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Extra Mail
is received for
England on Wed.
a Monday
next week -

My Dear,

Friday 1st July 1857

My Dear Mrs. Brown.

I have reached

this in safety for you, but, from the
time I left you until this morning
I met with a succession of inconveni-
ences - Mr. & Mrs. Lee for that would
go to Whampoa & so, our servant baggage
was left behind - When I came to the
factories, I found that D. Dickson was
unable to get away - It was a long pull
in the rain, to Whampoa - We called
at the "Shanghai", where Captain, Rostell
had come from Canton with us. After a
cold collation, we pulled a circle further
to the "Pekin". The Captain "Burns" is an
intelligent - clever man & I enjoyed his
company. He would make me sleep in
his own cabin & made me welcome to the
very best accommodation of that most
comfortably supplied ship in the water-
a. P. B. Steamer - Wednesday passed with

a very rough breeze rain. We weighed anchor, however, at 8 o'clock & steamed down against wind & tide for an hour. Night, rain & wind increasing, the Captain cast anchor again & staid the day until 5 A.M. of yesterday (Thursday) - I employed the day in writing letters, reading & sketching. Unusually inclement was the weather at night - I had ~~at~~ long chat with the Captain on ~~the~~ ^{his} doctrinartical religion. He came down in 7 1/2 hours to Hong Kong. The fresh breeze & cold air made the trip very agreeable. I was reminded of our land route by everything on board - the bells, the hours, meals, politeness of officers, activity & stillness of the waiters all brought up the two monthly scenes - It is a strange & exciting ~~view~~ ^{sight} which a landsman's eye beholds from the bridge of a large steamer - Did you ever take the Captain's stand place & consider the single weight of wood & iron; the tremendous complicated machinery; and the scores perhaps hundreds of human beings, all of

moment by the thought, or will, lodged un-
seen in the recesses of our
man's brain. It seems to illustrate God's
providence over nations. They have
their vast & multifarious interests. The
superintending eye, knows what influence
will move a people, the little valve is
opened, & perhaps a nation is driven to
war. or a whole people hurries after commerce
or some other noble undertaking of the course
of this world is affected. This that every
thing that influences guides us way
to of God.

Unhappily we came to H. R. under pour-
ing torrents of rain. I accompanied the
Capt. ashore in his gig. We did catch it
of course when I reached the M. House
it was changed all rapidly. And my
baggage was about. It was bad enough
to be out clearly changed two days. Now
we had to borrow. D. L. L. supplied
me tobacco & thought they allowed
much more of Mr. Chalmers' dark winter

stockings to appear than was in fashionable
fashion & though the doubling up folding
round one was very unusual for
trousers, a good lot & their cleanliness
made them very welcome. He called
disturbed us for the evening passed off
pleasantly enough. - I have not taken cold
- D. L. dined with Mr. Mitchell, accord. to
his usual practice. He told us of
cubical much of his thoughts - He expresses
the utmost indignation against Mr. Geo.
Anthony Munn - Dixon. he despises - You
have read his letter. What think you of it.
My opinion is that Wade's translation might
be made, but Sepp gives the writer's meaning
D. L. who has seen Wade's second letter in this
week's C. Mail, is confident - that his rendering
is correct - When doctors disagree about it,
can certainty be ever found?

- Mrs C. & children are not looking well. Maggie
& Fannie very thin, pale weak. Dear Johnny looks
quite a contrast of health & strength to them. - M. is
plagued with boils. Prof. Russell has unaccountably settled
a Mr. C. check. Certainly it reflects a great disrespect
most of her faultiness. - I have passed over

the parcels to Mrs C. I shall give her \$10^{1/2}
directly - I did not just think before
sending in "Beast Mammals" from the
that Mrs H. had asked me to buy some &
was putting the lot away, in a great hurry,
the thought came, "I shall be a long time before
I can bring Mrs H's from H. N. & this is very
poor, I will send it ~~over~~ ^{over}, instead of storing it
away". Just as I thought it I sent it -
If I had taken but a moment's hesitation, I should
have anticipated that "Grate uncomfortable".
I have been more cautious - But after this
episode, I hope my fault will be cancelled -

I need not write so long you will
say, & really I ought not. I am sorry.
I don't ask you to write anything like
so long, but do let me have a message
from you - You will have felt
this damp wet weather - You continue
well & as happy as happy can be -
His next fine little face for me - My
love to your Robert - I hope letters are
done very satisfactorily - I guess played
heartily - Rob - must have "Chess" too clearly -
I shall be afraid of trying him if he does -
Goodbye - Yours sincerely, Hewitts
Josiah Cox

the Cap^{ts}
July 19 -
1856

To B. A. M. M.

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Mr. Lay
July 29th 1856 Thursday Evening - 7 P. M.

