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The New Year is now us with all of its joys hopes & plans.

On Sunday Jan. 2nd I held the foreign services the subject assigned being "Gods people approach the Lord & walk in His light." I believe the Lord was with me.

I also tried to preach in Chinese in the morning. Then in the evening Ida & I went to the Beggars Home & to the chapel. It is such a privilege to be able to speak to these people. May the Lord help me to use my time & powers aright.

This week is the Week of Prayer among the foreigners.

A nice American mail came in last night. Today we are having some cold, damp weather

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Sunday Dec 9th

Ida joined our church this morning. Miss McKenzie's Ahmah also joined. How much we have to praise the Lord for in this conversion. It is said that the Ahmah was at one time an outrageous woman. Miss M. felt that the Lord would & would convert her. Her prayers continued & then today we are made to rejoice.

I thank the Lord that Ida has united with the Baptist church. She, Miss Von Roseck & I are about to go into the city to see Mr. & Mrs. May God bless us & direct at all times.

Jan. 12th

Last night I had the great pleasure of baptizing my dear wife and two Chinese, Lao Ling his wife - Miss Mackenzie's two servants.

It was indeed a great privilege. May the Lord richly bless His flock at this place.

I have sent for my church letter from home to put it in here because I think it will help me the better to show these people how the church work is to be carried on. May the Lord direct & bless.

Prayer-meeting this afternoon was held at the Methodist-Compound at Mr. Ingelman's. He is a new missionary from Surden. He & wife have come out independently. They are attractive people. May their coming amongst us prove a blessing to us all.

Jan 13th Saturday

On Jan. 13 Gon. A.C. Jones died at 8 o'clock A.M. On Jan 12th at 12 o'clock he was able to be out on the hills for a chair ride. He has been Consul here for a number of years. I was surprised at such a sudden death although I knew the old man was very feeble. There are some strange things that take place in this world - eternity alone will let us know as we are known.

Rev. A.J. Williams of the Christian Church who has been interpreter in Shanghai is here acting as Consul.

Dr. Lynch of the Customs went down with the body to Shanghai.

Miss Robinson took dinner with us yesterday. Dr. Hoag dropped in this Sat. P.M.

Jan. 21st

Mrs. Archibald Little from Chungking reached here Sunday night. I escorted her up to the Ladies thro' the mud. She in a chair & I in the mud. She stood it bravely for altho' the coolies almost slipped down more than once she did not show any signs of uneasiness.

She lectured Monday evening on Western China. An entrance fee was taken in for the benefit of the Anti-foot binding Society, which brought in \$32.⁰⁰. On Tuesday she lectured to a small audience on the Anti-foot binding subject. She & Dr. Daft took supper with us that night.

Miss Laura White returned from America via England on Tuesday. She looks quite well but tries to tell me that she thought I was too honest to steal.

Today is the day before the Chinese N. Year & every thing is in more or less of a rush. Last night we

had fifty three men from the Beggar's Home to come up to the chapel & there we gave them one hundred cash each for their new year. The amount collected this year was eighteen dollars & a half & four more dollars have been promised. At present I have three or four men at work in the Beggar's Home washing up & getting things to put on a better appearance for the New Year. Mr. Walker & wife & Mr. Sydeman & wife were around last night while we were giving out the money. Miss Mackenzie played the organ for us. Ida has a bad cold so I persuaded her not to go out.

Mr. Loper to have a Magic Lantern exhibition to-morrow afternoon for the Christians & children on Bibh Characters. next week is Chinese week of Prayer.

Jan 31st 1898

Last week was quite pleasantly spent observing the "Week of prayer among the Chinese" May we all now go to work with renewed zeal for the coming months. We had large audiences in the Chapel.

Our cook Hu Ho Sang has applied for church membership. Also Mr. Walker's cook, Ling Shou's wife & her sister. We feel so deeply the need of Divine guidance in reference to all of these matters if the Lord directs them all will be well.

Mrs. Hutton took Tom down to Shanghai last week. The fellow is going up to Chefoo to school.

Mr. W^m Martin our new Consul & his Secretary have come.

Mr. Williams expects to leave soon.

Feb 3rd

Our cook ^{Hu Ho Sang} & Mr. Walker's ^{Ling Shou} were admitted to membership on Tuesday night. May the Lord comfort & strengthen them & teach me how to teach them.

Yesterday Oyang Shou (Mr. Walker's cook-maid) & wife and Lao Ling (Miss Mackenzie's cook) & wife took dinner with us. Today we took for Wang Shou (the Chapel keeper) Pan Shou (the tailor) Pan Shou (who is out of employment) & the young boy Li Siu Tsun (who is on a boat), to take dinner with us. These dinings together make us feel nearer each other.

Li Siu Sun, Mr. Pierce's former Teacher has come to teach us in the mornings & Mr. Sydenstricker in the evenings. May the teacher be taught of God.

Last night we took supper with Miss Mackenzie. Present Mrs. Walker & a C. M. Lady (nurse).

