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Sept 12th Chinkiang

We reached Chinkiang Friday evening the 9th inst.
The Bents from up the canal are at the Sydenstricker since Sat. morning.
The Pattersons have been in our little guest room down stairs from Saturday night until this Monday afternoon. They had expected to take the steam tug up the canal but the price was too much $19.00 for two small rooms.
The Herrings reached here yesterday from up the canal

Mr. & Mrs. H & the little girl are all quite sick. They are over at Miss Mackenzie's house and a C.I.M. lady is kindly nursing them.
Yesterday Tsun S.S. preached.
Today I began to study with the teacher Tsu S.S.
The chapel was opened last night. Only about ten out Wong Shong said.
In the afternoons Wong opens up.
Ida & I have both had headaches these few days.
The baby was vaccinated today.

Sept. 15th "W. Cores De Vegs"

Mr. Herring being sick & his wife & little Celia being worse sick I offered to come down to Shanghai to meet the new recruits for their mission & ~~[illegible]~~ them to Chinkiang where Herring & family now are. I left yesterday & we are now nearing S'hai. My passage down cost $1.40 + 10¢ "wine money" If the friends come in tomorrow as we expect we will come back on this same steamer. The first officer came back to see me & said "Why you could have gotten a first-class return ticket for fifteen dollars". "Yes" I answered "but I can get this return passage for three dollars". Perhaps I may be too saving but I like this passage & why not take it.

Dr. Hoag & Miss Forbes returned to Chinkiang yesterday per "Kut Wo" from Kuling. The latter seems weak & nervous.

Ida has been troubled with her head a week or more.

Sept 16th "Kiang Kwan"
When I arrived at Mr. Evans
yesterday just before dinner
I found that the "Victoria"
passengers had arrived in
Shanghai the day before by
a Japanese Steamer & that
Mr. Dawes & wife & Miss Marshall
did not come but that
Mr. Chas. Tedder of Ailey, Ga.
had come over with some
other Missionaries. He was
waiting for someone to come
for him. I did what
little shopping I had to do
& called on The Bryans who
are at # 8 Rifle Range

paying $71.00 per month rent.
This amount seems to be
a fairly reasonable rent for
Shanghai. We also
saw Mr. Britton & family of
Soochow in the Gardens
where we had a nice little
chat. I took ~~supper~~
with Misses Price & Kelly
who are out near the
West Gate in one of deacon
Wong's houses. With a
school in one part &
a Chinese family using
the same front yard
door they seem to be
rather crowded. I found

all very pleasant. At Bro. Bryan's the subject of reinvesting was brought up. He had just received a letter from Dr. Willingham saying that the Board did not ask us to decide as to whether the $25,000 should be in Shanghai or some other place but in what part of Shanghai. I told them that of course since the Board had settled that matter it would be settled but that I did not approve of the investment of so much money in Shanghai but that was the Boards matter & would not worry myself about that. Bro. Bryan spoke out what he felt about the whole matter in the same whole hearted loving way that he has always done. May God give us all grace to do the same. I have not the least feeling of ill will towards any but may God help me to bear the hard remarks of some in a truly Christian way. From the first I have done what I felt was my duty & I am not sorry for what I did.

Sept 19th

Mrs. Wm Martin, the U.S. Consul's wife here in Chinkiang died today about eleven oclock after a protracted spell of sickness—tyfoid fever. Her husband and four children survive her.

Today our cook tells us that he must leave tomorrow on account of his wife's sickness. It is getting very hard on Mrs. Lawton to be thus always changing. May the Lord lead us.

Sept 24th

On the afternoon of Sept 20 the remains of Mrs. Martin were laid away. Almost the whole foreign community seemed to be out and a number of Chinese. The streets were lined with chinese to witness the ceremonies. The coffin made by Foo Chong & Co weighed 200 catties. The entire weight of casket & corpse was about 400 lbs. The pall-bearers took it out of the house & into the graveyard. The Chinese policemen & customs boat rowers took it

to the cemetery. Pall bearers were Mr. Sydenstricker, Mr. Emery, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Landen, Mr. Grayson, Mr. Currie & myself.

On the night of the 19th Messrs Sydenstricker & Walker sat up the first half of the night with the corpse & Mr. Fidler & I the last half.

After our cook left Foo Chong recommended an old man who had cooked for the Commissioner of Customs & one of the English Consuls. We did not think the old man would consider the place as it was a small one in comparison to what he had been doing, but he did consider & accept. He is doing so very well that I hope there will be no other change soon. We pay him six dollars (Mex) per month. The church pays $4.00 per month.

The Workman's Refuge is opened again. We are at present charging two cash a night for all who come in & help blow. Above we charge twelve cash. It is a great pleasure to

have this place but it is certainly not easy to manage it. Ling Nai Nai has not gone out yet and I am afraid she will not go unless some pressure is brought to bear on her.

Mrs. Walker & the children reached here yesterday from Kuling. Mrs. L. had them all for afternoon tea.