How I would like it would be to turn into that snug little dining room and take a cup of Tea with you. I suppose we might by a very long trespass on the evening hours of study, fill up the blank of a weeks absence but somehow I cannot help a restless wish to know what is going on as I am afraid this wet stormy weather will hardly suit you. It blew like a hurricane all through the last night. The steamer ship went across the harbor for shelter. The Willamette did not leave the Calcutta Steamer, which was to have sailed at 2 P. M. Yesterday has not yet gone out of harbor. I hope our Eng. Mail Steamer will come safely through it. She is positively late. If she arrives today, Mrs. Chalmers has to buy a new Coat for D. Egge, if tomorrow she buys a new dress for Mrs. C. - She began to expect her arrival today & offered yesterday morning to give up the bargain, but Mrs. C. was disappointed to let it stand. They are very kind to me, Mrs. C. especially so -

I must always avoid differing from a certain number at the table - to do so, brings out a peculiarly excited look in the rip countenance. I must use an unreasonably strong way of talking to, beat one down, that I ~~shall~~ always be deprecate. We pass along, however, very happily on the whole -

Most of the friends with whom I have
 conversed, appear unsettled. On board ship,
 & here too, I notice expressions of dissatisfaction.
 A party proceeds from the ~~old~~ misman-
 agement of Hong Kong Public Affairs. Perhaps
 I am in the gloomy mood for viewing these
 things. I don't sympathize with them. I
 don't wish to enter into them. To feel settled
 in doing the will of God, is of great importance.
 There may be trials & anxious thoughts,
 but this will sustain us. It is of great im-
 portance too, to make the most of the many
 enjoyments around us. But best of all we
 may look forward a little & anticipate
 Heaven: - To be for ever with the Lord! Changes
 then we must meet. We may often look on our
 days as spent to little good effect, & sadly learn

on our defects & our disappointments. But to
Blessed Heaven in remembrance, is not only a
source of repose & joy, but it presents an
object before us, that imparts an ear-
nestness & value to every short day of this life,
highly calculated to counteract the disquiet
that changeful circumstances occasion.
Yes! I must cherish lively thoughts of
a better home, where Jesus has gone to
prepare a place for us - He may be one
the more now ^{more} ~~and~~ ^{near} ~~to~~ he is
to dwell closer to our hearts than ever before.
He speaks comfortingly to our
hearts - Peace be unto you; it is I, he comforts
but oh! what shall be, that far more, exceeding
and eternal weight of glory which are now
before us working out for us - Yes; I know
you will say any words are too strong & certain
for me of us, but no: I trust & believe that
through the Lord Jesus Christ, we have secured
the "sufficiency of His grace." That they are ours.

Saturday Evening 9 P.M.

I have just brought into my room
that thick muslin you have so generously

Sent me - I was delighted to look upon it! but! how you will have been distressed by that fire! - Dr. L. has already mentioned it! - I wanted to write a little note to you to night and, it is an unexpected pleasure to receive a letter instead - But now I will read it.

11.15. - I praise God for his care over you on that eventful Wednesday night. - How true it is, "we know not what a day may bring forth" - I dined with Dr. Watson on Wed. 7th - After a chat with Dr. L. &c, I retired to this chamber about 10.30 - In retracing the day, I have to reproach myself for allowing the weekly hour of prayer to pass without blending some wishes of mine with those offered, & pondering to the throne. But how little did one conceive of the alarm & danger distressing you all, as God's care over you, was implored! Through many such dangers a Kind Providence has protected you

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 dwelling and you will still abide
 under the shadow of the Almighty. "May
 the great Day of the Lord" My God: in
 which will I trust -

He shall have the detail over again
 perhaps when I return. Meanwhile, I am
 much obliged for your long & so painfully
 interesting narration. Tom Jane; I know
 how much she would feel the sudden
 alarm! And Rob^d so pale, sedent & excit-
 ed! - And each of them took a Bible!
 I thank God: for so good a token. May
 they grow up in the love of that precious
 Book! - Then Johnny too! on a "prayer book!"
 I would that I could have been within
 reach! -

It is now late; The Sabbath approaches.
 May D.H. find the "Go! I am with you"
 verified in his labours, and may ~~the~~ it
 be a day of rest & great peace, - ~~the~~ the
Blessed day, to you my dear Mother -
 I shall write a little more on Monday.
 - Good Night.

Monday 4.30 P.M.

Mr. Lobscheid came in at 1. P.M. & one of his long conversations with a little business, have deprived me of an opportunity of answering Dr. Morris' letter, & I shall be compelled to finish this one to yourself as quickly as possible - Mrs. Chalmers & Dr. L's letter will give you the N. K. news - especially detailing the condition of the atmosphere - There has been only one opportunity of an evening walk since I arrived here - I am spending as much time on studies as I can & readily manage but Dr. Morris' cautionary suggestion, so kindly dropped when I last saw him is often on my mind - Every now & then I spur myself on from some dissipation either by the remembrance of it - or then I think. How valuable is faithful counsel!"

