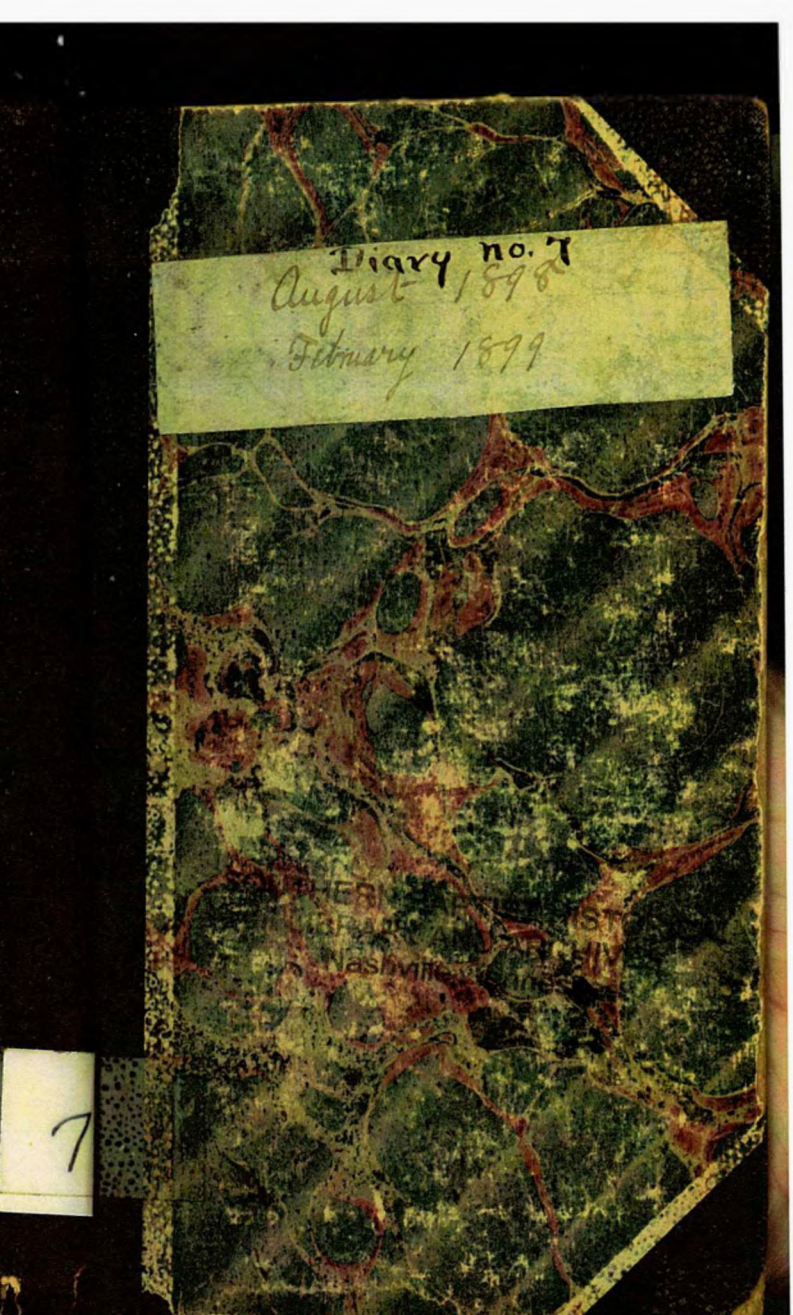
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August 2nd 1898

On Sunday Tsiu S.S. (C.S.M.) preached for us. The church has asked him to supply during the months of August & September

The Sunday afternoon foreign services have been stopped for a time during the hot weather.

Yesterday we installed another Ahmah, the sister of the previous one. This makes six that we have had. The Chinese are beginning to think we are hard to get along with.

Little Mary does not seem strong. The Dr. says when Edg gets better the baby will improve.

August 7th 1898

Little Mary has been suffering a great deal with a terrible boil on her right breast. It was large & hard & red. We polticed it some & yesterday Rev S.S. told me to put some "si kwa yih tsi", or bonnet-squash leaf beaten, on the boil. We did so & last evening it burst. It has discharged more than forty. The Ahmah said "why a cup full of matter came out the first-time". Since then it has been squeezed twice & discharged as freely as the first-time. The little darlings head also has some ugly boils on it

How thankful we are that they are better. Dr. Taft says she was afraid at one time that on account of Mrs. Lawton's bad blood we would have to call in a wet nurse. Now we hopes the worst is now over.

I went around to the "Work man's Refuge" this afternoon It has been leaking some. I have ordered it kept shut until after the summer. A letter from Liu Hong in Hangchow shows that he is quite dissatisfied with the place. At the "Workmans Refuge" this P.M. I had a long talk with Liang Teh Gao. How thankful I would be to see him come out boldly on Gods side. He says he is afraid of men's talk. How true to human nature.

Mr. Pierce took dinner with us on Thursday.

We hope to have this work for Kuling. The Dr. says it is very important that we go. Mr. Crozier has kindly offered to let us have his house.

