SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL
LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES
Nashville, Tennessee

Oct 26

On Saturday we were busy getting things in order. Sunday was a bright day. Mr. & Mrs. Walker each took classes in S.S. Ida did not attempt to take a class but was at the services. I tried to give the christians a talk from Christs words to Peter "Follow thou me". In the afternoon Ida myself went out to "T'ai Bai Dou". We had several interesting talks with some women. Sunday afternoon in foreign services Dr. Hopper gave us a good sermon on the Christians warfare. Sunday night Liu Shang & Sun Shang (the C.I.M cripple tailor) talked for us in our services for the outside heathen.

Yesterday (Monday) our announcements were sent off. Also our American mail was sent off. In the afternoon Ida myself went up to the Ladies Home She had a talk with Dr. Hoag & I talked with Miss Robinson about "Ju Ing's" betrothal. Last night we had Miss Mackenzie to take supper with us. This is the first time that we had any one with us. The evening was pleasantly & I hope profitably spent. Today (Tuesday) I have been busy moving my study from Mr. Walker's over to this house. It was a good day's work. Tonight our prayer meeting was attended by eight or nine natives, Miss Mackenzie & myself. This is the first time I recall seeing Miss M. at our weekly prayer meeting. I suppose she thought it best not to come before. Ida has been troubled with a bad cold - some better tonight.

Oct. 29th " 1897

On Wednesday I had a door cut in the lower part of Mr. Walker's house between the servants room & the "lumber room". We thought there was an old door shut up but found out differently. The plastering is falling down in Mrs. Hutton's dining room. We took it is to repair it tomorrow & monday price 1,00. The carpenters are still working on our front stairs. The are slow as usual. Mr. Hutton is sick — how weak are the strongest of us are.

Wednesday afternoon we attended prayer-meeting at Dr. Allison's. For supper we had Mr & Mrs Walker. About half past eight Jardine's steamer came in. Mr. Herring wife & child were on it. They were just from Australia where they spent the summer. Mr. Bostick wife & four children were also on board & Miss Aulick from Ky. who is just out. The Herrings staid with Miss Mackenzie. Mr. & Mrs Walker kindly gave sleeping room to the others & also kept Miss Aulick & two of the children. Mr & Mrs. B & two of the little ones were with us. They all got off last night. The baby was quite sick.

Yesterday Ida & myself went up to the temperance meeting at the girls schools. Dr. & Mrs. Baldwin both made talks. They were as pleasant as you could wish.

Ida received a box from America this morning. Dresses, comforts books &c. Her machine is looked for quite soon.

I am to give the Chinese my wedding feast tonight — eighteen to or present. cost $4.50 to Mex about $2.25 gold

Oct. 30th

The feast came off last night. Miss Dinwoody (Mrs. Walker's friend from Corea) came in with Mr. Walker & had a look at us & a taste of some of the different varieties on the table. The total cost was $8.20 Mex.

Today accounts have been settled except Foo Chongs & the plastering in Mr. Hutton's looked after. The front stair case progresses slowly.

Our boat ride to Silver Island this afternoon was done away with on account of press of work & cloudy weather. Ida & myself had a walk around the fort, but we had to hurry back on account of the drizzling rain that came up.

We have both had colds & must be careful not to irritate them.

Nov 2nd 1897

On Oct 31st, my twenty eighth birthday we had an American mail just before we left for S.S. At the Chinese services we had a goodly number at church both morning & evening. In the afternoon Ida & myself went up on the hill to the boys temperance meting. Dr. & Mrs. Baldwin & some of the Chinese took part. In foreign services Dr. Baldwin preached a good sermon for us. Yesterday we got off our home mail then in the afternoon went up to the Ladies Home to call on Miss Howe & others. Last night we sat down & read - about - I believe it was the first time that we have had a night alone here in our little home reading & writing. The Lord is directing us in all

Nov. 6th Shanghai

On Wednesday evening Wong, Poan & Tsu Shong from Chinkiang & Ma S.S. from Yangchow came on to Shanghai. Mr. & Mrs. Pierce expected to come then but the steamer was filled in the Chinese department, so they came with us on Thursday on the "Sual". Mrs & Mrs. Pierce & children the Armah Ida & myself all occupied one large Chinese cabin - it was the best we could do. Our passage was $1.40 each. Miss Mackenzie was with Miss Annerlod of the C.I.M. Bro. Britton & family & Bro Sweet & family are over at the Ladies. The Jubilee took place today. Quite a number were present. Ida & myself had our pictures taken today & have been busy shopping.