I had an unusual number of letters most of them fraught with Christian encouragement & sympathy - Matilda writes

me. She appears to be regaining strength
but the manuscript ^{handed} ~~for~~ of her
letters betoken considerable weakness. I
have copied some interspersed sentences
to Jane. They are gratifying, to me will
be more ^{to me} ~~to me~~ "Mr Ben" must be an interest-
ing youth; they would not have enjoyed
his visit so thoroughly. He must not
anticipate too much, but there is no doubt
he will occasion your happy family cir-
cle much enjoyment. May the Lord
watch over his steps, & prepare him for
an honorable useful life -

I received a letter from Mr. Asst. Gen.
He retains his confidence in us, & writes
me in a very kind familiar manner,
as he used to converse with me at his
table - Mrs. H. P. B. will be disappointed
by the official answer to their request.
But I don't yet know what has been
rec'd from Missin House - Mrs. report
make a very proper mention of me

His long-tried fraternal kindness of
D.W. Brown to us all - I would quote that
from or two other extracts from the D. but
time forbids. And you will think
this quite enough of my ^{un-}intelligible
characters -

The public news calls for our
earnest prayers. I think our European
affairs far from satisfactory, owing to
Spain Italy & a little irritation
may perhaps, lead to a serious rupture
with America - I trust those, who
to join them, who in a quiet, useful
decision, can reach this one thing
to press towards the mark -

Can I do anything for you in N.H.? I
had a good letter from Mr. Beach on Saturday
night. I trust he is prospering this soul is
in health - Thank D.W. for his letter.

I again for your own. I shall value even a line
from you when absent from Canton -

I wonder what letters news you have for mail?
but, I must close - P.S. I wish I could come in for help as usual

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Mr Cox, Aug. 1,
1856

Quickly has Saturday night returned! I have not heard from you, my kind friend Northam, or from any of you, all the week. Not that I complain of this. I prefer no claim from any of you, even though I send you many sheets of my writing, beyond this, an expectation that "my dear Hobson" will now often drop me as much as a line to say "we are all well" - He has done more than this & I thank him; however much you may wish, there will be a long yarn to talk over, when I come back to enjoy my first cup of tea with you - Meanwhile, I dare say I may indulge the satisfaction of sending one of my plain sheets to tell you of the progress of events here

I have been quite distressed, ^{this week} by the

conduct of my teacher - I asked him to fetch a little of Quinine from Dr. Watson's (not for my own use,) for which he was to pay \$6. - He willingly undertook to fetch it for me - But he went to the other dispensary, because a friend of his, is assisting in the shop there - When he returned, he assured me it came from Dr. Watson's - I saw the Dr. in the men's & having sent for the medicine at his request mentioned the fact to him. The disobedient & probable falsehood thus appeared - He persisted in his guilty avowments on the next morning. As to explaining the circumstances, he confessed his sin & guilt. He fell on the floor of my room & really & joyously uttered his solemn & saddening confessions to Almighty God. From that weight, amounting to the loss of \$6. I was led to suspect some robbery on the

part of ^{my} friend at the other dispensary. I felt it my duty to go at once to the shop myself & bring the matter before the Masters notice - My fears were too true - The man had not only given short weight but had not paid over the \$6. - Of course Dr. Sepp was as grieved as myself at such a grievous delinquency. He has brought the case before the Church. Please don't say anything about it to any but the Dr. I can tell you more fully about ^{the circumstances} when I come back - Having been without my teacher 5 days, this week has been somewhat irregular. I am enlarging my vocabulary a little, and doing nothing at all else - One needs a steady principle, irrespective of that ever welcome success. After all, in the course I am endeavouring to pursue - I am satisfied, however, that with my particular "talents" (speaking as the boys of

Irish: etc are sometimes said to do, meaning the
lack of them) my temperament, the weak
heart slowly "principle is the right one for
- the grace to be a faithful man.

- Mrs Watson is across in H. King; with
Maggie some of the boys - She speaks of
Macao gaieties as more extravagant
objectionable than usual this season -
Under the pretext of teaching the children
to dance, a weekly ball has been got
up. Mrs W. disapproves of them. Mr.
Bred must of course be pained at them.
Our friend Mr Hunter is fidgety of V.
of any. Mrs H. says congregations are good
Mr. B. is highly respected. - I dare
say I shall return home via Macao.
I wrote Mr. B. to day, that I should probably
come directly after V. Mail arrived &
go on to Canton after the 11th. This I shall

be in time to give Johnny a kiss on
his birth-day. - The thought of rejoin-
ing you gives me much pleasure, albeit
my residence my mission prospects
are not ~~so~~ congenial as I could wish
them to be. I lay the fault of this at
my own door. I know that some will
feel as strongly as I do. This however,
can be no excuse for such ~~at~~ short-comings
faults, as make my conscience uneasy.
You have many objects to pray for, but I
should be thankful if you would just
occasionally pray that the course I
ought to take may be opened before me
by a kind & ever guiding Providence &
I am doubting, between another year
in what I used to call, "the old house" -
or some abode near to the factories. Wh-
ever it may be, I will try now & always to

put my trust in God.

What of the new Babtⁿ Minst? I wonder? - D. L. Wether C. are invited to the wedding breakfast of Mr. Angier. on Wednesday next.

You see how I run on, when I am scribbling to you. I hope it does not bore you. Whether or not, I wish you every blessing of our Gospel Covenant. Let us remember the exceeding great & precious promises; God has spoken them, and the mystery of Love, He has spoken them to us -

The Sabbath hours have commenced their rapid round.

God Father of all mercies, bless & assist my dear friend Helen in his duties this day - Bless the bless that circle them, in Jesus Christ's sake - Amen.

Sunday Night.

