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Oct 29th

Rev. Geo. C. Needham & wife had expected to take afternoon tea with us on Wednesday but as the steamer came in sooner than usual they excused themselves at the last minute. Mr. Chambers said "It is a pity they could not come after Mrs L. has prepared every thing." I told him this was not the first time Mrs. L. had prepared for people who at the last moment could not or did not come.

Rev. R. E. Chambers & wife returned from Yangchow Wednesday. They left for Shanghai on Thursday. We have enjoyed their visit so much.

Mr. Thos. Hutton & family have returned from Shanghai. They spent from Monday morning before breakfast until Thursday after supper with Miss Mackenzie. Rev. L. W. Pierce & family were with Miss Mackenzie from Thursday before dinner until Friday after dinner. They took afternoon tea with us. I think Miss M & Mrs. L. both deserve a rest.

Mrs. Sydenstricker within one month had forty visitors. She took could stop a little

Marquis Ito, the great Japanese statesman passed through here last week. Dr. Macklin "Dicipla Mission" from Nankin was on board. He suggested that we go & see the Marquis So Mr. Walker & I went down with the Dr. & chatted with Dr. Macklin him for a time hoping that the Marquis would appear soon. We concluded that he was calling on the Consuls & Chinese officials. The steamer blew & we looked out still No Marquis. After a time Dr. M. said to the Capt. "Do the Japs rule this country" The Capt. did not see the joke & Dr. M said "Do the Japs rule your ship" Still the Capt. looked blank & Dr. said "Its a joke" & the Capt. tried to laugh. Then Dr. said to the Capt. "How long before those Japs will come on board" thinking of course that the steamer was waiting on them "Aren't they on board he said then turning called out "Boy are those Japs in their cabin" then turning to us "I'd be in a nice fix to fear them. Ah ha

not know they were off."
Aren't you waiting for them
said the Dr. " no I'm waiting
for the Customs clearage
papers" The boy had return
before this & reported "yes
sir they are in their cabin
asleep". Mr. Walker &
left having enjoyed the Dr's
company but without seeing
the distinguished Marquis
who was taking his morning
snooze.

The Chinese Emperor is
still alive they say but
deprived of all authority.
The Empress dowager, his
aunt rules the Celestial
empire in accordance
with her own sweet will. The
powers are slow. The
French & English are about
to come to a dead lock about
the Fashoda, Egypt- question
things in the political world
look critical.

It was decided yesterday
with Mr & Mrs. Pierce present-
that Miss Mackenzie could
start a girls school here
in the part of the house
the cyclone stricken now
occupy.

We hope to buy the Pierce

of land back of Miss Mackenzie sometime this year. The Board has authorized our buying for $3000.00 gold. We will have to give about $3500.00 but the mission says the Board will hardly object if they pay buy. It is slow work in China.

Ling Nai Nai has not yet left the Workman's Refuge. I'm anxious to buy her out as soon as possible.

I've just completed Dr. Yates life by Dr. Taylor of Wake Forest. Its interesting.

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Today is noted because we have come to an understanding with Ling Nai Nai about her place in the Workman's Refuge. She agrees to leave next week we to allow her 2500 just $2,84 at present exchange cash (about $3,00 Mex.) for fifteen months from the sale of the filth in the lectures. Then we give her lectures $4260 $300. Mex. for her to get another whole cost=$2260 place & begin a small work. This is doing very well by her yet it is getting it for a little less than I had thought. My price 1050.00

Nov. 7th

Liu Kai Kai is out of the "Workmans Refuge." She even took the floor boards with her, but I told her those had better be brought back. I've been working quite hard last week to complete my essay "The Poor & How to Deal With Them" An artikle on Chinkiang's Benevolent Institutions (Native). I am to read it tonight at the Chinkiang Christian Association. The meeting is to be held at the U.S. Consulate. I have been much benefitted by the study required to write this paper. I'm sending a copy to the Seminary Magazine.

Little Mary has been quite sick for several days. She has a terrible cold. We were up with her a good part of last night.

Mr. Walker has gone up to "Ju Whar San" near Nanking on a trip.

Mr. Pierce reports eight inquirers in the country near Yangchow. May they be truly repentant. We have about that many here but my doubts seem to be greater than my faith in regard to them. May God teach us in His own way what to do & how to do it.

