

Dec 3rd

Our work seems to move on nicely.
The schools are all going along
as smoothly as we could hope.
At present, I cannot do much
studying on account of my
head but with God's help I
shall do what I can. Ida's
head is also troubling her quite
much. Little Mary does nicely &
looks well.

Mr. Hutton came in yesterday
and is staying with us.

Mrs. Wright came in today at
twelve. She is with us while

Mr. Wright is attending the Confer-
ence in Knoxville at a part of the time.

Mr. Herring & George & the
Blalocks came in last
night. They were all at
dinner with us but the Blalocks
go to Miss Mackenzie's to stay. Tonight
we are all to go to the Walkers
for supper, &c. all from our
house except the Harrings who
take supper with the Gibbons.
The Leagues are looked for
tonight on their way to America.

We are having some in-
quirers in our station
but not many. The church
seems to be rather cold.

Oh that God would use us
more - would give us more of
His own power. BE ready to receive.

Dec 7th

The company all got off on Monday or Tuesday except Mrs. Wright. Mr. W. came in tonight from Kuikiang. He & Mrs. Wright will be with us until tomorrow afternoon. Miss Martin, the Consul's daughter took supper with us tonight.

Mr. Wright has been moved from Yangchow to Kuikiang and Mr. Little been moved to Yangchow.

Mr. McInnis, Southern Presbyterian stopped over with the Sydney-strickers from Monday until today. He had been up to Hankin. The weather continues fine.

Dec. 9th

Our company lasted six days i.e. we had company six days. During that time there were eleven different ones including the children & sixty single meals prepared. We enjoyed their stay & feel that it was good for us that they were here.

It however told on the dear little baby who was sick for several days with the bowel complaint.

Yesterday Miss Mackenzie came over with a cheque from Mrs. Seaman for \$100.⁰⁰ for the Pai Nan school. Mrs. Seaman had given \$50.⁰⁰ & this herself

her husband \$35.00 Mrs. Pottal- 10.00
 & Mrs. Bryan 5.00. This will en-
 able us to add thirty children.
 Our total will then be seventy
 - thirty boys & forty girls.

My night-reading with the
 Chinese continues. We hope
 to complete Exodus next
 week. After that we will
 perhaps take up the New T. again.

In our Chinese worship every
 morning we are reading
 Psalms. Miss W. is getting
 an insight- into the O.T.
 through the Chinese charac-
 ters - many of which we
 meet as strangers in a strange land.

Dec. 15th

Poan Shong's school seemed
 to be on the decline so
 we thought it best to close
 it until the last of next
 February. This is the school
 over the Workman's Refuge.

I went down to Pay Wan
 today to see the rice given
 out. This was the first-
 time I had seen them
 eating. I don't think the
 boys got near enough to
 eat - they were very glutton-
 ous. When we begin on
 two meals a day it will
 be easier to fill them. Sam
 has stopped since we took the picture

"Pai Wan School"

The Pai Wan school for the poor was opened on Monday Nov. 21st in the houses that Foo Chong & Co. let us have.

The Mohammedan teacher Day Lih San came on Monday Nov. 14 trying the second day of their Chinese tenth moon. That week he & the boys' day school teacher Wong Sir Won were getting together the tables, benches & making the necessary sanitary innovations. The cooking department was prepared; Mr. Sydenstricker having left a Chinese "go"

in one of the houses which ~~we were to~~ ^{we were to} let us use. The sixty rice bowls and fifty pair of chop sticks were put in readiness for the hungry mouths that would begin to use them on Dec 1st.

On Nov 21 the schools opened with fifteen boys & fifteen girls. For ten days we were trying to see "who was who" & got the ones we wanted.