It will please you to know that this has been the most satisfactory Sabbath I have spent since I left Canton - I joined with the Ch. Church in commemorating the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, at 10 A.M. - Dr. Lipp-
furnished us with an able & interesting exposition of Jacob's wrestling at Peniel, in the morning service - He was alone in the afternoon - The intended duty has been omitted, It was that of visiting a note to Jane M^{rs} at 5 P.M. I went down to Church instead - You have been giving them every instruction & the gracious Spirit will impress your lessons on their tender minds. You are like the bearer of precious seeds, who sows trucks, Doubtless you will have your "rejoicing" time - It will be through the grace of Christ - the praise & glory shall all be gladly & adoringly ascribed to Him, who

Let. music.
H. C.

however, as God's promises are true, you may
smell with hallowed joy, - a kind of follow-
ing anticipation on that day when you
shall stand before a Saviour Friend say
"Here am I & the children thou hast
given me" - I don't utter the warm
enthusiasm of friendship in saying this.
No: I express an earnest faith - "With God
all things are possible" - "Lord if thou wilt,
thou canst" - was the leper's faith; We
knew the answer - The same heart responds
to our cry - - - I can give
a special message of love to Jane Mat for
me - Tell them I write it - on the Sunday. If
I could gently ~~whisper~~ ^{whisper} ~~into~~ ⁱⁿ their ears
I should say - "Love Jesus, who saves you -
Pray for the Chinese idolaters" -

At the supper table & afterwards we
~~conversed~~ ^{conversed} on very suitable topics - Dr. D. gave
this interesting fact - which had been noticed in
the daily reading - The Vander's Church, has

recently erected a college for training
~~their~~ ministers - Reared out of their poverty
 the building is without ornament. For
 occupations, however, they have would manage
 they are ~~the~~ first honors reared by a
 long line of suffering Christians, & as an
 Englishman I am gladdened by the thought
 that they are paintings of Milton &
 Cromwell - We had a little

discussion on the principle - that our
 happiness consists in the state of our
 minds. - Of course it does, you will
 say. & with that I shall end my
 reasoning. We will accept the principle
 & if we have grace, through Christ, & present
 a conscience void of offence toward God
 our minds may be at rest, our peace shall
 abound & all will be well - I am
 unselfish enough to hope that just now, [11.
 P.M.] you & indeed when, ~~conscience~~ with ~~us~~ ^{well}

(P.S.) J. D. Mrs H.

Monday afternoon.

I have just come up from a lecture by Dr. Legg's teacher on Mercius. Must seal up this at once. Perhaps we shall hear from Canton to morrow. I asked Mrs. Chalmers if she had any thing to send for Canton. She sends her kind love to Mrs. Abner.

I suppose the printer has finished the copies of Matthew, Luke & John. I trust carpenters got on satisfactorily. I dare say you know that Mr. Piercy has indicated a sort of class meeting. A'hawk's two brothers will attend. Alas! that so many anxious fears should mingle with the interest with which we look on these enquirers. One tangent

continue to apply here for baptism.
Some of the members exhibit the
life earnestness of Christians in Eng-
land. Why is it, that this should
be so universally lamented? - We
are very dependent on a native
agency & yet we look in vain for
laborers. - One of B. L. young
men, (A-loi I think) preached
a sort of trial sermon last week.
He is a promising young man,
but there was an evident attempt
to display talent. Most beginners
fall into this ~~an~~ error.

Public affairs are as disorderly in
Hong Kong as when I came down. Mitchell
& Austin for libel, is tried on Saturday.
Legg & Chalmers are strongly given to
sue at Gov^t & at some of the officials ^{there}

I am sorry to say, that Sir John, Austey
Mercer, Windgate are wrongheaded
inefficient men -

Pirates sent a memorial ~~to Lord~~
addressed to Sir Geo. Baring, stating
that 100 vessels composed their
Squadron. That they had come from
Singapore to attack Canton province
& were under the orders of San ping. Wang.
They request liberty to refit at H.K.
That our men of war will respect
their flag - L.C. & myself had a
warm discussion as the treatment
^{Chinese} pirates & robber bands should meet
with. We put on good terms however in
our debates. Happily they arise but seldom.
My friends will be as radical when we
part as when we met & I shall bring
back as much of a man of the House to
my school as I brought away from Canton

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Hong Kong, Monday night
25th Aug. 1857

My dear Dr Wm Hobson,

I have not much time for writing to you. I shall answer your two separate, - no; - three several letters in this one - It is easy to sit down & put on paper, from time to time, our ~~occasional~~ thoughts of absent friends, when the day is spent - after some sort of regular rule; It is pleasant to employ some closing moments of the day in this, especially if ~~or~~ something like one's duty has been done. The irregular man, however, has seldom leisure for anything. He is ever bustling but never overtaking his work. This is often my case. It was so last week. My teacher was too ashamed to come & sit with me. I cannot carry out my wishes here, without him. This loss of his services, - which I suppose is only tem-

proary, - has quite upset my plans. His conduct has disappointed selections one exceedingly - I went through Callery's book on Phrenology, & spent a good portion of my time in visiting & other irregular engagements. It has been a sort of breaking up of my visit - I have put myself to some pains to oblige my friends & gratify my own wish in calling upon them. But with but days, & evening services, it has not been possible to go often ~~as I~~ ^{See them} am afraid Mrs. Johnson & Mr. Irwin will prefer to find fault with me for this - But that I cannot now avoid. Mr. Watson is pressing me to remain here over the 14th. She has some special reason for my dining with them another day. I think it is D.W. 's birthday. - You will not think that a sufficient reason to detain me. She is very urgent. However, I fear will be grived, if for her sake I ^{do} not make arrangements to stay. - I am so sleepy that this