On Saturday Mr S.S. the owner of the property back of Miss M's came over. His price is $25 Chinese Dollars about $750 Mex. Half of the alley belongs to Tong King Sheng

Chinkiang Church Members

1. Ling Shong 2. & wife Feb 1895
3. Poan April 26 1897 4 Li Shien Tsun
5. Djang " Apr. 26 1897 6 Tsu Shong (Tailor)
7 Wong Sir 8 Gah Shong
9 Ho Sang (Our cook) Feb 1895 10 Soong Sin Feb. 1895
11 Lao Ling Jan 1894 12 & wife Jan 1894
13 Ju Ying 14 Djur Nai Nai
15 Liang Shong Apr. 26 1897 16 Chu Shong
17 Wong Shong, the chapel keeper
18 Mr Lawton 19 & wife Bp. Jan 12, 94

Wong Sir #7 joined Yangchow church & was transferred by letter but I believe Yangchow & Chinkiang have both lost sight of him.

Li Shien Sun excluded Feb 26, 1897

3 sons & dr
Mary Edna
注德貞 19年 18
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注師母 女 奶奶 13
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S.S. Queen Wo Friday Aug 12th "

On Wednesday night we were prepared by five or six in the afternoon for the up steamer. It was expected early but instead of coming early it reached Chinkiang at half past three on Thursday morning. She left at half past six. Mary was quite good & did not cry at all while we were getting on. In fact she has been real good all the way Her boils are very bad. The one on her little breast has discharged freely again. It is still hard & must be polticed some more. We are chinese passage. It costs us nine dollars apiece & for the boy four & a half dollars ma

Kuling Sunday, Aug. 14th "

We reached Kuikiang a little past ten oclock on Friday night. Going up to the rest house Henry Jones & Saml Woods took one of the up stairs rooms, Mrs Mackenzie Mrs. Lawton baby another Mr W.H. Poate & Shanghai the lower room & I slept out on the verandah up stairs. The night was very hot but we managed to have some sleep. Next morning

it. Saturday We got up at four oclock & began to make preparations for going up the mountain. Mr. Poate left about five. Our party did not get off until a little past six oclock. On the way Mrs. Walker C.M. & Miss Baltar? caught up with us. I found the coolies rather boisterous & noisy. We hired our baggage coolies to go along with us They told me there were thirteen but I found out later that my things & the Shanghai gentleman's things had been muddled. At the rest house we all stopped a short time there all went on except Mrs. L. & the baby & myself. Mr. L. found the trip to the rest house quite tiring but from there on here I brought ~~the baby~~ more, so ~~she~~ did not seem so tired.

Coming up the mountain was very fine. The view was indeed a mountainous one. The high peaks & the low valleys were indeed grand to behold. It does seem that if man could get away from the wrath of God it would be by having the mountains to fall upon him. But the

same God who created the mountains & formed man in His own image can & will reward each according to the deeds done in the body.

Arriving at Kuling yesterday about five we saw Mr. M. & Walker the first Europeans from this we saw from this verandah away across at Lot #1 we saw handkerchiefs waving to greet us. Then as we came father on we met some of the Nankin ladies & Miss Robinson all of whom wanted to welcome us to the mountains. Miss Honor Mrs. Nankin said coming up to my chair "Mr. Lawton I don't know you but I want to see this baby". Coming on Dr. Moore saw us & had a short walk & talk with us. When Sam Woodbridge met us he says "And Mr. Lawton you are a father!!" Well as I see how kind all the friends are - Mrs. Leaman had sent over for us to come to afternoon tea. Mrs Moore wanted us there - we can but praise God.

Mr. Crozier & Mr. Hayes, both northern Presbyterians, are in

China must be taken as a whole.

Today, Sunday, the dedication of the chapel took place. The sermon was preached by Dr. Griffith John from 2 Cor 5:14 "The love of Christ constraineth us". The sermon was written out & read from the manuscript. The Dr. said some good things. I do not think I've heard a better sermon since I've been in China. He said "Love was the essence of the law and was in the school of Christ commensurate with justice." "You cannot be perfect in power as God is in power, you cannot be perfect in knowledge as God is perfect in knowledge but you can be perfect in love as God is perfect in love"

"Dr. Legge said he had been reading Chinese books for forty years & had not yet found in them the command to love. And I have been reading them forty three years & can say the same" The way Dr. John added his testamony made me feel that he did not try to boast in the least but rather put his as simply auxiliary.

He said further: "There are times when we have such an insight into our vileness, wickedness & imperfections that we feel as if we are not worth saving - then nothing can save us but the love of Christ - We know that Christ loved us for He died for us. We know that God loved us for "He so loved the world that he sent His Son" The Dr. said those had been his experience "The Christian bond based on the love of Christ makes us one"

"How can I hate any man for whom Christ died? You can't and be a Christian"

"Young'r missionaries do you feel that you can't like the Chinese? It is not a question of "like" but of "love" We must sometimes "love" what we don't "like". Do you suppose Christ liked you. No never. He love you."

Here in China it is not denominationalism that will help us, it is not social standing that will help us it is only the love of Christ constraining us that will help us." "The love of Christ must not only touch us it must dominate us."