

Monday May 3rd 1897

Saturday I spent getting things in readiness for Sunday on which day (Sunday) we had a kind experience meeting in the morning then had our communion. In the afternoon I went out to Bro. Rae Dou & had a nice chat with some of the natives. In the evening we had services in the chapel & at the Feggens home. Mr. Sydenstricker kindly took the foreign service. I have asked them to excuse me for the summer as I feel that the strain is too great.

Today Monday I have written Mother, Maggie, Mr. Wan, Bro. Jno. G. Williams & the Baptist Courier.

I have spent all of the afternoon helping Miss Mackenzie get Mrs. Chappell's things fixed for sale all the low letters were turned according to Mrs. C. request. Lessons; Lessons;

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Thursday May 6th 1897.

On yesterday W. N. Crozier came in just about dinner time. I was so pleased to see him. He is off for a trip up in Northern Anhwei. Mr. Hutton left the day before for a visit or rather a trip up to "Sun Tsun". The latter will be off about these weeks. We had prayer-meeting yesterday at Mr. Sydenstricker's. The matter of Mr. Schiele's playing the organ is not satisfactory to all.

I had the pleasure of seeing Dr. & Mrs. Anderson while on their way up ^{to Da Hui Pong} last last night. They both look very well.

Bro. Bryan, Miss Kelly & Bro. Wan came in last night from Shanghai. What a treat to see them all. We had made all of our plans to go up to Yangchow today but the wind ^{prevents}

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Sunday Arr. May 9th Yangchow

Friday was quite a contrast to the previous windy day.

Monday May 10th Chinkiang
Yrs Friday was a beautiful day. Mr. Bryan, Misses Kelly & Mackenzie, Lien Tsai & myself started early for Yangchow. After a pleasant trip of about 6 hours we reached Y. at a little past two.

That afternoon we had a good meeting subject "Holy Spirit". It stirred our hearts. On Saturday we had our business meetings and also some good Bible studies - one in particular where we touched on the Righteousness of God.

Sunday morning Mr. Bryan gave us a good sermon in Chinese in the P.M. I led the prayer meeting. Lien Tsai asked to be taken back into the church. May God indeed lead

and direct him. Our Mission meeting although not largely attended was indeed a joy to me. It was a continuous feast.

This Monday morning I came off after a lunch. The others hope to come tomorrow. I found a nice American mail awaiting me. On Friday just before I left I received eleven letters & today four more. The friends at home i.e. in the home land are so kind to me.

At the Mission meeting I was by a vote requested to take a quiet three months rest away from Chinkiang.

I thank the Mission for such kindness.

Dr. Anderson says if I stay in C. he would advise that I go to work to build my coffin. The Lord direct.

Saturday 15th

The last week has been such a busy one that I have not had much time for keeping up with my diary. Mr.

Bryan, Miss Mackenzie & Miss Kelly came in on Tuesday from Yangchow. Mr B & Miss got off on Wednesday for Shanghai - foreign passage being high price & "Jardine & Matheson" allowing to go native with foreign dress they went (what comes) native thus saving a nice amount of money. Miss Kelly writes Miss Mackenzie that Miss Price has been very sick since they have been up here. It is a case of nerves break down. She is better now.

Mr S.S. did not go with Mr. B. but staid over for Sunday. He is helping Wong Shong in the meetings in the Chapel

every afternoon. Lien Tsai seems to be in real earnest about something either to get a job or to believe the gospel. He would make a crown for Christ - if he would put himself boldly on Christ's side. God lead & direct clearly.

Li Siu Tsun came in last night from Ching King Au. He looks a little thin. He asks for re-admission into the church. God's power can help all to overcome.

I saw Drs. Henry & James Woods last Monday when they were coming from Nankin ^{where they were consulting physicians.} The former has gone on to America by the advice of the doctors to have an abdominal operation performed. His wife & children come up from Shanghai today. They are assisting with Dr Jas. Woods to their work

up to Ching Kiang for. How hard it must have been for Mrs. Woods to see her husband leave with such a dangerous operation to be performed. The Lord can uphold under all circumstances.

Mr. Painter who has been a number of years working in Hangchow under the Southern Presbyterian Board is sitting across the room reading the Chinese Recorder. He being an "old bachelor" we can make him feel somewhat at home.

I have the hearty approval of our mission to go home this summer for — the work's sake. It was a great kindness shown to me which I much appreciate. They moved that I be requested to take a rest somewhere. I perhaps

ought to do so, and the Bryans have heartily invited me up to Chefoo to enjoy a part of Mrs. Seaman's house with them.

As I see my case now I am much better off than I have been. I am learning

- 1st To leave things more in God's hands
- 2nd To live in the world rather than rush thro' it.
- 3rd To know that mission work is varied & that we are not always left to choose what kind we will do.