letter must be postponed until tomorrow Sunday morning. I hope you receive good news from the far off land. I am afraid poor Ben will write in a strain of sad disappointment. I should think your Mary letters will reach them before Dr. Ward sails & that Ben will be able to accompany him. - Dr. S. hears nothing from Dr. Ticeham, & considers this very negligent in your Sec. - I certainly did not expect that such important communications as ~~you~~ those Cephal revolutions could be answered by the return mail. They must be considered in a full Convention & arrangements ^{ing} requirements, at least some weeks must be made before any definite answer could be despatched. - I shall be glad if your Mary letter has arrived, before the Com. Meeting. Was it sent via Marseille? - Whatever may be the result of the steps you were left to take, don't let your trust in God be

shaken. Sooner shall his promise fail
than that he should not "direct"
thy steps" -

- Poor Mrs Chalmers will tell
you to this opportunity of her sad
bereavement. She has lost her Father.
You will know I am sure to sympa-
thize in such a loss. How life is altered
when a Father dies! - Mr. C. ~~before~~
conveyed the intelligence cautiously
Mrs C. submit; to the visitation like an
affectionate daughter & a Christian.
Singular enough; D. L. said ^{yesterday} with a
serious look, & doubtless thinking of his
father in law. Come, let us drink
to absent friends today, perhaps we shall
have fewer to drink to after this Mail
letters are read. - In half an hour
we heard of this sudden decease - Truly
we know not what a day may bring
forth. - May we, when the Lord
in his wisdom & mercy, shall see fit to
call us home, be forever ready -

I have said that I last week
 fell into irregular employment of
 my time. - Meverly novels entrapped
 me - 1. 2. & 3 o'clock have been my
 hours for retiring to the protection of
 mosquito curtains. And even some
 of the best portions of the Sabbath were
 spent over the same book - I say this
 with sorrow - If I had enjoyed our
 meetings for prayer & our religious
 intercourse, I could not ^{then} have employ-
 ed those hollowed hours - I hope
 nothing will transpire to prevent
 my return by the time mentioned
 in my last.

In my Friday's round
 of calls, I made the acquaintance
 of Mr. G. Morrison. - He received me
 with marked cordiality. I was ~~inter-~~
 struck with his interesting appearance
 at once - He referred to the Li Green
 than rencontre - I inquired about
 Mr. Crofton M. - & n. - He then asked if

the Wrens were well - He was pleased
with what I told him of Robert &
asked if John were like him. I min-
ing don't parkit about - I am Wren.
I left him with the thought - that
he may yet prove himself worthy to
bear the name of such a character
as I consider his Father Mother have
been - He would if sanctified by the
truth, & settled in the faith, - His frank-
ness, which he showed even to the ex-
posure of his faults, supplies reason to
think that kind & holy attentions would
not be lost upon him. It: that one's
likes may not prove fallacious - Per-
haps I look too favourably on the impression
of a first interview - But I observed his
every expression with the deepest interest.
The fault he exhibited was this, he did
not enquire about a sister as he ought
to have done. This pained me deeply.
He promised to return my call but
has not yet done so -

On Saturday I attended the trial
of Christopher Austen for slander. He
certainly acquitted himself as
a man of a very handsome tem-
per - I never listened to a speech
of so much hatred to every body but
his own pledged partizans in my
life - The case is protracted -

I must cease this scribbling.
The Str. Queen will probably convey
me across to-morrow, but perhaps I
may be detained a little longer for want
of some means of locomotion - I expect
some happy & useful intercourse with
William - & shall do my best to join
you Saturday or Sunday 15th Sept -
I suppose I shall not hear from you
in Macao - but, I can't help saying, that
a line will be very welcome -

- I have Affirmed a P. M. from

Mr. Ives which is just the thing. But
alas: it is given, not bought. I must ask
Mr. Ives to treat my own sense of
honor, not to do any thing objection-
able in a transaction for her. The gift
was purely spontaneous & unavoidable
~~without~~ without offence or insult to the
giver. Ho Mr. I. begged Robt. to accept
it with his kind regards. — I shall
bring it with me. I hope to obtain the
resolves this afternoon — Adieu.

Yours faithfully
Josiah C. C.

1852

Aug. 29

Mr. C.

4. 25. P. M. Canton.

Tuesday 4th Nov. 1871

My dear Mr. Brown.

I have just read
 your & Sir's necessary communication & Sir
 Michael's answer! - The former enters
 into a recapitulation of the whole case & puts
 a very argument, & against opening the
 gates, founded as before, on Sir Geo. Bonham's
 settlement of the case, which your himself
 reported the Emperor, was to stand in perpetuity.
 The garden ^(which I am of opinion?) ^{H.E. dispatch}, forms
 just the concluding paragraph. Happily
 for themselves the "Kaiser" thousands of
 people have not ventured to fulfil the
 for? warning -

The Admiral's rejoinder is very short
 "Bonham only ^{temporarily} waived, did not concede &
 further the present demand has nothing
 to do with that case. Argument is useless. You

How are you all getting on - is Robert? Good night. Yours truly J. M. Smith

compel me to proceed - -

An abortive attempt was made last night, to blow up one end of the Reading room. A sampan full of powder was introduced from without, under the West-end of the Parnes' room. The powder exploded & startled the sitting but no damage resulted from it.

