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egg & break it in hot water for the poor fellow to drink. He drank it down. They said he would be hard to heal as he was an opium smoker. If he did not smoke they thought they could cure him. I took his opium pipe, scissors & opium mixture as a keep sake. What a terrible terrible thing this opium is for China. Monday Nov 14. The old man died a few hours after I left him. Mr. Sydenstricker gave talks in the Workman's Refuge & Chapel last night.

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Chinkiang 11/15/98

Rev. Chas. Leaman, Nanking. Dear Mr. L.

"We have a man & his wife working for us named "Kong." They used to work for some of you in Nanking. The woman says she is a member of the Presbyterian church in Nanking, and the man is a member of the Baptist Church at Yangchow. They have both been asking for admission into our Chinkiang Baptist church. I told them that without letters from their churches we could do nothing. At the same time I asked the woman why she could not just as well have her membership transferred to the Presbyterian church here - which was virtually

the same as that of which she was a member. Her reply was that she did not know the difference in the different "ways", but that she supposed hers in the same one that her husband was a member of.

I do not know what is in the inclosed Chinese letter. It was sealed when handed to me with the request that I forward it to you. Whatever your church may decide is best I shall take pleasure in telling the woman woman & shall see that she gets any letter that you may send thro' me for her."

This is the stand I take. I took the same in Soochow when I first came out about three & a half years ago when a Presbyterian preacher who had been excluded wanted to join us.

However when I baptized my own wife from the Methodists I did not oppose this not because of the difference in Methodism & Presbyterianism but because of the difference in the foreigner & native. I do not know how I would act in a similar case at home. Circumstances decide the cases as the above cases demonstrate.

Nov 18th 1898

Mr. Seamen sent a nice letter in reply & the certificate from himself as pastor

Sat. Nov. 19th

I began reading again in Exodus with some of the christians & inquirers. My plan is to read every Monday Wednesday & Friday night. On Tuesday night is our prayer-meeting & Sunday & Thursday night is to time in the chapel for outsiders. Thus we have every night except Saturday taken up. I would be so pleased if I could do this work but so far my head has been very ugly. I have not looked in a book today - either foreign or native. My

head was so anoying last night & this morning that I decided it would be best to rest today. I have had the front walk ordone with bricks where I had tried the shells. The shells have not hardened as we had wished & the dirt that I had put on top made a fine dust that kept the inside of the house as well as the verandahs in a dusty condition.

Mr. Walker came back last night from his trip up to "Ju Whar Sau". He said there were not so many pilgrims as he had expected to see.

On Tuesday or Wednesday of this week we had Yau Mok Ming, the S.S. & Yiu S.S. for dinner. We had a regular foreign dinner - nothing very special used knives, forks &c just as we always do. I was struck with the ease with which they used our knives & forks & also with the politeness that they showed by not making remarks about what we were eating or how we ate. They all seemed to enjoy the two hours that they spent here. I hope it was beneficial in the highest sense.

A get-off.

A foreigner in the community Mr. Engleman from Sweden had been allowing his Chinese teacher to live in his house so that if possible he (the Chinese) could be cured of the opium habit. The Englemans servants had watched closely over the man for some time but finally he got away. He said if until he heard that Mr. I was provoked that decided not to retain him as a personal teacher. One morning just after Chinese worship the teacher came in & said "I came for worship but as you have had worship I will read & hear mine" & there & then he fell on his knees

Miss Mackenzie went up to Yangchow the first part of the week to talk about the "Girls Boarding School" for this section. It is decided to ask the Mission for two months visit on both of the chinkiang houses to be put in some repairs on the servants quarters in Yangchow for the school. The two months visit for the two would be $130.00 Mex dollars. I do not know what will be done. The rest of the Mission have not yet been heard from.

We have had a few mosquitoes up until even last night- Nov. 19th "89

Nov 20th "

In the Sunday School we had a good number. Miss Mackenzie taught the women, Jennie the girls, Mr. Walker the boys from the Workmans Refuge, May Chong the boys from across the street Wong Chong the Christian men & the outside men. Mrs. L May sat in the room with the girls. Mr. Walker had kindly taken her class of boys.

