

June 25th Yangchow

I left Chinkiang on Monday June 21st, the day before the Diamond Jubilee.

Since being up here I have spent most of my time reading. I began to study Chinese but my head troubled me so that after two days study, one hour a day, I decided that it was best to stop. This was a disappointment, but how thankful I should be that the Father directs & not my poor weak self.

Perhaps I'm reading too much in papers &c but I'll try not to overdo it.

I have come up for one month. The condition of my head this week does not give me much encouragement to hope that the month will be of any benefit to me. All are so kind.

I go to take supper at Mr. Wright's of the Methodist Mission tonight.

June 27th

An American mail came in last night. An invitation comes to W. J. McElloth's wedding to Miss Anna Belle Williams of St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Lulu B. Radford's S.S. class at McElloth's church send me a five dollar cheque & McElloth's marriage is announced.

June 29th Chinkiang

I came yesterday with Mr. Walker King & Hudson. K. H. & myself.

return to Yangchow this morning. They will stay there for a time.

May the Lord greatly bless our time together.

All here in Chinkiang move on as usual.

June 30th 1897 Yangchow

Yesterday we reached here at three o'clock - just in time to go over to the C.I.M. to hear Pastor Stearns. I enjoyed the two talks that he made, one in the afternoon & one in the evening. They were Biblical. After all we must learn to cling to the Bible - to trust more implicitly in its teaching - to doubt less & trust more. The demand of the day among all of those who name the name of Christ is to take the "Word of God" as the Word of God. And may the Lord help us to do His work in His way!

July 2nd 1897

On yesterday morning we four men went over to call at Mr. Wright's of the Methodist Mission. Just before we reached there we met Mrs. W. & Dr. Hoag coming here to call on Mrs. Pierce and Miss Dorsey & Mr. W. going out to buy some lacquer-ware. We turned back after promising to call in the afternoon to "eat black-berris" with them. This we did. Mrs. Pierce & Miss Dorsey going also. The afternoon was pleasant & I hope helpful to us all. We four men stopped on our way back to call on "Pau She Sji" the carpenter & also went through the 10000 god temple. This afternoon the delegation from Mr. Wright's and from here expect to start at Ping San Yang for an afternoon outing. Let us keep the Lord ever before our eyes.

I have been slow in making up my mind to go. I have not wanted to go at all; but my head continues to trouble me & friends insist so I think it best that I do so. I am now looking forward to the visit with more pleasure because I believe it is my duty. May God do great things for us on this trip. We need to keep ever near to Him. Nothing should cause us to leave Him - near to the Lord - that is the place for the child of God.

I did not like to leave Yangchow before the month was out but why stay longer when evidently it was not doing any good.

Wong Shouy Ling & Shouy are both in Yangchow this week studying with Bro. Pierce. Let the Lord lead them. The Word of God is the sword - let us use the sword for King Emmanuel.

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July 10th S.S. "Kiang Su"

King, Hudson & myself left Chinkiang last evening for Shanghai. We saw the "Patong" as she came in, day before yesterday. We were crossing the river with rather a head wind. I took her to be one of "fastline's" line, & so we all prepared to get on her as soon as we landed in Chinkiang. As we got up to the wharf I remembered that the black funnel was "Butterfield's" which line does not allow foreigners to go Chinese passages. The laugh was on me for making such a mistake.

On this steamer we have been told by the Commodore & one of the officers that we must put on native dress but as we had been told differently before leaving we have not yet changed.

American mail reached us yesterday for Yangchow where it had been sent

July 12th Shanghai Missionary's Home
 We reached here Saturday morning about eleven
 o'clock. We found Dr. Noyes of Canton, Dr. Bulcher
 of Hankow, Miss Snowden of Lowshing here. The
 last two left Saturday P.M. for "Belgie" for Japan.
 King & myself would have gone but the prices
 were so high \$36.⁰⁰ Mex. to Nagasaki &
 return. The second class Japanese is
 only \$18.⁰⁰ return ticket.

On
 Saturday P.M. King & myself called on our
 Baptist friends at the "Old North" Gate.
 That evening Dr. Noyes, Mr. Watt of the "B
 F. Bible Society, Hudson King & myself
 went to a meeting at the C.I.M. It was
 so pleasant to meet so many kind friends.
 Miss Walter thought at first I was a
 friend just out from America. Mrs.
 Brumpton & Miss Meadows & others were
 seen. On Sunday morning

we went to hear Mr. Stephens at the Union Church.
 In the afternoon we heard a good sermon
 by Bro Britton at the Masonic Temple, in
 the evening we attended a pleasant meeting
 at the C.I.M. Mr. Pearce speaking.