At 1. The Admiral opened fire from the Encounter. Bananates, Sampan & Dutch polly - they have just ceased - The result appears inconsiderable - Only a few roofs have been marked - I expect most of the inhabitants have left the city, if not, what a sad visitation one of these shells must be to a street - We are likely to have a long affair of this - I wished to communicate more liberally, but time has stolen upon me & I am disappointed - How are you

Long, 1st February 1858.

I wish with
 you to
 from Carlton.
 with me to
 take me
 to
 the
 place
 for
 the
 first
 time.

I write you at a
 late hour because, as I permit me to
 be brief and confined to business.

We have held the Annual
 Meeting of the M. E. Society. The library
 has been offered to the Com^{tee} of the Carlton
 Library, to be by them held in trust for
 the M. E. S. - They have gladly accepted
 the offer & will put the books in good re-
 pair for which object, they are raising a sub-
 scription. I have begun to pack up the books
 & they will soon be removed to your ad-
 dress. Probably opened - for term. to the public.
 The discussion this question was very
 curious, owing to a frustrated & painful
 one that preceded it. Joseph Gardiner
 moved the grants to the "Bible Schools", be-
 cause of the misrepresentation the practice
 conducting them had made on the quin-
 traffic. Lipp himself contended that this did
 not concern the M. E. S. - J. G. was deeply
 agitated. He then proposed that the
 grant to one school - Cobble's - be considered at

our next meeting. This allowed all the
others to pass, and to prevent a disruption
of our public lists, - for the discussion was
carried to the very ^{such a} crisis - I did
not propose an amendment. Lepp was in the
Chair & could not. Thus, Abbott's grant is
withheld, and as it will probably be known
a while from now, I think it not unlikely that
they may drag the affair into publicity and
compel claim against us. Considering all the
interests at stake, and we probably took the
wisest course, though, it lays us open to just
suspicion. Please do not talk about it. I shall
soon send you a "Report" of the Hunt. I am
acting best "until Lepp's retirement. You bit-
terly and I disappointed in gardner, though
his ground was so irrational. I mean, that
I thought he must be kinder himself.

A sad accident befell a party of us
the other day, which had well nigh cost me
of our lives, though, praised be God, the matter
has not ended ^{seriously} as that. I accompan-
ied Mr. Chalmers as a visit of inspection to the
Gov. & Schools. Messrs C. Schofield, Paul - (a young
man in Lindsay's house -) myself returned by a
boat. Mr. Paul's rowing lying between himself and me,

I took it up, examined its parts; having seen & Adams's latest improvements; - & admired the weapon greatly. I asked him to let me discharge it, to which, of course, he assented. I cautiously turned round & shot off one barrel across the water. Soon however a feeling of insecurity, ^{then} occurred to me, instead of firing a second barrel, I went carefully, as I supposed, locked ^{the} weapon and handed it to Mr. Paul & returned to the case. He began to say something about the pistol & to show how the trigger acted, when it dis-charged. I don't know how soon does any one - but from Lobschmid received the ball - Happily the wound was neither fatal nor very serious, for he is now about again. Mr. Hartshorn & Watson, who gladdened us by the information that the ball had glanced off the ribs & travelled round, underneath the skin, to within an inch & half of the spine. I ran for Chalden & as he was out, went on to Henry's. All three Watson, Chalden & Dr. H. were soon present & as Lobschmid would take Chloroform, it was administered. Watson quickly & cleverly extracted the Ball. He has rapidly recovered with comparatively little suffering. This has been the greatest relief to my mind I ever experienced for Dr. it was better to have indirectly brought wounds & death on a friend.

We do not hear much from Canton. Salutes to these great-
men, are constantly stirring our ears - I myself, quietly
intending to visit Canton ^{after} the 10th when the work is
is raised. ^{has been} Dickson meantime, I will, I doubt not, visit
you as he has given to me, a most favourable representa-
tion of the prospects of the speedy re-opening of trade.
His account receives a little coloring, perhaps, from his de-
sire, to natural, to see the foreign community again
there. He brought me a note from W. S. Parkes Esq. urging
me to go up at once to Canton to assist in establishing a
hospital for the miserable prisoners found in Canton.
He wished Wang to accompany me. I go at, (Oct.) to
arrive at 7 a. m. ("G. Victoria" Mr. Chalmer's work by
some opportunity. It is too long a story to tell you
how I have tried to make my way up. I have
failed - At an informal sort of consultation between
Messrs. Chalmer, Wang & self on Mr. Parkes' request it was
thought advisable that Mr. C. should go up with
me to ~~ascertain~~ ascertain the prospects, as to re-opening
H. C. F. & report on behalf of the S. H. S. Should
he think favourably of affairs, Mr. C. is to follow me
up in a few days. Mr. & Mr. are to assist Mr. Parkes
& re-open occupy H. C. F. Dickson will rent the
front part of the premises & he & I will live in
them, Mr. W. is the second tap. Such is the action
proposed under our present circumstances. May
God see himself and prosper our going -