Nov. 8th

This morning Wu S.S. the man who owns the place back of Miss M.'s came in with Mr. Wun & a middle man. This afternoon Wu S.S. & his tenant Wong S.S. came over We had a long talk. The latter is very much opposed to our getting the "old homestead" that they have been renting. I don't see how it will end. Dealing with Chinese is slow & trying.

Foo Chong & Co have some tenants in their houses at Pai Wan. They will not pay rent. Foo Chong lets me go in at any own price for a Mission School provided I can get them out for him.

The weather is much colder this evening. Mrs. L. & I went over to the Gibson's a short time this afternoon. Little Gladys Evelyn was asleep.

Mr. Crozier & Hawkins came in this P.M. He came down from Nawhin in about five hours & a half. A fine run. He is going on up to his work.

We have several inquirers now. Oh that we would look more to the Lord to lead us thro the uncertain places. It's hard! But why is it not because we do not seek the Master enough

I went over to see Mr. Scott the British Consul today, this is the second visit Liz made, concerning the high wall back of our compound. The man in charge of these things is looked for in a few days from up the river. I shall do all that I can to get the wall lowered - it is about 20 ft. high & is a nuisance. It shuts out all of our river view from the back.

A letter from Mr. Pierce yesterday says he has eight applications for baptism from the country.

Nov 11th Grand Canal.

Yesterday afternoon we called a small boat. Mrs. L. little Mary, Olmah & I went over to Kwardzuer. We had a nice trip across & reached home by four o'clock.

This morning I got up early & went over to Yangchow on the first Steamer, Shieh Bros Line. Reached Yangchow about Eleven. Mrs. Pierce had a nice dinner for us which I enjoyed to its full. I went especially to see about Ma S.S. for the school we are about to undertake

for the poor. I found that Ma S.S. had gone to Kwan Jun on yesterday. Sir glad I did not see him as it was best to have had a talk with Mr. & Mrs. Pierce first. They are not very enthusiastic about my taking them as they are afraid they may not do the work properly.

I came coming back on the "Swun Tsang Shih Li" line. As we pulled out from Yangchow the ~~ship~~ went away over to the lee ward almost turning over. The Chinese made quite a row. a boat was called to be toward others the frightened ones can get off of the foreign ~~ship~~. They flock on it but with the least inconvenience the flock the other way are ready to blame the foreigner.

The boat which they have called is the same one in which went to Soochow last May. Before I left Yangchow I saw the boat went on to take with the boatmen. The man told me that his elder brother + the one who was Loo Ban when we went to Soochow had died ~~when~~ last month. It made me sad to hear it.

Nov. 13th. Sunday

This morning we had a good number out at our Sunday school and ninety nine at the Chinese church services in the chapel. I tried to preach from Gal 2:11-12 my topic being "Rebuking" Who must be rebuked, who must rebuke, Why should we rebuke & How should we rebuke. The Lord gave me more freedom than usual in the use of words. I feel encouraged when I look up & discouraged when I look down. Let us keep our eyes on Him.

This afternoon I went down to the Workman's Refuge to call on Roan Shong. He was at C.I.M. native services, so I went down stairs to call on them there. I looked out of the front door & there was a group of gamblers just to my right. I had rebuked them several times & taken their dice away twice & money away once & yesterday had sent down a proclamation by the Chinese official concerning this same gambling. I walked into the midst of them stood on

their dice & cash until old Wong the Shien's opium smoker in the Workman's Refuge came forward & gathered up all the sixty five cash & thirty dice for me. I then sent them away & told them we had a proclamation in the house to be posted soon. Imagine my astonishment when Liang Tek Gao pointed to it just above our heads & said "I showed it to them but they did not believe me." I shall have to take one or two of them to the Yamen if it is not stopped.

I went inside the Refuge & there lay an old man fifty seven on the floor groaning. I asked about him. Li Tsang Ching said "He staggered to the door last night. Not being able to get inside we helped him in. He has no money else we would buy him something to eat" I asked how much wine he could drink. Dr. Macklin & Rankin recommending a dose of the native "Sir Jiu" in such cases. The old fellow answered he did not drink wine" I then sent Liang Tek Gao to buy an