On the week previous Wong Shong, Wong S.S. & Day S.S. had gone around to the straw huts with paper & pencil in hand selecting

the sons & daughters from
the homes of the most needy.
When they had gotten the
number - 30 - they said
we could just as easily have
selected 300. During those
days some friends began to
take interest & so by the 1st of
Dec. the first day that the
rice was given out we
had \$3.⁰⁰ from Miss Forbes
promised, \$9.⁰⁰ from Miss Ten Brook
cheque given & \$18.⁰⁰ promised
by Mr. Walker & family. Miss
Mackenzie wrote to Mrs.
Seaman in Shanghai who
gave \$50.⁰⁰, her husband
35.⁰⁰ Mrs. Poole 10.⁰⁰ & Mr. Rogers 5.⁰⁰

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Lately Dr. Hoag has sent in
a cheque for 12.⁰⁰ Mrs B.C.
Wan a Chinese lady has given
\$3.⁰⁰ & a friend left ~~too~~
\$2.⁰⁰ at Miss Mackenzie's
Today with "\$2.⁰⁰ for God's
school at Pei Wan" written
on it. We hope
by tomorrow or next
day to have all the new
ones initiated. Our school
will then number 40 girls
& 35 boys. We are in
hopes that the number
will run up to one hun-
dred before the cold weather
is over. May God bless the work.

Dec. 19th 1894

In Saturday's N.C. Daily News
was the following special telegram

Chun King, 15th December
Disappearance of a Tibetan Traveller
Peter Rijnhart, travelling with
his wife in Tibet; disappeared
on the 29th of September. It
is believed that he was mur-
dered by robbers. His wife
arrived at Ta Chien Lu, on
the Chinese frontier, on the
29th of November last.

This is indeed sad. I
came out with Rijnhart
& his wife. I hear they
have a little one. It is hard

to tell from the above what
has happened. May the Lord
sustain.

Yesterday in our Chinese
services Mr. Folke C.I.M.
from Shensi Province, a
Scandinavian brother preached
for us in Chinese from Joh. 1:11.
He spoke clear & forcibly &
I hope it will do us all good.

In the afternoon foreign
service Mr. Andrews C.I.M. from
Yungchow gave us a good
sermon from Ex. 20. Dr.
Whitsitt says this is a religious
age & we must above all things
have religion. It's true.

On Friday night of last week we had several of the Chinese brethren to take "tea" with us. It was a pleasant little gathering. Moneys were subscribed by them for the entertaining of the natives at the time of our Associational meeting in April.

A nice little American mail came in this morning for S.S. Belgic. I hope the Tatars have arrived.

I cannot do much work these days my head troubles me no little. May the Lord teach me in His own way.

Dec 23rd

Rev. Mr. Wright of Yangchow left last night for Hukwang where they have been transferred by Bishop Crauston. Mr. Little & family go to Yangchow.

"Ging Foo", our house boy came in this morning & said he was not able to do the work & asked me to call another boy.

"Pan Ling" our cook said to me after dinner that he & his wife ^{our Chinese} would have to quit. He was honest enough to say that their reason for leaving was that they were corrected together.

We took supper with the Walkers last night - The Wrights were to have gone there but the steamer came in just before supper. We went instead. The Walker children are having a very hard time. They are kept in bed most of the time so as to help cure their bowel complaint. The weather is very fine we could not desire better.

This evening in the Chapel the girls from the Methodist school chapel are to give a musical for the benefit of the famine children in our school.

Dec 24.

The Musical came off very nicely last night. The chapel was very well filled with foreigners. The girls did real well. A collection of \$77.95- was taken up and given to me for the famine children. In the subscription list sent around today an additional sum of \$58.00 was subscribed. This we feel is quite liberal. We pray the Lord that we may use it all for His glory & for the ~~participation~~ of His cause below.

The cook & his wife have decided to stay. We raise their wages $\frac{3}{4}$ each.

Jan. 1st 1899

Another year is here. For the mercies of the past we praise our Father; for what is to come we trust Him.

On Saturday night Dec. 24 we were invited to take supper with Mr & Mrs M. J. Walker. The Coxs, Gibsons Mrs Nash & Miss Mackenzie were all there.

On Tuesday Dec. 27 we had

- (1) Wong Shong (2) Wong Sir Won
(3) Dein Gao Sun (4) Hu Ho Sang
(5) Gah Shong (6) Ren Ling
(7) Poon Shing An (all Baptists)
and (8) Way Shong (9) Poon S.S.

of the C.I.M. to eat dinner with us. We gave them a foreign dinner. Altho' one or two helped themselves directly from the pickle dish vice versa yet as a whole they did real well with knives & forks.