I felt it my duty to ask Wang if he
would take the hospital at Shanghai, & can
Dickson wish to return to Canton. He answered

"Yes:- D. H. had a right to choose & both were well
 pleased & would be the same to him (D. H.). This
 was well spoken with only just a slight hesitation
 which I attribute to his manner. He certainly
 pleased me. He said:- It was thought that we should
 meet Mr. Parkes's wishes at once & with such means
 as we have at hand. Hence the above arrangement.
 D. H. assumed that D. H. had gone out to Shanghai at
 his own wish & feared your health, not standing
 the work in Shanghai, might prove unequal to it in
 Canton, but this was not said in an insinuating spirit
 at all. D. L. thought your removal was a serious risk
 & lay between you and both the Shanghai Com^{tee} & the
 Board of Directors in London. Thus the proposition
 ought to emanate from you. And he did not see
 that anything would interfere with such a change
 if on hearing of the prospects in Canton, you should
 prefer the request. ~~At~~ Thus the matter turned
 and was altogether more satisfactory than I had
 expected.

Now: the question is, and in your letter
 to D. D. I know you request me to notice it. ~~Should~~
 you return to Canton? - I am afraid for your health.
 I am considering the best course to be pursued for your
 dear family, not forgetting Mr. & Mrs. M^rson's clearing ^{home} this
 Eastern soil and people. Mr. Hall's ^{rumors} of attacks on
 the foreigners; no quiet, few comforts in Canton, until the ^{great}
 established. Your family therefore could hardly come for
 a year ^{at least}. You would meet great anxieties for some time. I am
 disposed to pray over the subject, write you from Canton, where I can form
 a better judgment than now. &c

Mr. Cort

Feb. 14th 1858

I am sorry to wish you
to go for this purpose as
I have and think before
I have - I have - I have -
I have - I have - I have -

Mr Cox

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Feb. 17, Hong Kong. 5th Feb. 1858.

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My dear Mr. Wilson.

I wrote to Mr. Wilson

I came the night before last, ex-
pecting to leave for Canton in a
p.m. boat at 7 a.m. next morning.

We managed to miss the steamer
and I was thus once more dis-
appointed in my endeavours to
reach the old city. Something has
turned up to thwart my plans
perplex my mind ever since I
started from Macao, but my
purpose was unselfish, and I
trust I shall only do that which
will have a good result.

I sincerely thank you for
writing me that last welcome letter.
I could not gather the domestic
news from Mr. Piny, having already
left for this place, and it now seems

I received information about your-
self from home. I fear Bessy
is not taking great heed to your
wishes & counsels. This is much
to be deplored and must occasion
you painful solicitude. Still,

Ben, is young. His temptations
perhaps many. Bear long & bear
much with him for thousands of worse
lads, turn out excellent characters
in the end. I hope Jane is attentive
to your wishes & a source of comfort.

The circle of course, be much alter-
ed since I am here, & that is
also. It is really painful to think
of these multiplying changes,
but time rolls swiftly along,
and will ever bear us through
new scenes, alas! I look for
few new friendships so fraught
with satisfaction & pleasure
as that I enjoyed in the circle

if you never to be forgotten "Canton
home. Our prospect in ~~the~~
old city is most unsatisfactory
almost forbids the hope of ever
meeting you there again.
When I have been up with Mr.
Chalmers & their decision about
occupying the hospital is made
I shall write Mr. ~~Age~~ Gresham
fully on such matters.

We were concerned not to
receive a line from you by last
mail. Perhaps Mr. King depressed
& out-looking on Manhattan as
a permanent home, often brings
you rather gloomy hours. Be-
cause of the care of our Heaven
ly Father, and Mr. King also
cares "for us, the delight of know-
ing you can trust Him for
everything. - It induces us to

God, to throw ourselves thus upon
his love, just as starting Peter
is never clearer than when he un-
knows our perplexity, or tenderly
asks in Father's love: "Doubt
from as a comfort address the other
right in "When I am weak then I
am strong" - He showed that the
apprehension of our weakness was
a source of strength, by causing diffi-
dence & caution; leading us to pray
and to lay hold on God's promises.

We do sometimes feel weaker than
a bruised reed; but, even then, grace
- the grace of Christ - who has loved us
can be sufficient for us - Let us
hold on our way, and we shall
find at last, it is our Father's pro-
pleasure to give us the Kingdom.

With much sincere affection & res-
pect, believe me, dear Mr. Webb,
Yours faithfully
H. W. Webb
H. W. Webb
H. W. Webb