I am enjoying the rest over here very
 much. I am now reading the
 life of Luther Halsey Gulick written by
 his daughter Frances Gulick Jewett. The
 book is loaned & recommended by Dr. Noyes.
 I am enjoying it.

My life in the Lord is sweeter to
 me day by day. I want to know more
 of God, of His Word. I am thirsting
 more & more for the living God.
 Oh to have my ears attuned to hear
 even a whisper from Him wait
 on the Lord & He shall strengthen
 thy soul Wait I say on the Lord

July 13th

Two things of yesterday I would call special attention to, 1st The prayer-meeting talk by Dr. Muirhead. The old gentleman spoke feelingly & pointedly about the work of missions here in Shanghai. He said the Chinese here were the most indifferent to be found any where. That the foreign element was opposed to the work and that as missionaries we must lead & not drive. The "esprit-de-corps" of the missionaries must be advanced a point.

2nd At the "Seaman's mission"

Last evening I met a young German twenty years old from off the U.S. gunboat "Machias" who had gone to America when 15 yrs old, joined the "navy" at 16 & had been at work among them for 4 yrs. He had seen much of the world - too much he said. He has been converted about one year & is the only Christian on the "Machias".

July 14th Fall of the "Bastille"

All of the French settlement is decorated with lanterns, flags &c "R.F." (Republic of France) is seen on every side.

Shanghai is a wonderful place. I go & sit down on one of those benches in the garden & study. Here are gathered the Britains, French, German, American, Australian, Indian, Turk, African, Japanese Chinese (who though in their own country are not allowed to enter the gardens unless it be an "army", & others from all parts of the world. The thoughtful business man, & the young lady, the mother with her little one & the fair maiden just making her debut. The old, the young, the rich, the poor.

the happy & the miserable, every conceivable kind & quality of mankind is here seen.

Well its a wonderful world that we live in. It is only a God who can create such.

and now you ask "Does God create this mass of humanity & leave them without the light?" Could a just, a wise, a loving God allow all to die who have never heard? — Away from my mind all such questioning. "I

know in whom I have believed & I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him (body soul & all) against that day" I know He has given me a light & I know that it

is only as I reflect this Light that any light will go forth from me. Who

am I to be questioning God's doings. Am I to interfere with the things that belong to my brother when I know nothing about his business relations &c & when he is fully able & capable in every way to run his own affairs — then how much less am I to interfere with what belongs to God. Lord I believe that Thou art & that Thou art a rewarder of those who diligently seek Thee. I long to know thee better Lord — Thy will be done — I bide thy time.

Friends tell me I'm not well & my head says the same. In a multitude of counsels there is much wisdom. I must for Christ's sake take better care of myself. I am my Beloved's & He is mine. Though He slay me yet will I trust in Him.

As I look over my life I see roses
strewn all along the way - I seem
to be going on flowery beds of ease.
No more there when all men speak
well of thee. I thank the Lord for
friends but God grant that I shall
never allow any friendship to come
between that of my Beloved & myself.
Oh what a glorious relation.

King & Hudson returned by Butter-
field tonight to Chickiary. These
two or more weeks that I have been
with them has been pleasant & I do hope
it has strengthened us in the inner man.

Miss Mc Minn from Canton came
in yesterday. She is a pleasant
little lady. She, Miss Kelly, King & Hud-
son have gone out for a ride this P.M.
(Never make engagements for others without a
clear & distinct understanding - this is best)

July 15th At Bro. Bryant's home.
Steamer did not leave last night.
We are getting off now. God be
with us always.

July 17th S.S. "Lien Shing"
We are on one of Jardine & Matheson's
line of steamers bound for Chefoo.
Miss Mc Minn & myself are going
second class which costs \$27 Mex
plus one dollar a day for food, making
the round trip cost us about \$31.⁰⁰
instead of \$48.⁰⁰ Mrs. Bryan goes
foreign because she will have servants
returning & the children also.

The "Sacko Maru" on which was
Miss Kelly, Mr. Evans & family passed us at
2 P.M. while the rain was coming down.
I thought I saw Miss K - I saw Mr. Evans &
Mrs. E. & Joe E. took those I saw to be them.

