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conforming to the rules of the steamer lines to put the dress on — even tho' we did not wear it all the time. I do not feel the least hesitancy now. There are some who do not approve of it. For those it would be a violence to their conscience to do it. Let each decide for himself.

Mr. Andrew, C.I.M. Yangchow is on board also. We occupy the same cabin. There are very few passengers on the steamer — to which I am not objecting.

Oct. 5th Shanghai

We reached Shanghai yesterday at eleven oclock. I did all of my shopping and reached Bro. Bryan's at ten past two. Bro & Sister Bryan were at the school holding the funeral services of one of the boys who had just died.

I spent my time talking with my good old school-mate R.E. Chambers whom I had not seen for four years.

Our meeting on account of visitors being here we were not called until about six oclock. About seven we had to adjourn to attend the Missionary Conference

Thus my well organized plan for getting back the same day was all knocked in the head. I was very sorry that I could not return but I felt it my duty to stay & I am not sorry I did.

Today at ten oclock we got started out on a walking tour Mr. Bryan Miss Kelly & myself they had their bicycles but I had none & so they walked "so we could get a better view of the place" Then from after dinner until four oclock we talked (and I'm sorry to say too much) at which time Mr. Bryan & myself with a Chinaman went to look at lots in the same places that we had been in the morning without the Chinaman. It seems that not much progress has been made during the day but perhaps we understand each other better & can do more effective work tomorrow. I am so sorry Bro. Tatum can not be here to give his advice as to location I am also sorry that Brethren Britton & Pierce cannot be here to give their advice in the matter. Our Sister Mackenzie is here but cannot talk out of a whisper. Let us trust our Father as never before

Oct- 8th "Corso de Vries"

Yesterday, Friday morning we came to a decision about the locality of purchase. Mr. & Mrs. Britton, Mr. & Mrs. Pierce & Mrs. Lawton were absent from the meeting. Mr. & Mrs. Pierce came into Shanghai about noon but we did not see them until four in the afternoon - nor did we know that they had come down from Shantung.

The place where we decided to buy was South of the Rifle Range. It was after the Mission meeting had been four days - i.e. we met on Tuesday & came to the decision on Friday morning. The discussion was painful at one time, but we praise the Lord that we have at last settled on twenty mow at four hundred taels per mow. That we will get the place is not yet known. There are seven Chinese who own the twenty mow. It will perhaps be some time before they can be persuaded to come to terms. The place selected was my second choice - my first was near the new cemetery in the French concession

but I did not feel that I was to obstruct but to help to come to a decission – and that as soon as possible.

The mission also requested me to help Bro. Boyan in the getting of the deeds. As they did this by a formal vote it seemed that I could not say "No". I hope therefor to return on Monday. May the Lord help me to see how far my duty goes. I was urged not to come up at all but to wait until the deeds were stamped. This I could not well do. The Lord knows my heart. He will lead if we but look to Him.

On the "Cornes de Vries" are Mr. & Mrs. Herring & two children & Mr. & Mrs. Pierce with their two little ones. It makes it so much more pleasant for me.

Last night I was amused. There were three Chinese in my cabin. When I jumped up side to get in my berth the board fell on the Chinaman below & he made as if he were almost killed. In a short time he was entirely well & said it made no difference. In short time

that it took him to get well was wonderful.

But the closing of door & glass & the smoking of the chinese inside before going to bed was almost as provoking as it was amusing. I said to them your chinese proverb says "there is a square ½ heaven over every man's head" but when you shut door & window & make the room close with smoke & breathing you take away from yourself your share of heaven on earth. They agreed to what I said but did not open up.

Yesterday evening we had the pleasure of hearing the american evangelist G.C. Needham. He is on a visit out East. He gave an earnest talk on the Holy Spirit. He will be in Shanghai next week.

The first officer told me today that I must put on my chinese clothes hereafter when I came on. He, Mr. Toiber, the first officer says the company would soon forbid our travelling chinese "How" said he "can we allow a man to travel in such a place as this you are in"

Aug 10 S.S. "Elda"

We all reached Chinkiang about eleven & got off to bed about twelve. On Sunday Bro. Herring preached for us in Chinese. In the evening Bro. Pierce gave us a good talk in the "Workman's Refuge". Dr. Cox took the foreign service.

Today, Monday, the Pierces left on the steam tug for Yangchow. Bro. Herring & his party hope to leave tomorrow.

I am in a cabin with Mr. J. Brock C.I.M. & Junking

Aug 11th

Yesterday Mr. Jenkins in the forts at Kiangyin came around & we had two long talks. He is quite an interesting man. He is now married the second time Both of his wives were Chinese. He is a good Christian gentleman & is quite interesting. He told us of two guns they had just bought for the Kiangyin forts which cost about 28,000 pounds (about $150,000 gold dollars) This he said would about buy two gun-boats of moderate size. He keeps this two guns in working condition with only about eight men.

Oct. 14th Japanese S.S. "Tien Long(?)"

