
the morning the chapel kept, the blind sister
Mrs. B's two servants Mr. Walker's two col-
porteurs & the foreigners were all that were out.
Faith we must have for this work.

Mr. W. & myself took dinner at Mr. Wilkinson's
Sunday. They are so kind. We did
not stay at that end of town for services
but went to Dr. Park's, had our eyes
examined, heard a good sermon from
Dr. Butrose from 2 Cor. 7 met a
number of friends, Mr. Woodbridge from
Tany Cheo among them, & Mr. Lucas from
Naziang. Then took supper with Mr.
Hearn. Mr. Hance & Mr. Pally were both there.
The evening was pleasant. We came on the
boat about 9 o'clock. Mr. Walker sold
Mr. Patton 500 copies of Dr. John's annotated

Mark & Mr. France about 100 coppers of
tickets. Then were sent over early this
am. Then we left for Hangchow about
six o'clock. We had a good view of the
Concession from the high bridge
which crosses the canal near the S.E.
of the city. Two silk filatures, two
foreign houses a fine road is about
all I could see but near the S.W.,
are others I'm told.

At 11 o'clock today we stopped
& sold at Mr. Grang a walled
small city about 10 miles out
from Soochow. Sold about
700 cash worth. Have just
read one chapter in "Ying Gar Ewa
Daa" It is good so far.

March 25th 1897 "Suh Men Shien"
Tonight we are at the above named walled city
which is half way between Kaching & Hangchow
Yesterday it was raining but we sold very
well. At eleven o'clock Mr. W. & myself
went up to the place where the Southern
Presbyterians are living. At present there are
W. H. Hudson wife, Dr. Venable wife and Mr. Blair.
We spent the day, or rather took dinner, with
Hudson. His two boys George and David
are fine looking little fellows.

The house they now occupy costs \$17.00 Mex
a month. All live there and the medical,
school & preaching work each have a
place in the compound. They have
bought in K. but have only built the wall.
There are ten Christians but all are
connected in some way with the foreigners.
The work is hopeful. After dinner