

In conclusion the Dr. made  
a reference to the splendid  
summer resort that the Lord  
had given us & said it could  
be a great curse or a  
great blessing. He urged  
that the missionaries should  
put forth every effort & energy  
to make the place that  
which it should be. "Let  
us determine that this  
valley shall be the valley  
of blessing". I am  
very thankful that it was  
my privilege to hear this  
sermon. With God's help  
I shall be better because of it.

Friday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1898  
This has been a week of visitors  
Today was rainy so not so  
many came. Mr. Sydnestriker  
this morning, Mrs. Worth & Charles  
then Mr. Painter & Mr. Little this  
afternoon. Yesterday morning  
Mrs M<sup>rs</sup>. Guinness, a motherly  
old lady called, also Mr. & Mrs.  
Woodbridge. In the afternoon  
Miss Mackenzie, Cousie & Biddi  
Walker & Miss Howe. Mrs. Leaton  
called on Mrs. Leaman with Miss  
Howe. On Wednesday  
Mrs. Sykes & little daughter  
Mr. & Mrs. Wright, Mr & Mrs.  
Ingelman. On Tuesday

as near as I can remember  
were Mr. & Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Moore  
Mrs. Venable Mr. & Mrs. Sydnestricker  
On Monday Miss Mackenzie &  
Miss Robinson & Mrs. Leaman.  
On ~~Saturday~~ we took dinner  
with Dr. & Mrs. Moore. They kindly  
invited us to board there  
but as the sun was so  
hot we thought it would  
be more convenient for all  
concerned for us to take  
our meals here at home.  
Yesterday the Walkers kindly  
invited us over for dinner.  
They sent a chair for  
Mrs. Lawton but I was feeling

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so miserably that we did  
not go. Today my bowels are  
better but I'm not as strong  
as I would like to be. This  
shows itself by my getting  
so blue & slow spirited about  
the least of inconveniences &  
often kindnesses. I must  
leave nearer the Father.

I had my eyes examined by  
Dr. Venable a short time ago.  
He says there is nothing  
wrong with them but that their  
weakness is caused by my  
"run down" condition. I weighed  
one hundred & ten on Monday.  
Mr. Sydnestricker says I must wear an  
overcoat in order to cast a shadow.

Today was the share holders meeting. It was decided that lots should be taxed twenty dollars and houses fifteen; and that property holders should be allowed to vote with the additional proviso that tenants of houses could vote in case the land lord was absent or had other houses which entitled him to votes.

It looks to me as if the expenses are being carried right high. Kuling looks to me to be growing in expensiveness yearly.

Monday Aug 22

On Saturday Dr. & Mrs. Jellison, Mr. Wm. Walker, Nipes Mitchel, Merrill Agburn, & Berniger called.

Yesterday, Sunday I went out to services & heard Mr. Bondfield preach. There was quite a large number out. Mr. B. preached a very good sermon on the text "Jesus went about teaching, preaching & healing."

I came back & ate a hearty dinner & was sick, real sick last night with pains in head & stomach. Was vomiting as I had also done the night before. This morning

I have been feeling very blue.  
I seem to be in a general  
run down condition & the  
least little thing upsets  
me. I am so sorry  
for dear Ida during this  
time of my sickness for  
she, dear patient girl, has  
to put up with it all &  
she too is not strong.

The house that we are in,  
Mr. Crozier's is still having  
work done on it. Paint  
is all around. It is enough  
to make any one sick  
to be around these men  
— especially when Mr. Crozier is at  
church morning & evening.

Aug 26. Friday

We moved into the Sydvestriden  
house yesterday morning  
after the S's left. Mr. Crozier's  
house was not completed &  
so we thought it would  
be more convenient for  
him & for us. We staid  
there twelve days. Paid ten  
dollars for the use of the house  
for that time. We are  
paying one dollar a day here.

We are just about to buy  
a half lot from Mr. W. N. Hayes  
Sochow, (Northern Presbyterian)  
for one hundred and seventy  
dollars Mex., about eighty dollars

U.S. Currency. This will be the first piece of land that I have ever invested in. May the Lord direct us in its use, and bless it to His glory & our good. We hope to begin to build soon so as to have the house to rent next year. I feel there is danger of getting caught in the grat-net of making money but with God's help we will only go as He leads.

Yesterday Mr. Crozier, Mr. Edgar Woods, Mr. McQuinn & Miss Emerson called. This morning Mrs. Venables

Miss Talbot & Miss Mohr called while Mrs. Lawton was making cookies.

Dr. Macklin made a talk in the church this morning on the "Single Tax" subject. There was quite a large audience to hear him. I enjoyed the talk & think I gained good from hearing it.