Nov. 9th S.S. "Chang On"

On Sunday Bro. Britton preached in Chinese at the Baptist church & in English at the Masonic Temple. On Monday we were as busy as could be through all of the day. The Association enlarged the Home Mission Committee & the School Committee & some other committees of less importance were appointed - (1) Time & place of next meeting (Soochow May 1898) (2) Committee on blanks for making out reports (3) A motion was passed requesting each church to write a monthly letter to each of the other four churches in Central China.

The Home Board appointed Mrs Li to work in Shanghai, salary 5000 cash & Wu S.S. to work in Quinsan salary 10000 cash He has a wife & three children

The school committee increased the salary of Li S.S. & Gnoh S.S. from 10000 to 12000 cash a month & two tutors were allowed the school at two dollars salary each.

Last night Ida & myself left hoping to get Chinese passage rates on this steamer. We came on at ten & so had to take a Chinese berth but had to pay first class passage rates ($20,00) for the two, our passage down cost about $3.30 for the two.

Miss A.R. Crowl is on board, She is just from England & is going to Hanyang in connection with the A.B.M.U.

Nov. 13th, 1897

We have been busy getting our house in order since our return. Mr. & Mrs. Pierce & the children were with us for breakfast on Wednesday. Mr. & Mrs. Wright came in to call a short time on Wednesday.

Yesterday Friday W.N. Crozier came in to dinner with us He is going on up to his work in the upper part of the Province.

I called a teacher today Dzang S.S. for half his time 9 to 12 A.M. at four dollars a month. He is a Chinkiang man. The weather is very fine these days. May the Lord help me to exert myself in every way to honor His great & holy name.

Nov. 19th

On Sunday for dinner & supper we had with us Mr. Drummond, a Canadian of the Northern Presbyterian Mission at Nankin.

On Wednesday we had Mr. Gibson with us. We were planning to have him sooner but all things did not suit.

I am having Mr. Walker's parlors ceiling done over by Tsu She Dzi. The steps progress slowly. The job is not up to what I had expected. How seldom do we get them to do real first class work.

I commenced a class with the native christians & inquirers last night - six were out. May God lead us & help.

Yesterday's mail brought a nice letter from Miss Maggie Wade.

Nov. 19(?) Friday.

Today after breakfast Wong Shong, Ida & myself went across the river & called a barrow for Hong Chao at 60 cash. The crossing cost 16 cash each & coming back we called a small boat for 45 cash. The wheelbarrow man was given 90 cash to come back. Our share of the dinner cost 41 cash. We sold some old S.S. Childs papers at ten cash each which netted us 100 cash. Our account then was Boat 48 + 45 = 93 + Barrow 150 + dinner 41 = 284 - Books sold 100 = 184 cash as the expense for we three (10¢ U.S. gold) The people gave good attention to what we said. May the Lord add His blessing.

Tonight at our Bible class there were Ling, Wong Dzang & Pan and Goh S.S. who is not a member. We are reading Genesis & memorizing the books of our Bible.

Nov. 23rd.

Sunday we had a very good day in the chapel. Ida was with the boys, Sun Su Mo with the women Ling Shong with the native christians & I with the outsiders.

In the afternoon Ida & myself went to Tir Bai Dou. That night Ling Shong & Tsun Shong the C.I.M tailor both spoke in the meeting

Yesterday Ida & myself both wrote to Miss Maggie Ware. I got off a few other letters also.

The weather is fine these days. I feel that I want to get more earnestly at work. I seem to do so little. So much of my time is taken up with self & repairing. "Give diligence to make your calling & election sure." Messrs Walker & Hutton are back. The former is sick as is also Annie Hutton

Nov. 26th. Yangtse River.

We are now going up to "Suh R Way." The wind has been against us all the morning so it appears that we will not reach there before four oclock. I fear Mr. Pierce will have left. Ida Wang Shong & a man named Poan who is to shew us a house are here. We are in hopes we can open up a more regular work in Suh R Way.

Miss Mackenzie returned last night. The steamer reached C at 12 oclock. I did not meet them. A lady came with her as a kind of Mother's help for Mrs. Walker.

Miss Robinson, Dr. Hoag & Dr. Taft took thanksgiving dinner with us yesterday. I am having Mr. Walkers parlor replastered over head. Mr. Walker who has been sick is better Annie H. is about the same

Dec 1st 1897

I want to record my sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for His love & care for me during these my first three years in China. Three years ago today I landed in Shanghai an entire stranger to what was before me but thro' the many changes that have come the Father has shown His love. May my life express the thankfulness that I feel.

Tonight Miss Mackenzie was around for supper. We also had ten of the Chinese to take tea with us - Chinese nicnacs &c. They seemed to enjoy & appreciate the evening. May Christ shine out more & more in all our ways, & dealings with men.