Compare with this our story about faithful Fida telling his Master of the money left behind.

From this temple we went to "Chik Li Dien" (= Seven Li Shop) where we stopped & tried to tell the curious crowd that gathered something of the love of Christ. From here

we went to "Yu Whar Miao" (= the nine bratties temple) where we saw a mass of ruin from the destructive war of the Dai jing. The old priest was quite freely calling out now & again "O me to fah, O me to fah". This Buddhist way of calling on their God.

I said to Mr. Engelman. Would it not be nice to see this temple made into a reformatory or an orphanage. We must wait & work. God help & use us always Amen.

Feb 13th Sunday

Today I tried to preach from Lk. 5:10 showing that we must trust in God more & be willing to launch out into deeper water.

At the end of the services Li Sien Tsun the boy who had been excluded last year for adultery was restored and Ling Shou's wife was admitted into membership. There are three now waiting for baptism.

Oh that the Lord would teach us as that we could teach them.

The subject of the Lord's supper & of contributions is now on my mind. I do not want to go too fast but I do want to follow God's Holy Word.

In the evening services for foreigners Mr. Engelman of Sweden gave a good talk. Ida & I went to the Beggar's home for a short time after supper then to the Chapel. Reached home at 9 P.M.

File 6 Tuesday Grand Canal

I went up yesterday with Mr. Hutton as far as Yangchow. He is going on to Sing Hwa. Tan Shee ^{carpenter} & a Methodist native who is to be cook goes with him.

I found Mr. & Mrs. Pierce & all quite well. I was sorry to hear that Yang, one of the Yangchow men, that Fan Siem Sun had been committing adultery. The two young men Yang & Gyang went over on Saturday to Chienkiang & there they told me. When I was in Yangchow I told Mr. Pierce the whole thing. Ma Sh. & Dr. Ling, altho they did not know positively yet they had suspicions about the SS. It is a very ugly case. May the Lord direct. It will be hard to get the truth, but we shall hope & pray

Feb. 12th 1898

The weather now is very fine. It is much warmer than is usually the case at this time of the year. So far we have not had enough cold to freeze the water. Mr. Pierce built an ice house this year but so far it has proved to be as he says "only a hole in the ground."

Mr. & Mrs. Engelman, Ida & I went for a long ride yesterday afternoon to "Ger R Miao" the faithful dog temple. The story goes thus. A man hid his money in a hole up on this hill. He could not find the place but his dog found it & watched so closely that it would not leave even to get food. The dog died watching the money & was afterwards found by the Master & now is worshipped annually on the 20th of the 1st moon by thousands of natives

Feb. 17th

My teacher whom I had for 1 & a half months last year thought it quite funny that we say North E. S. W. instead of East S. W. N. & so asked for an explanation. I replied by asking him to make his explanation for China. He said "Why that is easy enough the Sun rises in the East & that is the most natural place to begin Why do you begin North?" I met a man on the hill when walking out one day with Ida. He was clean shaved. He began to beg. Then in a minute he broke out in a cry & said I have nothing to eat & you will not help me. I said you are a bad man & therefore the officials have had your

head shaved." "No I am not" he cried. Then said I come to my office tomorrow with a man who will touch for your character & I will then ^{give} you some money" He said, "I have friends in Chin-
kang who will do so. I will come. I will see you tomorrow". "Yes tomorrow" I said. He never put in his appearance.

Li Gway Gur, a man forty years old from the province of Hupoh has been sick in the hogs home for some time. When I asked him if he wanted to die he said "Foreign teachers who want to leave this world?" He lived on about a month or more. Ida & I.

gave a little cash to him
now & then & we tried to tell
him there is a better home
above for those who trust Jesus
whether or not he trusted I
cannot say. But yesterday
when I went in & saw his
corner empty I said "Where
is Li" one of the boys said
"He is gone to heaven". Truly
he left a miserable enough
existence to be rewarded as
Lazarus was with a place
in Abraham's bosom. Lord
teach us how to work & what
to do for miserable dying men
Feb. 23rd

Yesterday quite a number of people
in the foreign community were
invited to Miss Emery's for tea. Ida
being very hoarse with a terrible cold

we did not go.

Today we had a nice walk on the
hill. Ida's cold is some better. She
has had a bad spell of sore throat
& constipation at the same time.

Today I gave out a job for \$3.00
on the shed next to Mr. Walker's where
Oyang Shong is now living.

I also gave out a contract to
Ma Duk Tai for adding an upper
floor to the "Beggars Home" & making
a road down to it. The whole
is to cost 205.00. Twenty five of
which is to go on to his old
Yangchow debt.

Tonight there were only three
at our Bible reading. We finished
the book of Genesis.

This afternoon I sat only a
short time in the chapel but
a good number were there - about
seven when I left.

March 1st 1898

Today has been quite cold & windy. The day has been a varied one. After studying with the teacher I went down to the "Beggars Home" where work was begun today. There was one poor young fellow from Tai Chow lying in there dead. He was a mere frame of skin & bones.