I reached Dr. Bryans yesterday just a short time after they sat down to dinner. Mr. & Mrs Chambers & Miss Mackenzie were there. The two former left in the afternoon for Soochow. The Chinaman came in to talk over the land question about three oclock. He said it would take about three weeks to complete matters. We gave him a written statement that we wanted the land. I then took afternoon tea & started out to do a little shopping for myself & friends. I left Dr. Bryans about eight.

My passage up to Chinkiang on this steamer will cost $7,95-. I am not taking foreign food. The Capt. is a Dane, the first Officer a Jap with Second an American The Engineers are Japs.

There is a Missionary on board Mr. Shoberg going to Tan'Cheng. He has worked in the South of Tibet four years. He & his wife are connected with the "Scandinavian Mission Covenant" & hail from Minnesota, the Scandinavia State of the union

They are travelling first-
passage but we have had
a long chat. He tells me
that Minneapolis U.S.A. has
in it about 40,000 Swedes
& that St. Paul has about
the same number of Germans
St. Paul, he says has only
about 18000 Swedes. He says
in Minnesota the Swedes speak
their mother tongue a great
deal. All of the buying &
selling & preaching in certain
sections is in the Swedish
tongue. Then there are
Norwegians in other sections
but they both with Danes
speak almost the same language.

Oct 13th Chinkiang

Today I've been over with the
Herrings for breakfast, the
Walkers for dinner & the
Sydenstrickers for supper.
Mrs. Lawton & Mary are in
Yangchow. The Herrings,
Dawes, Miss Marshall &
Mr. Fidler left this afternoon.
I'm having the kitchen
floor & the back steps painted
It is a pleasure to be
back home ei if you can
call it home without the
dear ones here to make it
homelike. What a happy
year this has been.

Oct. 15th "

Ida, Mary & the Amah came in about three oclock yesterday afternoon. It is needless to say that I was glad to see them. They had had a pleasant trip to Yangchow & were well with the exception of Ida who still has a bad cold. Our cook, son of Mr. Walkers cook, who has been here two days says he wants us to look for another man to take his place. This is the third man we have had since coming from Peking.

Oct. 19th " Wednesday

On the morning of Oct. 17th "Hok Chang" Mr. Walker's cook's son left & Kong Shong "Ren Ling" a member of the Yangchow church from "Suh K Way" came in as our cook. He seems to be doing very well. It would be very nice if he turned out to be the right man in the right place.

Mr. Pierce from Yangchow took dinner with us on Monday.

I read one of Dr. Broadus sermons on Sunday for Foreign service. Preached in Chinese in the morning & talked

at the "Workman's Refuge" in the evening. There were about thirty out. Over ten women from near came out.

Poan Shong seems to be doing very nicely as director of the Refuge & teacher of Mrs. Ls boys day school. He gets four dollars Mexican per month for his work (about $2.00 U.S.) He has about ten boys now.

A poor sick man in the Workman's Refuge whom Mr. Pierce & I had thought=dead as we passed him on the street on Monday was brought in. Tuesday morning I

Mrs Mackenzie returned Oct 20th '84
{Kong Ahmah came the next day

went down & with the help of Liang Teh Gao & Swun Gwai Dzang gave the poor fellow a washing & put him on a bed with a quilt over him (This was the same quilt that little Julia Pickard had given me when I left America. I think it was the first she had ever made) We gave the poor fellow some rice gruel & I then made Swun Gwai Dzang promise to watch him. But this morning he was dead. Liang Teh Gao came in to know if they must bury him at the public expense as usual. "Ofcourse" I said.

Oct 25th Grand Canal

This morning R.S. Chambers and his wife and myself left Chinkiang at a little past ten oclock on the Yangtse line of steamers. We got on the one which had two boats in tow. We had left home at about nine oclock & waited until after ten on the steamer. She allowed two tugs to leave before she after we got on & three passed us on the way up. We reached Yangchow at half past two. Reached Mr. Pierce's about three. We took dinner then I came on down & at seven minutes to five we left Yangchow-not having any boats in tow. We seem to be making good time. I was so sorry to have gotten such a slow steamer on account of Mr & Mrs. C. & then I wanted if possible to get back at four oclock. I have at least been shown how much bitterness one can eat & make others eat by not knowing the things that he might & ought to know

Mr. Allen C. Carson in on Sunday morning about three oclock. We are so glad to have them. Mr. C is still quite weak.

Mr. Crozier came in on Saturday afternoon. He stayed over at the Sydenstrickers. He preached for us on Sunday morning and Sunday evening at Foreign services he gave a splendid sermon on The things that change & the things that do not change.

Mr. Hutton wife & two children came in on Sunday night & have been staying with Mrs. Mackey.

The C. I. M. Pearces have been several days with the Walkers.

Miss Parrish the seventh round the world W. F. M. S. missionary has been spending several days at the Ladies on the hill.

Rev. Mr. Needham & wife are now at the Ladies on the hill. They are holding revival meetings in Chinkiang.

The weather is good but warm.