My share in repairs & building at Soochow Yangchow & Chinkiang have caused me to see a part of mission work that I was not planning to see & that was rather gratifying at first.

Thank God he can cause all things to work together for good to those who love him. Trust, Trust, Trust — is the victory

May 17th

Rain, Rain, Rain - more than there has been in years before so the natives say. The poor farmers are getting terribly worried about the young rice which has not yet sprouted

with the famine in Szechuan and the rains here what will the poor creatures do

And worst of all without a hope in the next world

The Eastern China Livestock were directed today. Also the Yangchow after Miss Mackenzie's name was changed with a type-writer to Chinkiang.

Thank the Lord for work it let us not neglect to thank Him for us

May 19th

Mr. Hutton came back yesterday. He reports a pleasant trip. Thinks the Chinese are getting more used to the foreigner but are not very religious.

Mr. Walker & family left yesterday: i.e. got on the boat last night

On 8th of May 1897

Formosa became Japanese soil. A small riot occurred

in which over one hundred Chinese were killed & an or three Japs.

The population of Japan is increased now by 2 millions people. Some Chinese came back to China rather than become Japs. The transfer was without special events.

Friday May 21st

I am busy with repairing the Walker house. These two houses seem to need repairs all the time. About \$100.⁰⁰ dollars worth of work is to be done here and at the chapel. ^{It took about \$170.⁰⁰} So much building and repairing since Ior turn in China has been wearing on me but when I think how much the Lord has given me for which to thank Him I feel ashamed of even allowing any worry to cross my mind.

I almost decided to go to America for the summer but after earnest prayer for guidance I have come to the conclusion that it will be better to remain on this side of the Atlantic. The Mission have asked me to take a change for the

summer but I have felt that it would not be the best. I am praying that the Lord would direct me.

I have gotten through answering all of my letters. There are twenty copies of the Examiner here that I have not yet looked over.

Also one or two copies of the Baptist Missionary Review, one Review of Reviews one Missionary Recorder. I am getting up with my work little by little.

Perhaps I have taken on me too much paper & periodical reading. I am thinking of stopping the Examiner and have already ordered the Baptist Missionary Review stopped. It is no use to attempt too much.

Bro. Pierce & Fan S.S. spent the night here last night. A letter from Chambers ^{of Shanghai} also one from Dr. J.B. Hartwell who was in Shanghai.

The Queen's 78th Birthday. May 24

With this hand that writes upon this white page I have this day (God alone is merciful) committed one of the most heinous of crimes - a crime that will keep me out of Heaven unless I can so rely on Christ as to be forgiven.

In 1 Cor. 6 I find that an "effeminate" man cannot attain unto the heavenly glory. If I know what "effeminate" means then (Shame on me, damnation pronounced against me!!) I cannot reach Heaven.

To excuse myself I have argued that I was introduced to this devilish device by one of my young cousins when we were boys together & we knew sin better. Then the Devil has said "it's better to go to destruction alone than to involve

another" or again He says: "does not the act of that ^{a friend who helped me} man entitle you to such thoughts" and from the thoughts the Devil goes on with his heinous work until I fall prostrate before him.

May I from this day stay forever & ever a dead man but oh blessed Jesus live thou in me. If Lord Jesus thou dost fight the monster for me then I shall - no! then Thou shalt be victorious but I will be on the side of the Victor instead of being the beaten one.

This 24th day of May 1897 I, with the help of the Lord, bury Wesley W. Lawton the man, hoping to be resurrected a new man with Christ dwelling in me. If the

the devil ever again carries his point
then I will know that Christ does
not live in me. For there is no
temptation given us but that there
is also a way of escape - how? Christ
doing all. And now by the
grace of God, & by his divine heal
you! old Wesley Lawton, whom the devil
this day conquered & will be buried
and a new man in Christ is to
be tenderly nurtured with milk &
strong healthy meat. And unless
God help us when will we awake after
death takes us from this world!!
"All things are possible to him that
believeth." Lord I do believe - but
leave us not to ourselves, no not
for the short space of time of the
twinkling of an eye.
Our supper for the Chinese Christians tonight was good

June 2nd 1897

I can only record a season of mercy since
last I wrote. Things have been going on all
around me as usual yet I have felt that
I am on safer ground than I've ever been.
The devil has not stopped tempting me
nor do I suppose he will ever stop.
But when I can tell him that I am
crucified with Christ, that Christ lives
in me then he has no power over me
for Christ has given him the "black eye"
once for all. I have stopped trying
to fight the devil. He is too much for me
He had me in his arms carrying me to
hell when Jesus came & set me free. The
life that I now live in the flesh I live
by ^{the} faith of the Son of God. Christ in me
is the only hope that I have for glory.

Mrs. W. & the little ones returned on Saturday.

I am still taking my meals at the Huttons - perhaps on for the present. We cannot honor God too much in our hearts & homes. Draw near to him & he will draw near to you.

