

Dr. Venable kindly examined Mr. Walker's and my eyes. Dr. Park of Soochow had suggested that perhaps that was what was giving our headaches. My eyes as Dr. P. & Dr. V. both said were scarcely at all affected.

Dr. V. ordered glasses for Mr. W. from America. The examination was tedious & took time.

Hudson & Blaine left just before we did in a foot boat for Ká p'ou to see about a place for the summer. We spent the night on our boat & left this morning worked one hour last night.

Mr. W. & myself are reading Ying Ker Gray's

March 27th Hangchow

We reached here this (Saturday) morning at about eleven o'clock. The steamers are

always going back & forth between here & Shanghai. About six passed us last evening within ~~two~~ hours time. The foreign

concession is advancing. One nice large brick house is almost completed and two others are in course of construction. Two large silk filatures one of which is in operation China is opening. Shall we use the advantage for Christ?

I went into a school of the Southern Presbyterians just now when selling books and found that there were a large number present - 39 enrolled & only one teacher. I hope to see some thing of the foreigners tomorrow.

March 29th Near "Shao San"

Yesterday Sunday we went up to the Southern Presbyterians for morning services. Met Mr. Geo. Hudson on the way. Mr "Sang" a native preacher was in charge at the house. Although the weather was bad a good number of girls and boys and older people also were out.

After services we went in & had a chat with Mr. Painter, a old bachelor who has been out over twenty years.

We took dinner at Mr. Geo. Hudson's where Mr. Franklin boards. Mr. McFail of the Customs service was there for dinner also.

We had a pleasant day but left quite soon to go to Dr. Mains hospital & the Northern Presbyterian Mission.

We walked with Miss Emerson to her afternoon S.S., then went up to see Mr. McFail at the P.O. From there

we took a peep in at Dr. Mains. He was out. Thence we went to call on Mr. Mattox of the Northern Presbyterian church. They were in their S.S. It was a treat to see so many working Christians. Their large chapel was about full. Mr. Garrett of Indiana led the meeting. Mrs. Doolittle had a class. Mr. Hallock a young missionary came over to have a chat with us while the classes were in session. After S.S. we went in the house to see the ladies for a chat.

We then went on back by the Southern Presbyterians to write a note & were very kindly made to stay for tea.

It had been arranged to go with Mr. Painter & Franklin to see the great "Fim Soh San" were a number of pagodas are now going to ~~be~~ ship but hearing that Mr. J. L. Garrett was going to "N Yon" we decided to go

along. Last night we got some things in order after having walked about 10 miles.

This morning it was raining but we made off for Mr. H's & reached there at half past nine having walked about 4 miles. Then we set out for "She Shing" "Western Prosperity" a distance of twenty li, about 7 miles.

Three fourths of this distance we walked. The other 1 li we were crossing the river this made the whole distance walked about 9 English miles today.

At "She Shing" we ate a Chinese dinner then left at 2½ o'clock. Mr. Garratt.

Mr. Walker, Lien F'ai & myself on one boat & about ten native evangelists on another boat going to "Ngor" the the Christian Endeavor

meeting. I hope to see Low Shing in the morning - but there is doubt of it.

March 30th 5 P.M.

We have just crossed the "Diao Gno" river.

The legend of this river is that Miss "Diao Gno" saw her father fall in the water. She plunged in after him to save his life. The two went down but two or three days later the two corpses were seen floating, the girl clasping the father. A beautiful illustration of affection & hence the name of the river "Diao Gno".

We left "Pah Goan" the town on this side the river at about five o'clock. We had some "mean" in one of the shops for dinner.

We are now on a "Yang San Dzi". It is small, we cannot stand up, but since spreading our "Jou Kai's" we are fairly comfortable. We have a boat load of natives in another boat, "Suh" "Lih" 2 "Lau's", Li and others. We are all happy.

Hangchow to Ningpo is 450 li 150 miles
Ningpo to Shanghai about the same

April 1st On Foot Boat
Yesterday was pleasantly & I hope very helpfully spent at "U Ysao" attending the Christian Endeavor Society meetings of the Northern Presbyterian church.

We reached "U Ysao" just before breakfast. Our boat had been run into the night before by another boat coming down a slide. Mr. Garritts food basket was broken & the awning knocked off of the boat but no one was injured.

Our boat had leaked during the night. Mr. G. valise was thoroughly wet on the bottom as were Mr. Walker's bag of tracts, canvas, snow shoes & my rubber boots. But that only seasoned the trip.