July 18th Sunday

We are far out from sight of any land this morning. This "Yellow Sea" is not at all yellow, we must be too far from the mouth of the "Yellow River" for any signs to reach us.

The distance from Shanghai to Chefoo is reckoned at 480 Miles.

We left Shanghai at one o'clock on Saturday & expect to reach Chefoo about noon on Monday.

This morning I had a good bath in sea water, ate a hearty breakfast, walked on deck about an hour or more, then read about two hours from Jno McNeill's "The Spirit-Filled Life". I am greatly enjoying this trip. I feel better already. Too much mental work starts my head to aching but as soon as I feel it I stop.

While in Shanghai I

read the "Life of Luther Halsey Gulick" by his daughter Mrs. Jewell. The book was loaned to me by Dr. Hoys. I enjoyed the reading of it very little.

Yesterday before leaving Shanghai I went in two drug stores & two or three other stores looking for some "sherry wine" to complete a mixture that Miss Kelly had gotten from Dr. Prifsmides for me. I could not find it so went into the "Cleveland Hotel" (or Bar-room) on Hongkew.

A woman was behind the counter. Two men & a pretty black-eyed maiden were sitting at a table. As I entered, the men & the girl came forward she saying in reply to my question "Have you any sherry wine?" "Yes dear". One of the men said he was born in Egypt, this young girl said she was born in Venezuela.

the handiwork of God. Those fine, large high hills are made by Him - that is God's work. Ages have rolled by & yet there those hills stand - see what our God can do!! Then in my mind I changed the picture & saw a large house with beautiful walks around (so insignificant as compared to the grand hill) & men surveying it all as "what I have done". Then a village grew in my mind on this hill & men were busy going here & there doing as the wise man says: Rejoicing in the works of his hands." They say to themselves "see what man can do" (so little as compared to what the God had done yet they think it is such a big thing). Again the picture changed & I saw another race of people come along & run away those who had built this pretty city & the conquerors triumphantly walk in & say "see what we have done"; and thus I was meditating when a Chinaman came up & told me that that was "Wai Hai Wai". As to the place itself nothing of the fort could be seen. The Japs are still there 3000 or 4000 strong I am told but nothing was seen of them. They were just behind the hills I'm told. Danger is often just behind a beautiful location.

It's now eleven o'clock. We hope to reach Chifos at 12 or 1

July 21st Chefoo

We reached here yesterday morning at twelve o'clock. We came over & found Dr. & Mrs. Hartwell, Miss Anna Hartwell & the children also Dr. Seymour & wife & two little ones just in the midst of dinner. They made way & room for us. After a nice dinner we had a long rest. Then I took Dr. Hartwell's horse & went for a ride finding Peyton Stephens down at the book-store. I, while sitting on Barney, Dr. H's horse, waited until Stephens looked around. He was standing in the store door holding his horse & talking to the clerk. As he looked toward me I pulled my hat prominently. He did not know who I was but began to bow & scrape, & bob his head around at a tremendous rate. I almost laughed out at the fellow

then spoke to him. We then had a good long ride together. We met Mrs. S. on the beach. Also little Howard Stephens, who is a nice looking little black eyed, black-haired boy was also down there having a romp. Today I have been down to the beach & have been loitering here on the verandah where I have a fine view of the sea (Gulf of Pechili) of the steamers as they come & go, of the little sail boats, & the row boats & of the islands just a little way out. This house, Mrs. Seaman's is beautifully located between the American & German Consulates — we are on the highest coolest & most prominent hill in Chefoo. Thank God for blessings so great. Live dearer & trust hard in Him.

July 22 Thursday (Dr. Corbitts house)

Tuesday night - I came over here with Mr. Peyton Stephens & family of our mission, located at ~~Wangkeim~~ and with Mr. Parch family of the Presbyterian Mission at Chin-nan Fu. They have rented Dr. Cor-

bitts house for the summer. Stephens kindly invited me up & Dr. Hartwell has loaned me his horse, Barney, so that I can ride all I want. I go in

sea bathing every day staying in only a short time. Yesterday I went in with Bro. Bryan's & Dr. Hartwell's children today I went in alone. I do enjoy the sea bathing so much & the horse-back riding is also real good. I am anxious to go out rowing some.

I have met Dr. & Mrs. Seamore &

their two little ones from Tanychow, also Mr. Davies from Chi Nan Fu & Mr. Cornwall of Chyfo - all of the Presbyterian Mission. I hope to meet some of the others soon.