The repairing goes on fairly well. Painting, calcimining, ~~repainting~~ ^{repainting} tiles on the floor & on the top of the house, gutters & other minor things are what I find myself ^{engaged} repairing. Thank the Lord for work, for strength of mind & body with which to do the work that he has for me to do. Let us be happy in the work that God gives us to do - "Not my will" our Lord said "but thine be done". There is joy in serving in the Lord.

June 9th Wednesday.

The repairing goes on slowly. I have made a great mistake in not going at all of this repairing with more oral joy. If the Lord wants me to do that kind of work why should I not show that it is indeed the Lord's work.

Miss Mackenzie & Miss Von Poseck are about to leave on the Yuen Wo for Shanghai. The former goes to have her teeth filled & the latter for a little change. The weather today is not at all inviting, damp & drizzling.

On last Saturday Mrs. Walker & children, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Martinson from Hangchow, Miss Robinson, Dr. Post, Miss Daever, Miss Mackenzie & myself went to the "Consulate Bluff" & to Silver Island" a pleasant afternoon. I nice mail to greet us when we returned at 8:30 PM.

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June 12th

I had the pleasure last night of meeting Dr. & Mrs. Taylor of the C.I.M. The former is the son of Mr. J. Hudson Taylor the latter was Miss Geraldine Guinness the author of "The Story of the C.I.M." I also met Dr. Gershom Guinness who has just come out as a missionary. They all took supper here at Mrs. Walker's. Mr. Gibson was here. Mr. & Mrs. Hutton came in after we had gotten through with supper.

Today we are off for "The Eight Caves". The party will be Rev. C.F. Kupper, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Walker & her two boys, Mrs. Nash, W. T. Tapp - Miss Daerw.

May the Lord grant that this day shall be spent for His glory.

Repairs are beginning to be wound up. By next Saturday I think all will be over. So glad.

June 15th 1897 Grand Canal

This morning at a quarter of ten o'clock Thos. Hutton Jr. & myself left Chinkiang for a visit to Yangchow. Mr. H., Annie & Willie came down to the boat with us. We have a nice large boat for which I give only 200 cash. I seem so often to strike up with these large boats that are going to Y. or C. & can thus have a good boat for very little money. Tom is pleasant company & so it is nice to have him along with me. There are several Chinese on board. They are polite enough. It makes such a great difference when one can speak the language. I am thinking of asking Bro. & Sister Pierce if it will suit them for me to board with them for one month. If so I will likely go up next Monday. May the Lord direct. I am now reading (C.H.M.) Mr. Mackintosh of the Northern persuasion on the book of Genesis.

Chinese

Ten She Dyi in settling up said: I have bought one hundred more tiles than what we had at first said. One hundred tiles at 100 cash are \$11.00 which you can pay. "But," said I, "I have paid you to put down 100 old ones so you ^{would} owe me \$5.50 of the 11.00" "Oh yes he answered it's only \$5.50 extra that you are to add."

Liuy Shouy's wife borrowed some benches of me about a month ago to put in their tea shop during a busy fast day. When borrowing they said "We only want them for one or two days then we will return." I said nothing the first, second or third week because I wanted to see if they would bring them. They

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did not, so I called & said "How about those benches that you borrowed for two days" "Oh" was the answer, "I am going to have them sent immediately"

The barber came in today & said: "Dr. Jellison has sent for me to cut his hair for him, will you give me a note of introduction (recommendation) to him." "If Dr. J. has called you you do not want a note" "Will you I do he told his Compadore to call me" "Now" I said you know that is not true he did not call you. "Will he answered, "he wants a barber" - "yes I said" & there are a half dozen other barbers in town who would like to cut his hair. I would not have objected to recommending you if you had asked but since you have thus flattered I cannot."

The mason & his helper (Shao Pak Tai) were working in the Hutton's yard. I came up & saw some holly hawks (C. flowers) in Shao Pak Tai's hat which was wrapped up in his coat. I said "If you want any of these flowers say so but do not take them without asking." The boy & man answered "We don't want these flowers they are no use to us." They said I "what has that boy those in his coat for" The boy said "I have only my hat in my coat -" and at the same time tried to show the hat but the flowers appeared first. Where upon he said "These are only some that fell off of the bush we did not pick them" But I said "you don't want these flowers you say then why pick up even those that have

fallen" He looked aside & began to make excuse but I said why do you take what you do not want. He stopped then said "We do want them - but it is only for the children to play with."

June 19th 1897

The house repairs are completed. ^{or} about two months the work has been going on. More than one hundred & fifty dollars has been paid out. I hope to leave for Yungchow on Monday 21st the day before the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. I believe I can celebrate it as well or better there.

The Lord is richly blessing me. I am reading Samuel Rutherford's letters & commentary on Exodus. Have read W. Kelly on the Church. It was suggestive.