When we reached "U Ysao" I went into a native barber shop & had a good shave & face wash. Then we went over to Mr. Shoemaker's boat & had breakfast.

Besides Mr. & Mrs. Shoemaker of Ningpo there were present, Mr. Gar-

rett of Hangchow, Mr. Sweet (Baptist) from Lowshing, Mr. Walker, myself from Chinkiang, Miss Silvers from Shanghai, Mr. Muller (C.D.M.) from Fong Hwa, Mr. Grossman from Louisville, Ky., Mr. Kennedy, Miss Cunningham & two other ladies from Ningpo besides about one hundred & fifty natives. The day was a great treat. I shall long remember the Christian fellowship that was so evident in natives & foreigners.

It was pleasant to meet Mr. Grossman a preacher from the States who is out here to see the work. He is wise in giving enough time to see it well. He was born & reared in Louisville Ky.

Mr. & Mrs. Shoemaker who have been out about the same length of time as myself are a fine couple.

Mr. Sweet & myself had some good talks

as to our work. He was to speak several times during the meeting.

Last night after taking supper with Mr. Kennedy, who came out on the Tacoma the trip before I came, Mr. W. & myself got into a little foot boat & Lin Tai'ai with the baggage got into another. It is now nine o'clock. We are in sight of Ningpo.

We paid \$5.00 for boats & coolies from Hangchow to "N Yea" & \$1.00 for these two foot boats from N Yea to Ningpo.

The distance between Hangchow & Ningpo is about 450 li 150 miles.

Between "She Shing" 80 miles this side of Hangchow & "N Yea" we saw two factories. Of course we see others here in Ningpo. My cold is some better.

April 1st S.S. Pekin

Since writing the above I have spent a very pleasant day. We reached Ningpo some three hours later than we expected to do because our boatmen slept too much through the night. When we reached Mr. Goddard's we were sorry to learn that he had left only a short time, one hour & a half before we arrived. We called at the United Methodist (English) Mission & were told the whereabouts of the different mission houses. We then went on to the S.S. "Pekin" & took dinner after which we called at the C.I.M. & saw Mr. Warner, the single gentleman in charge & Mr. Meadows who came out in 1862. Mr. M. is now stationed in Loowshing. Mr. M. gave us some interesting accounts of his former work & trials, & the opening up of China during these years. He also took us for a

work in the native city (Ningpo).

There are on board some of the church missionaries who are going down to Shanghai for a Conference meeting. Bishop Moule's wife & daughter & nephew are among them. The nephew I have met. He is a genial & interesting conversationalist.

Our ticket costs us \$9.00 Mex. each. We had hoped to go Chinese passage but as it is Butterfield's line that is not allowed. As the sea is rather rough I am glad that we had to come first class.

Capt. Downie & the officers are a pleasant set of men.

May the Lord cause me to gain much good from these three weeks outlying, which although very rainy yet I hope will be a long lasting bright spot in my memory.

2nd time in Shanghai in 97

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April 3rd S.S. "Corso de Vries"

We reached Shanghai yesterday morning at eight o'clock. After transferring of baggage from the "Pekin" to the "Corso" we did some shopping then called on Mrs. Brumpton at the C.I.M. From there we went to take dinner at Bro. Bryan's.

In the afternoon I went around to see T.L. Blalock & wife & the Missionary Home. He thinks he will have to go to America for a short rest - say two years. His wife says she thinks she will remain in China however I hope she will go with him. I felt moved to give them fifty dollars Mexican (\$25.00 gold) to help them on their way. May the Lord use it aright. The Lord knows my purpose was good & my motive was love. They are staying over at Mr. Bryan's for a time. They missed the steamer they wanted to go on. I was so sorry to hear that the Priest

whom we have every reason to hope was a converted man, has died since we left Chinkiang. I have not yet heard the particulars.

I leave with deep feelings of sorrow that Dr. H. H. Harris work on earth has ended. What a strong man & to be taken away so soon!! We are travelling native fare. Our tickets cost \$1.10 Mex. apiece from Shanghai to Chinkiang. We have foreign clothes on & take a lunch with native food.

The Devil came to me last night in a new & unexpected way. The enticing of friends; the sly, concealed, hidden wiles of him who lies with you—who would have looked for such from —!!! "Get thee behind me Satan". "Be thou strong in the Lord & in the power of His might". The Lord have mercy upon many.

During the last six nights I have been ~~travelling~~ sleeping on boats & no two nights on the same one.