At the 11 oclock service there were 101. I preached from 2 Cor. 5:14. This afternoon Mrs. L & I went to Tar Bay Dow. Mr. Pearse, C.I.M. took foreign service. After supper I went to W.K. chapel on way back.

Nov. 25.

This week I have been resting my head. It has been troubling me no little so I stopped indoor work. I have been getting the shed room next to Mr. Walker's prepared for our cook & wife & over coolie

Nov. 27

They are all settled in there now. The latter has his mother & child in there also. This is the first time we have had three servants but it seems almost necessary at present. We give the cook four, his wife three & the coolie three dollars. The cooks wages may be put at five later on. When we had the one servant we gave him six dollars per month.

Meeting Steamers

Chinkiang is very conveniently situated on the Yangtse & we Baptists are very conveniently situated in Chinkiang but at the same time inconveniences do arise.

A Miss Bellingham from Scotland who is travelling around the world was looked for last Monday night by the ladies on the hill to spend a few days with them. Alfred

a Chinaman adopted by Dr. Hoag went down to meet the lady. For some reason the steamer was delayed & so it was three oclock before Alford found out that Miss B. was not coming on that steamer. The next down steamer was Wednesdays. The down steamers generally get in before seven oclock but this steamer could not reach here before eight- so Mr. Nash had written to Dr. Hoag. So the Dr. said if I did not mind I could go down as I had offered & just see Miss Bellingham in a chair & off up the hill. I told her it would be a pleasure to do so as I was not studying much these days on account of my head. The Steamer came in at eight- but just after the up steamer had come along side of the bulk. So there was nothing for the down steamer to do but to cast anchor away down by Silver Island & wait for the other steamer to discharge her cargo. At half past ten the up steamer left & forty minutes later

the down steamer came "along side" but no Miss B. was on board. Moral: "All ye round the world travellers might sometimes save a fellow by spending a little money on a telegram.

Bishop Cranston wife & three daughters have been expected here for some days but I believe they will go straight on to the annual meeting in Kiukiang & stop here on the way back.

D. W. Herring passed here night before last on his way down to Shanghai to meet his little eight year old son, George, whom he has not seen for five years.

T. J. Trego & family (wife & 2 boys) are looked for this week.

Dr. Henry Woods came in on Thursday night & will leave tomorrow Monday for Peking-hsien. He has been up to Pungchow on the translation committee work. He was up there about two months.

Miss von Rosech is over at Miss Mackenzies. She came in yesterday.

Bro. Pierce spent a short time with us on Wednesday

Cold weather came a week ago today at seven o'clock in the evening of Nov. 20th. It came suddenly.

I have not been studying much this week on account of my head. I have been putting up glasses over the front walk again & the side wall white washed &c.

The Bible Reading takes place on Mondays, Wed's & Fridays. I may stop it as soon as we complete Exodus.

Mary's vaccination took splendidly on her little leg. I

Nov 29th

Miss Foster spent from Saturday evening to Monday morning with Miss Mackenzie. Miss F's health is much better than it was in the summer.

Last evening Mr. & Mrs. Engleman invited Mr. & Mrs. Woodbridge, Mrs. Lawton & I to supper & a Bible reading. The Englemans are Swedish and a nice, cultured couple they are too. Col. 1 was read & spoken on by Mr. & Mrs. W. made some remarks. — The Knowledge of God. See how it is dwelt on in Colossians. The evening was pleasantly & profitably spent.

On Sunday Mr. Pearse, C.I.M. preached for us in Chinese. There were one hundred and forty present - half of whom were children. He kept their attention real well.

After the services Kong Nai Mi our Ahmah was admitted to church membership. She comes from the Nanking Presbyterian church.

Day S.S. swiftly our Mohammedan teachers in the poor school were asked to wait a time. He has been hearing the gospels for eight or nine years. It is well to be careful and yet we must not go too slow.

Our schools seem to be doing nicely. We trust that we shall be able to do something that will advance Christs cause among those poor people.

Dr. Henry Woods gave us a good sermon on Sunday evening in Foreign services from the text Fear not Abram: I am thy shield & thy exceeding great reward" - the Lord as the chief object to be sought & enjoyed was especially dwelt upon.