Dec 7th Shim Tong

On last Friday Ida & I went out to Shim Tong & back. Doan Shong went with us. Gah Shong (who is not now in the church) was out there. He & his daughter took dinner with us in the inn. The ride out & back was about 90 li (30 miles) which we made on donkeys. We were both as well as Doan Shong tired on our return but our Bible study that night was interesting & during the night Ida made the last of what she chose to call her "confessions". Love! Love!! Love!!! We must have more & more of it in us & then can we show it to those we do love. We have so much to be thankful for that we ought never to think of anything except those things for which we could return thanks. Dr. Jas. A. Anderson & wife

& wife & the C.J.M sent us a pretty little Japanese table for our bridal present. Rev. W.C. Hooker, C.J.M sent us Mrs. Grace Stott's Twenty six years of Missionary work in China. Mr & Mrs Walker Scotch National Bible Society gave us a pretty Vase set. Mr. Syden-stricker preached for us in Chinese in our Chapel on Yesterday.

Ida is now much concerned as to what her duty on the communion question is. May our heavenly Father direct her & me very plainly.

Miss Forbes from Yangchow spent yesterday with Miss Mackenzie.

Gen A.C Jones U.S Consul here since 1886 is to be replaced by a Mr. Allen of N.Y.

Our native Christians subscribe one dollar per month for the "Home Board" & two foreigners add two more per month.

Dec. 16th "Sub R. Day"

Mr. W.E Crocker & Mr L.H. Pierce were in Chinkiang this first of the week. The former is gone on to Shanghai to buy his ticket for America. Mr. Pierce went on back to Yangchow on his new wheel. Tonight I am at this place (as above) with Poan Shong. We left after dinner & reached here about five. Ida did not come as her cold was troubling her. There are more of we gentlemen at home now. Mrs H & wife & Tom went to Shanghai yesterday. Mr. Walker & his two oldest boys left for Yangchow today. We had a good opportunity of talking while coming up. From C to Q 32 cash & then on here 60 cash was what it cost both of us or ten two

Dec. 25th

Yesterday we had a good number out at our services in the morning. I spoke from Jno. 14:3. In the afternoon Ida & I were reading "The Coming of the King" a poem by Richard Hayes McCartney

DEC. 26th 1897 on the Canal

We enjoyed the reading of the above poem. We gave Mr. & Mrs. Pierce a copy of it for Christmas.

Yesterday Ida & I left early in the morning on Mr. Walker's house boat for Yangchow to spend Christmas with Mr. & Mrs. Wright of the Methodist Mission. We reached the Pierces about four oclock & then went on to the Wrights. Mr. "Or Yang" a native Methodist evangelist had two boys attending school at Mr. Kupfer's. They went up with us to Yangchow to spend their vacation with their parents. The father & mother both came around today to thank us for carrying the boys up. Chinese politeness is unstinted.

Mrs. Wright has a very nice dinner today - soup - fish, duck, macaroni (which they have fallen especially in love with since their visit to Italy) bamboo root, cabbage, biscuits, lemon & pie, oranges, nuts, candy & tea. We sat at the table a little before twelve. Mr. Wright was showing us pictures & telling some of his experiences in Italy, Egypt & other places East. It was quite interesting.

Coming to the boat we called at the Pierces. We hope to reach Chinkiang tonight

Dec. 28th 1897

On Christmas night we reached Chinkiang at 8 o'clock On Sunday Mr. Walker preached at our Chinese services for us. Dr. Cox preached at foreign services. On Monday night I had ten men from the beggars home to come up for tea & nic nacks. Ida came down & sat with us. Mr. & Mrs. Harris & the Customs service (English) & Dr. Pott of the W.F.M.S of America called in the afternoon.

On Tuesday the regular studying with the teacher was done in the morning. In the afternoon Ida went up the hill to her class in drawing which she has been teaching twice a week for more than a month. She will keep it up only a short time longer - until Miss White returns next month. Mr. & Mrs. Wright of Yangchow spent the night with us last night. It was quite pleasant to have them. Mrs. Bowen, whose husband is in the albumen business, called a short time yesterday afternoon. In the native prayer-meeting last night Mr. Wright gave a talk to us "Preach one true God & a turning to Him" he says. And so we should do.

This morning the American mail came in. I had a letter from Mother & one from Bub & his Flossie. Ida had eleven from friends & relatives. They are all surprised & course & more or less sorry to see her leave the Mission but are on the whole quite considerate & very kind.

Prayer-meeting this afternoon was at Dr. Cox's. We have been having the best of weather this winter. The afternoon walks on the hills are refreshing.