Sunday ^{night} at Hangchow on Mr. W.'s house boat
Monday travelling in a Ming's house boat
Tuesday " " a common cattle boat
Wednesday " " foot boat
Thursday " foreign passage on S.S. Pekin
Friday " native " " S.S. Cono de Voies

Our three weeks outing has been on the whole as good as one could expect with such poor weather. I believe it rained every day we were out except the Saturday & Sunday in Soochow & yesterday in Shanghai. Today it is lovely & I hope it may remain so for a time. My cold is some better since the good weather set in.

The girls Anglo-Chinese school in Shanghai has ten pupils & the boys about forty seven.

April 7th

Saturday night we "got off" about 12 o'clock. Sunday I tried to preach my first sermon in Chinese - about fifteen minutes duration. Sunday P.M. I

went out to see Tay Su Ma with Mr. Walker & then went on alone to see Wu S.S.'s mother but she was in Páng Chow. Sunday night the natives took charge in the chapel.

Monday Mr. Walker failed to get off as one steamer was crowded & the other only came in yesterday Tuesday when he & Mr. Pearce went. Mr. Archibald & family were on the "Fai Chü" also on their way home.

Mr. Pierce & family came down yesterday & expect to return to Y. today. He lead prayer-meeting for us. I am

rejoiced to note here that Lien S.S. says he believes. Poan S.S. keeps coming regularly & desires admission. The Lord can & will do the work if we but trust.

Mrs. Walker has dismissed her cook & boy so the cow man is quite busy these few days.

I am having the poor-house - "Cygars home" refitted. Ling Shong is better.

April 9th

The Devil himself got hold of me and he did not let me loose till he carried his devilish purpose. If he saps my life blood how - what - will be left for Christ. People speak to me about being queer & hard-headed. My think I refuse

to eat when I should. It might
also look queer that I do not
go into little civilities but my
passionate nature is devilish
and although I have never yet lain
with a woman yet in my heart,
which the Bible says is just as bad
I have offended. Miserable man
that I am - who shall deliver me
from the body of this death - I know
it is not self. Let Christ
rule! Oh get near to him every
morning early else the devil will
get near to you & hold you for
the day.

I thank the Lord for the company
of some high-toned ones who
put me near to God - the others I
ought to try to point to Christ

and may God at last
have the victory even in the
life of ~~the~~ the vilest of the vile.

April 10th Saturday

We are off for a picnic today.
Miss Mackenzie we are sorry to say
cannot go. I'm sure she is wise in
not attempting the trip.

Dr. Taft & Miss Davenport are joining us.
The rest are Mrs Walker four little
ones & an anna, Mrs. Nash ~~three~~
little ones - this baby stays at home
Miss Martin Mr Gibson & myself. The
day is windy but the sun shines
bright. Miss Davenport & myself
have horses. We hope
the outing will be for our good
as well as pleasure.

April 12

Yesterday was indeed a pleasant day from first to last. Mrs. Walker & her little ones had the Ahmah had three chairs, three benches to each chair. There were eight chairs at one dollar each, then two horses at 60¢ each & 20¢ extra, then two donkeys for servants, then the 25¢ apiece for those in attendance. We reached there at half past eleven & left about half past four. Mrs. Nash, Miss Davenport & Dr. Peft & myself were the only ones who managed to get to the top of the hill.

I saw a pretty deer running across the hills - Mrs. Walker saw a pheasant. I thoroughly enjoyed the day & believe it did me good in more than one way.

Today Sunday our S.S. was well attended & in church we had fairly good attention as I tried to preach to them from Acts 10:20

I am glad to say that the church has at last expelled Li Shien Tein from membership. It has been more than four months since the offence. It's true it was not brought up as a church matter at the very first but it's been before them. It has been much harder work to get him out than it was to get him in. May the Lord grant that it shall be for the good of us all.

My heart was made to bleed today in seeing Ling Shou's shop repaired & the work begun just in front of our chapel. Oh what a hard question this of the observance of the Sabbath is. Truly none but God can direct us in it. May we follow where He leads.