I wrote six notes yesterday which took the place of so many letters.

I am reading a short life of Henry Martyn by Jesse Page. He was quite zealous in India but he does not seem to be always as wise as he was enthusiastic. Take warning, Lawton.

My head is better but still troubles me. I fear that I think of self &c too much. I hope the next mails from home will give me light on a subject that weighs too heavily on my mind.

Why should I think so much of the subject of marriage. Its foolish, is it not?

July 24th Saturday

Yesterday my mail reached me from Churkany. In American papers & my local mail. I have enjoyed the reading.

Yesterday Mr. Stephens & myself went thro the paper cemetery here. We saw among others the grave of Rev. E. E. Durandt (Mrs. Durandt's former husband).

Last afternoon Mr. Cornwall, Messrs Parsh, Mr. Bergen, Miss Vaughan & myself had some garden of flowers. I took supper at Mr. Bergen's.

Today Mr. Geo Parsh & myself had a long ride on the two horses, calling up at Dr. Hartwells.

This afternoon we all went down to the beach, some of us had a swim then we had supper on the beach & after that Mr. Stephens & myself had a nice ride up to the C.I.M. My head is perhaps better.

July 27th 1897 "Sea View Hotel"

These days are very pleasant - filled with manifestations of God's own love as shown through his children.

On Sunday I attended S.S. (Chinese) at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Cornwall was in charge. In the afternoon Mr. Peyton Stephens preached in English at the Union Chapel. I then walked home with Bertie Washbrook who is up at the C.I.M.

I was very sorry to hear from Mr. Mc. Clowen that Cecil & Theodore Wilson's mother had died. She left here with Dr. Wilson about a year or more ago & was expected to return quite soon but God took her away leaving a little infant only two weeks old. God directs & not man.

Yesterday Mr. Stephens & two of the C.I.M. brethren, Mr. Evans & Mr. Pledger, & myself

had a long row out toward the light-house. The rowing was good exercise.

Mr. W.H. Sears came in last night from Pingree. He & myself expect to go around to Dr. Hartwell's tomorrow.

I am here at the "Sea View Hotel" only for a short time paying \$2.50 Mex (\$1.25 Gold) a day.

Mrs. Bryan was almost provoked with me when she heard that I was here. I do appreciate so much the great kindness of all of the dear friends.

Mrs. Bryan gave me a good talk tonight. She said she wanted to see that peculiar look get out of my eyes. I suppose when the pain strikes thro' my head as it often does that my eyes show it then I exert myself to get it corrected.

Is it possible that I am really in a bad condition with my head. So

many friends seem to be concerned about me. One & all urge a complete change & an entire recovery. I am sure that I think too much of self especially about my engagement with Miss Ware - I know it is wrong. It is one of the Devil's ways of up-setting me.

I am thinking of going to Pingree with Sears. Mrs. B. wants me to put it off but as I have about enough of the fuss I think I had better go then come here later if there is time.

I must get nearer my God. The Evil One has not had any power over me for which I thank God; but now I must get complete control of my mind for my health's sake - & to God will be the glory.

July 31st (Mrs. Simmons house on the hill.)
Today is raining, blowing & gloomy outside.
No work is going on in the hospital.

Yesterday & day before I was sick.
Had a bad case of dysentery & was out
about every two hours. I'm much
better today. I think the sickness
is helping my heal.

The C. I. M. girls exercises took
place yesterday afternoon. I was
so sorry I could not attend.

Bro. Bouit is in Chicago for the
Mission Meeting. His family did not
come. Miss Moon did not come, nor
did any of the Randalls.

Dr. Hartwell & wife expect to leave
soon for America on account of
the ill health of the former. He is
in a sad state of health. May God direct
them.

Aug. 6th

Mrs. Sears & the three Randall children left on
Monday night. Misses Hartwell & McManis left
Monday at 3 P.M. for Springfield. Mr. Bond
left on Tuesday for Springfield.

I have been sick now little more
than one week with the dysentery. I am
at present very weak & thin. Dr. Parry of
the C. I. M. is attending me but as yet
has not helped me. I have terrible
pains in the stomach & have to go out about
once an hour - the last two nights
it has been worse than that. Mrs.
Bryan & Mrs. Hartwell are both so kind.
I eat special diet. Dr. Hartwell
is some better today but is still in a
low state of health. Let us take
all sickness as the timely chastening
of a loving Father.