On yesterday Sat. Dec 31st for dinner we had: (1) Lao Ling Nai Nai (2) Ling Nai Nai (3) Fong Nai Nai (4) Day Nai Nai (5) Dao Ahmal (6) Chu Ahmal (7) Gao Nai Nai (8) Ten Nai Nai (9) Poon Su mo (10) Guang Si mo. The first three mentioned are members of the Baptist Church.

The most of the others are C. I. M.
Mrs. Lawton did all of the
entertaining. I helped the cook.

Last night Mr. & Mrs.
Gibson invited Mr. & Mrs. Walker
Dr. Mrs. Cox, Dr. Kupper, Miss
Mackenzie, Miss Emery, Miss
Rees, Mrs. Lawton & I for
supper. The supper or rather
dinner was like the Walkers
quite elaborate. The evening
was pleasantly spent.

The "Pai Wan" winter school
for the poor is doing nicely.
We begin today (Jan 1st) to
give them two meals per
day. We now have 90

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and hope soon to have 100.
We will not go beyond that
unless special Providential
loadings should cause us to
do so.

The boys
& girls seem to be making
some progress. Mrs. Sydenstricker
has kindly taken over the
Bible instruction.

King Foo our cook left
last month. He has been here
one month & a half. We will
try with only two again.

At the Workman's Refuge
last month we slept over
one thousand at six cash
each & 111 free. Three died

Jan. 3rd

This is the week of Prayer for the foreigners. So far the attendance has been small on account of sickness in the Sydnerstricker family.

On Monday night Dr. Cox assisted by Dr. Hoag inserted a tube in Clydes throat just below the "Adams Apple". Mrs.

Bear & I were in to hold the little fellow's head & feet & do what we could. The operation was performed about 2 o'clock in the morning Tuesday Jan 3rd 1891. It took about one & a half or two hours to get the little boy

under the influence of morphine. He is very low. The phlegm is difficult to get out through the small opening of the tube. It is pitiable to see the dear little boy exerting himself to cough. His face looks as if he is crying & yet no sound except the catching of breath through the tube.

Mr. Sydnerstricker left Chu Chow Ju (about 100 li away) on Tuesday morning. It will take him five or six days at least to get here & that too by travelling some at nights perhaps on a wheelbarrow or donkey.

On Tuesday Chu Shong, Loo Hing Tsun Shong, Day S.S. & son Lo Da Geng & two C.I.M. native medical students took dinner with us. All came of very well was about like the other occasions.

On Tuesday evening Pearl Lyden-triches was taken sick. She has been gradually getting worse. It is perhaps diphtheria. Dr. Lynch was called in. These drains have been so miserable that the sickness must be attributed to that. The order from the Commission is backed up to our place - as

we are higher the gas seeks its highest outlet. It hurts me so that this should be the case yet I do not feel that I am to blame. I may have done more but it would have been acting blindly.

Friday Mrs. Lawton & Mary moved into the rooms under the Walker Hall rooms. They were very nicely housed. However the ladies on the hill insist that they go there & so they hope to go today. They & the Ahmah were going on a boat trip to Suk R Way but the high wind prevented.

Miss Ross C.F.M is staying at
the Lydenstrickers in the day
Miss Follen Guangchow C.F.M
was telegraphed for yesterday
spent the night there last
night. Miss White (Methodist)
& Mrs. Ingelman also. Miss
Mackenzie & Dr. Tapt staid
there night before last &
Dr. Tapt Sunday night.

In our study of Pauls life
last night seven were present
It was quite pleasant & interesting
Dr. Cox sleeps down in our
guest room every night. Poor
man he is certainly hard
worked.

Rice Kitchen opened

Today the distribution of
rice for the poor by the
Chinese began. For twenty
years they have been giving
it down at the "Beggars
Home" or what we now
call Workmans Refuge. This
year because we are looking
after the place & have built
an upper story on it they
refuse to give the regular
allowance. They say I
Lawton am at the head of it
now & they do not trouble
themselves about it.
a day later they decided to give us a "dai" a day
March 20, 1899 The Rice Kitchen
closed yesterday