April 13th Grand Canal

After getting my accounts about straightened and writing five short letters & two notes I left, as the dinner bell was ringing, with a nice lunch in my pocket to come up to Yangchow. I left at 1.30 on a small boat costing 350 cash. The other boats had already left so I had to call my own boat. The man after crossing the river called another boat with two men for 200 cash the rest of the way. The first man was Mr. Chao from Hupoh, these others are the Li Brothers of Sao Poh. A chinaman Mr. Dyer of the Customs Service at San Pao Ho was with me a part of the way. We had a talk as to the religion. I have also read through the April Missionary Review on the way. We are nearing the South Gate it is half past six

April 14th "Lien Kia Sih"

Mr. Pierce, Fan S.S., Chin Da, two wheel barrow men & myself left Mr. P's yesterday, Tuesday morning at about nine o'clock. Along the road we sold some tracts and preached to those along the way side or in the inn. Tracts & calendars sold over 200 cash worth. Yesterday about four o'clock we reached this place. The hotel bill is 12 cash apiece for one night's lodging - about 1 cent Mex. or $\frac{1}{2}$ cent Gold. Mr. Pierce & myself had the honor of sleeping on the dining room tables while Fan S.S. had the middle door of the partition taken down for him to sleep on. They all all quite polite & good to us. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Pierce & myself went out to Fan 'Er's about 2 li from here. How very kind they were to us. This morning it is windy & drizzling - what to do?

April 18th Ma Bar Chiao (Pa Shong's)
 We reached here yesterday (Wed.) at about
 three o'clock. There was some trouble
 in finding the road as we came another
 way than that with which Mr. P. was fa-
 miliar, however in due course of time
 we saw some one outside of the school
 house who looked like Foo Shong. He came
 out & saluted us say "Where are you from
 Did you fall down from Heaven?" He
 then led us to his school where
 nine bright boys saluted us. After talking
 a time six or eight outsiders gathered
 & one woman asked us to "burn Jesus"
 We then sang "Jesus loves me" in which
 Jan, Fu, & two or three of the boys joined. It
 did me good to see the attentive looks
 on the boys faces. Then coming up
 we took some food. Mr. P. Jan S.S. and

myself ate twelve eggs, some chicken
 loaf bread & then stopped for supper. At
 supper we ate some "tsoh" & onions with
 the natives - Mr. P. $\frac{1}{2}$ bowl, I $1\frac{1}{2}$ bowl -
 which was very good. Mr. P. took some
 foreign food before retiring. Must we
 always eat foreign food on such trips?
 I'm just out & all the older ones say it
 is not best to eat native. With the help
 of the Lord I'm going to eat as little
 foreign food as possible for to eat with
 them brings us nearer each other.

After supper last night we had a nice
 little meeting - about 20 all told. May
 some Word take root & bear fruit.

Fu's Mother is good to us and all
 are kind to us. Thank the
 Lord for his goodness to us.

April 16th "Chiu Kua Du"

Yesterday we left Tai Shung's at about nine o'clock. I gave his old mother \$1.00 Mex. knowing that it was much more than I should have given for the five of us for three meals and lodging but I was surprised when the others spoke out about it. Later when I explained my position Mr. P. said he was glad I had given it.

Tai Shung joined our party from that place when we reached Ching Han at half past ten we sold some tracts then took our dinner - Mean & Sor Bing's - the dinner for five of us cost 129 cash - about 14 cents Mex - about 7 cents Gold. We all had eaten a plenty & went on until nine last night without anything more.

At Ching Han we had good crowds of listeners. On the road, after passing

the Lake we saw that a foreigner was quite a curiosity so it was proposed that we stop a time & preach. We asked for benches at one of the houses which were quickly brought out. Sitting down we sang the hymn that we sung when crossing the canal - fancy hearing the praises of Jesus sung from a small boat away here in this part of the province - after we had sung I counted fifty people standing about which number was increased by ten or fifteen others coming. The four of us gave each a short talk then left. As we were going we saw a lot of school-children marching in single file at a "double quick" pace to come to hear the doctrine but as another said more truly to see the foreigner

But the poor little ^{expectant} "teachers" were too late the show was over. I felt like going up to let them look at one but it was too far off of the road.

We reached her Chien Sheng's at half past four P.M. We sat & talked to him & his seven school boys until a curious crowd gathered then we took benches out in the yard & began to sing & preach. With a short intermission for talking, instead of preaching, we continued to preach until after nine. When supper was announced at eight Fan S.S. was in the midst of a very interesting & as Mr. P. put it "remarkable meeting". To the request "Come to supper", Fan said with a minute "Mr. Pierce said 'men must live on bread alone'". The meeting

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continued. Mr. Pierce preached quite a long time after we had come in & then Mr. Fan then spoke most effectively for more than one hour. The meeting was a true using of man by the H.S. I thank the Lord for His gift of this Chinese Scholar - a Shui Dair, an old Bachelor fifty one years old. After supper we had to begin to preach again although it was a quarter to ten o'clock - we had to preach because there were many who had not heard before supper - who had never heard in their life. came & said "We want you to preach the doctrine to us so that we can hear." We got off to bed about half past ten feeling that the power of the Gospel was in the greatest that G. could give to man