After dinner I went up to the temple between here & the fort on the hill & saw another young fellow lying hanging dead on a small tree. He had hung himself the night before.

The most of the afternoon I spent studying the S.S. Read in the Review of Reviews a short time then went over & sat in the chapel about fifteen minutes. After that I went with Mr. Sydström

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up to the ladies where we had a committee meeting to select subjects for our Literary Society.

After supper we went to prayer meeting where a good number had gathered to witness the Baptism of Ling Nai Nai, (a woman) ^{the jing Sam} & two men, our cook ^{Cheng Keng} & one of them & Mr. Walker's cook the other.

This is the third time I have administered baptism. Three were baptised each time - First three men, second my dear wife and Loai Ling & his wife third the one tonight. May God richly bless.

Dr. Kupfer. Mr. & Mrs. Engelman & Miss Mackenzie took supper with us on Friday night. Dr. gave us an earnest talk at our Chinese prayer meeting or rather Bible study. When they were going home ^{about 10 o'clock} a horse rushed

bye him knocking him over &
broozing him. Dr. Hoag said today
that Dr. Kuffner's condition was a
critical one as regards the use
of his head. It will be some
time before he can do work.

I tried to preach on Sunday
in foreign service. I had too
much work perhaps & so almost
fainted in the pulpit - had a
spell of vertigo but did not
tumble over as I once did
in Savannah Ga. I must
take care of this old body.

A letter from Dr. Bryan
yesterday says he has been
offered \$25,000 for our
places in Shanghai. The Mis-
sionaries up here vote for
a sale. Work has been
going on there for 50 yrs. The church
can now take care of itself we hope

March 7th 1898

Collection for the poor was taken
up last evening in the chapel. The
amount raised was over one
hundred dollars. Miss Moh from
Hankow gave fifty. Today
Mr. Seydenstricker & I went with
some natives to distribute a
part of this. Presently Messrs
M. J. Walker & Engelman
joined us. The advice of
a native Yang S. S. was followed
without consultation with the
foreigners. Which was that
the natives give ticket numbers
one to the poor which was to be brought
to us on the street - we give the
rice ticket which was to be taken
to the "rice hang" & presented for
five sun about six or seven pounds
of rice - the ticket being worth about
twenty five cents. As one

man could hand these out I excused myself & went up on the hill with Mr. Ingelman to help him with his cook & teacher who had been "gouging" them for two hundred dollars for one month (Our board was thirty five for the month) When Mr. Ingelman & I came back, (having met the cook Hany Si Fu on the road we did not go to the house) we saw a crowd gathered around Mr. W. & Mr. S. It kept increasing. Mr. Ingelman left. I stood aside & let the crowd pass the others. I felt I could stop the rush by getting the foreigners divided. Mr. S. finally went into the "game" where the rest of the tickets were given out. When I passed Mr. Ben a small official a short time afterwards on the street he stopped me & said "Do not give out those tickets that way to the

poor. Mr. Chinese cannot do it for it creates confusion. Much less can you foreigners." We all ought to learn lessons from the experience

As to Mr. Ingelman's cook & teacher we ought to see from it all how important it is for us to be very watchful over even the best Chinese. It is hard for them not to cheat. Let us not be too easy & trust too much in their hands.

Mr. W. J. Hummel & wife & two youngest children are in Chinkiang. They are now members of the C. I. M. . He came out at first under the C. I. M. & joined our mission in now have gone back to their old mission. They & some other friends were at Miss Mackenzie's for dinner today. We enjoyed being with them. Tomorrow we hope to hear them

March 11th Trip to Yangchow

Night before last I staid up at the Girls School in the Hospital department with Dr. Kupper. He is still in a bad condition. His head troubles him no little. After breakfast I came down home. The day was so fine I proposed to Ida that we go up to Yangchow for the night & see the Pierces. She was all up for it. Miss Mackenzie was invited & accepted the invitation. I then asked Mr. Walker who was starting off on his trip if we might go with him. He said he would be too glad to have us. We left at about half past eleven or twelve & reached Yangchow about eight. The time was pleasantly spent up there. We left about quarter of twelve & reached here in 3 hours. in a native boat. Miss M. & Ida were sea sick crossing the Yangtze.

March 13th 1898 Sunday

This morning Tain Sien Sun (C.I.M) preached for us. He talked from Jer. 3 giving an appeal to the unconverted & also criticizing the Christians for not taking a more bold stand.

I did not go out to foreign services this evening or to the Chinese as my cold is troubling me. Ida is now out at Chinese service. She heard Mr. Woodbridge in foreign also.

An American mail came today. Letters from Mother, Sis Katie, Origin, Jim, Mumps. Dr. Bryan in Shanghai & Mrs. Lacy in Beijing. The matter of selling the Shanghai property has been presented by Bro. Bryan to the Board & he has also asked that they be allowed to build in Shanghai. He got our consent to sell & then asked the Board to let him buy in Shanghai without saying a word to us.