Miss Mackenzie heard from Miss Kelly this morning. The latter says that Miss Price is on the Hangchow hills & is quite sick. She fears that Miss Price will have to return to America. Miss Kelly is busy repairing the small house which they have rented in Shanghai.

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1898

Today Mrs. Lawton went over to the walkers for a morning constitutional. This afternoon we had Mr. Crozier for tea. Mr. & Mrs. James, Methodists from Nashville called. Mrs. Ingelman called while we were at supper. Mrs. Lawton went up to see Mrs. McElinnis. The old lady says she feels quite lovely since they have all gone to the Mission meeting. So many are going this week. Yesterday, Monday, a large number went, today others & tomorrow still others. We hope to

return next week.

These few days I have been busy getting all unanswered letters answered. I am also reading "The Conquest of Mexico" by Prescott. It is quite interesting and instructive. I have let my Chinese go bye for the time that I am up here. It is not I think. I weighed when I first came & brought the scales up at one hundred & ten. Since then I've gained five and a half pounds. My friends say there is still room for improvement.

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

A postal yesterday from the Pierces said they were in Chinkiang on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. & expected to leave next day via Shanghai for Shantung where they are going to pay a visit to the Sears. A letter today from the Sears says they were going to leave their place on the 20<sup>th</sup> to meet the Pierces.

Dr. Hoag came up yesterday to see about their house which they are building here. She spent one month up here the first of the season. She

returns to Chinkiang this week. The Ingelmans returned yesterday. He is going for a sea trip. She will likely be in Chinkiang.

Yesterday Henry Woods & I left here at six o'clock & reached the much talked about Water Falls at eight. We took in the sights. Had a swim & ate dinner, took a nap up under the rocks, ate wild peaches which we plucked from a tree in the stream & left at half past one for home via the Temple. There was

another party down there which reached there about twelve. Messrs Von Gunter & Lawson Mrs. Rivers from South China Mr. Elytson all Christian Alliance, Mr. Warren, Wesleyan, Hankow. Mr. Little Methodist Chikiang & one or two others were in the party. We saluted them said a few words then came on as they were just about to eat dinner. We reached home yesterday evening at half past five after a pleasant & instructive days outing. No guide.

Today I heard a good sermon from 1 pro 1:3:6 preached by Mr. Warren Hankow. He spoke of the knowledge that man could have of God & that Agnosticism as called was the height of folly when God himself tells us in His word how we can know that we know Him. His illustrations were good & timely. One of the best was in reference to the Chinese workmen about us. They try our patience & they don't do so because they do not know but just because they think it suits

their convenience & this too  
when it terribly inconveniences  
us. We say they are mean  
& they are but it is a very  
good illustration of self. God  
tells us plainly to do thus &  
so. We go off & do exactly  
contrary to what He says  
because it suits our conven-  
ience better. We had other  
bad ones also.

Ying Sam, our cook & boy  
wanted to go so we allowed  
him to return last Wednesday.  
We were glad to get rid of  
him. We have no servant  
at all now. My mother took dinner  
here on Thursday. Mrs. L. at Mrs. M.'s yesterday.

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> S.S. Sual  
Yesterday, Wednesday morning  
we left Kuling about nine  
o'clock reached Kinkiang  
about two o'clock stopping  
half hour at Rest House at  
Lien Hwa Yang. We had one  
chair only all the way  
down. Our baggage coming  
down cost only 1.90.

Our entire expenses coming  
will be at least \$10.00 less  
than when going.

Going expenses 2 tickets, first-  
class Chinese on Jardines 19.00

One servant

4.50

Took our own footmen.

From Kinkiang to Kuling 7.00

21.50

reached Kinkiang. The boy's bedding did not come. I'm in hopes we can get it later.

At the Kinkiang Rest House last night came Mrs. Meigs & two children from Hankin & Dr. Macklin who came to see them off on the steamer, Mrs. Howard (?) Taylor & three children, Mr. Miller C. J. W. & ourselves. This morning early the Leamans from Hankin came in & Mr. Ware & family reached K. After the Snail had come in so they did not go to the Rest House. They

~~Mr~~ & Mrs Leaman had stayed at the Middle Rest house over night. On the

Snail are the Wares, Mrs Taylor & children, foreign passage, Mr. Miller & ourselves Chinese passage. The Leamans & Mrs. Meigs went on the Raie Foo.

Mr. Nicholl's <sup>Methodist, Kinkiang</sup> wife presented him with a pair of little twins about two weeks ago but the Lord has taken both of them to Himself already. They have had seven children but there are only three left.