Miss Von Boeck is here for a few days on her return trip from Soochow. She is good company. She is a well educated lady & so unpretentious with it all.

Sept. 25th Sunday

Today the C.I.M brother Päun S.S. preached again. This completes his two months supply for me. I am glad he could do this. It has greatly helped me & allowed my mind to rest for the hot season. With the Lords help I shall take the work up again & hope to go forward in His name.

Letters from Dr Willingham to other members of the Mission said that regarding the disbursement of the money from the sale of the Shanghai property the Board never thought of investing outside Shanghai but left us all & called to the S. brethren [illegible]

Sept 28th

Mr. & Mrs J. V. Dawes & Miss Marshall came in last night as recruits for the "Gospel Mission". They are staying over in Miss Mackenzie's house waiting for Mr. & Mrs. Herring who are in Shanghai. Mr. Pedder is still with us. All of them were here for breakfast this morning.

Today Mr. Wright of Yangchow ~~took~~ dinner with us. Kong Shong & wife from Seh R Way came in this A.M.

Sept. 29

Today Dr. Hoag came in about dinner time & we persuaded her to take dinner with us. Mr. Pedder took dinner with the friends Bro. & Sisl Dawes & Miss Marshall.

Today Ling Nai Nai, Ging Sien Sun & Li Shien Tsun called. Also had Tsu S.S., Yien S.S., Tsu Shi Tsi, Wong Shong & Poan Shong to come in for settling accounts. Mrs. Gibson called this P.M. Mr. Pedder & I went over to the consulate for a short time this A.M.

The Emperor has been deposed by his aunt. Treason

Chinese Examinations and their degrees and their privileges as gotten from Ch'u Ging Ren

1. "Tong Sun" a man who has stood an examination but failed

2. "Shu Tsai" the first degree about similar to "A.B." I suppose (1) "Ling Sun". The use of this degree is simply to stand surety ("bao") that the young applicant for "Shu Tsai" is a fit subject e.i. that he has the right to stand the examination. No one, either higher or lower in rank has this privilege.

(2) "Pah Kong" is the examination after "Ling Sun" and is held every twelve years. This permits a man the privilege of standing the Pekin examinations (Ts'ao Cao) only once unless he takes a round about road and gets "Hanlin" after which he could again try the (Ts'ao Cao) or the Pekin Examination for officials (1) at Pekin (2) over China as Shiens or (3) as Examinors of students

3. "Ju Ren" can stand examination for "Ging Si" which entitles one to the privileges of being an official at once, or after twelve years he may have official appointments

4. "Ging Si" see 3. And a "Ging Si" alone can stand for Hanlin Examinations

(coa dien tai)
5. "Hanlin" can examine candidates for the lower degrees in which case he is a "Shack tai" as at Kiang Yin or he may have high official honors.

(1) Dzwong Yuen a first honor Hanlin
(2) Bang Yan a second honor Hanlin
(3) Tan Whoo a third " "
(4) Tsoan Lou a fourth " "

So we have an outline of this world-wide examination system. In this year of our Lord 1896 there is much talk of having the whole system overhauled It would be a great thing for the Empire to allow these high minded ones to see their error.

Oct 2nd Sunday

On Friday we were very glad to hear Miss Porter come in just a short time before dinner. She returned to Yangchow yesterday afternoon. She still seems quite weak and nervous.

Miss Mackenzie passed down the river yesterday from Kuling. She will be in Shanghai until Friday night. Dr. Taft & Mr. Bear also returned yesterday from Kuling Mr Cutter looks very badly.

There was quite a large number out at services this A.M. Boys school at the workmans Refuge numbers twelve or thirteen. I tried to teach from Deut. 1:1 ff in Chinese

Oct. 3rd S.S. "Chang On"

I am on my way to Shanghai to attend the call meeting of the Mission in regard to reinvesting of the property in Shanghai. I pray that we may have a glorious meeting. We all do not see alike in every thing but we can with Gods help have that love which will over-look the differences. I cannot be sorry for having taken the stand that I did take. I rather praise the Lord that He helped me to stand. I must here acknowledge my great debt to my dear wife in standing so nobly by my side in all that I have done and also express my high appreciate of the very staunch qualities of our sister Mackenzie. God be thanked for each of them. The Board has decided that it wants all of the money from the sale of the Shanghai property reinvested in Shanghai. I do not think it the wisest thing. I voted for the sale of the Shanghai property with the understanding at least in my

own mind that Quinsan Soochow & Yangchow should be helped. But I did all I could. I fought until the Board gave its decision unmistakably for Shanghai and that is all I could do. Now as a missionary under the Board I shall work with all of my power to do the best for our Shanghai brethren & work that I can. And may God richly bless us all.

I am in Chinese dress going down to S. My ticket costs me $2.10. When I first came to China I was opposed to doing this. That is I thought that no one who did not wear the Chinese dress continuously ought to put it on simply to save passage money on the steamer. I did not therefor travel that way except when I wore my foreign clothes. The foreign dress however was objected to by the officers on some of the steamers so when going up to Kuling Mrs. L & I decided it would be