I think the unsettled state of the Canton
people offers fatal objections against your coming
down for the next 2 years. ^{as suggested.} It is true the people
are subdued, and it is possible this humiliation
may render them ^{more} willing than before to examine
the sources of comfort and salvation proclaimed in
the Gospel. But there are facts which outweigh
such favourable views. The Manchurians are ruling
from Peking and village haves are threatening
extermination to the foreigners, and though all is
empty boast, such boasts suffice to terrify families
and to spread amongst the inhabitants the persuasion
that the continuance of our present quiet is uncertain.
They are and will be careful not to commit themselves
with the foreigners. They put little trust in our
Germany as yet, and occasionally I have met with
but ill-repressed hostility. Should there be no fur-
ther ~~hostilities~~ ^{disturbances}, I expect the irritation which will
be caused in adjusting our claims, and in enlarging
the ground to be occupied by foreigners in Canton, will
render matters very troublesome for our mission work
for a two years to come. Should you come ~~now~~
again to Canton here, this state of public feeling
would harass and excite your mind. Your efforts
would be ineffectual and often discouraging, and
I should be sorry to see you suffering under such causes.
Then you must live here for perhaps half the time
alone, without the comfort of your dear family,
whilst they must be left this long time either in
Hong Kong or Shanghai without you. This is too great
a trial for you all. The good expected does not
warrant such an insurance. For say you labour
successfully in re-establishing the mission, does

not a success soon come, who knew not Mr. On & who perhaps upsets all your plans for working? - Thus a great portion of your labour would be lost. If it is not so bad as this, he might, however, prefer to establish the mission after his own fashion from the commencement.

From thoughts like these I conclude that your leave would not, perhaps, make a wise move to vacate your ~~present~~ sphere of usefulness in Shanghai for but a change to Canton.

I see the following benefits from an early departure in the godly dwelling of our fathers. - (1) Your mind would experience great relief and refreshment. Your system would be braced up and your health thoroughly invigorated. You needed this in Canton and Shanghai fails to suit you, ^{as the case is} ~~the case is~~ of it. Change admits of no doubt: with me & I find little pleasure in any proposition which does not contain health; ~~if~~ your uncertain, weakly health, and the frustration of your nervous system which your long and trying service has induced rise up as insuperable and painful difficulties against any other arrangement. Whilst on the other hand, ~~there~~ might be such a rest, be the prospect of another long course of efficient labour in China.

2. It appears likely best to suit the circumstances of your children, though not against this there is ~~an~~ set-off in the regret and sorrow which would be caused to Mr. Brown.

3. It affords the best chance of your resuming permanently your old station in Canton. I think

You would become a young man again in England, and gladly return to occupy your important post. You would see that it furnished you with a sphere of greater usefulness than other open to you, and so by your return for good to Canton West. ; sorrow would be turned into joy. I need not say that this view of the effect of your voyage home influences my judgment greatly. It seems to suit - ~~Does~~ the circumstances of the case. You might go to England & return here, by the time public distress & excitement have subsided, and you would bring to a peaceful scene some consolatory help. Should you finally determine good wish to settle in England, ~~it~~ will be better to have returned there before your constitution was completely shattered. What a ~~man~~ ^{man} you would make for Dean of I don't know, but Robert would be settled at Southam. You satisfactorily started - perhaps & planning, health improved.

And ~~even~~ the thoughts which occur to me, with many others, respecting the pleasure I should derive from seeing you in Canton for a year ^{and} ~~and~~ longer term, and the prospect of not realising them - sometimes make me very sad. Let the will of the Lord be done, however, and ~~and~~ ^{we may be} content with whatever happens. But in your spirit, I trust, and ^{your} ~~the~~ ^{for my part} will guide you. - Legg proposes to return ~~early~~ ^{for my part} ~~soon~~, that may be when his new work will retain him for several years, or rather permanently. Unless your resumption of labor obstructs the arrangement, doubtless Chalmers will be moved up to Canton, and I should think some additional missionary - meantime,

in accordance with the characteristic principles of your Society. You will do well to act for yourself, and independently of other Stations than that to which you belong.

A book-dealer who formerly kept a stall in Old China St. has picked up a great portion of your library and according to my advice has lodged them with Dr. Parker - Commiss^r - Pres'ly - clopastic; May Mr. of Edinburgh Med. Review, many Medical books are there. Bennett's Lectures. Partish's Reports. Barnes's "The Blood-purifier N.S. Thetis". Numerous books of Dr. Williams of great family interest. The latter I shall post order to send up to you at once, but, I shall better wait - than your objections as to the whole. A private journal of yours is amongst them. The man says he bought them & asks remuneration but how much he should receive, it is difficult to determine. Dickens promised him \$10 for a few which he first took to him, and at the same rate of payment. \$200 will be even too much for the while. There are books of Wendell's & probably the entire library of J. J. R. and his faithful spouse, whose name Mr. G. of his relative still the Sacerdotal may be learned from Rev. Mr. W. whether he will accept. . . . Many opened his dispensary here yesterday, and prescribed to 50 patients. They may come daily, & will find his treatment ~~of~~ ^{very} skillful & rapid. . . . He appeared in Chinese clothes this afternoon, ~~after~~ and he looks much more natural & respectable than before. I think he makes an interesting looking Chinese man, and he will be more comfortable among the Cantonese in this class than in ours. He attracted important

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narration and detection in his foreign part
The remarks, ^{were} made by our means to compari-
mentary as you can fairly imagine of these
Countries. He did not wish to meet with
me, and we dine ~~to~~ separately, though
occupying adjoining rooms. I think him
clear in his profession. J. Roberts &
Gillman are ~~at~~ looking for a place with-
in the city. Leg will tell you that - Hong
Jain is preaching ~~at~~ here - I am ^{very far from} ~~not~~ - I am -
firm about our operations, but I hope you shall
give our best - What God may bless us. We shall
probably get into the hospital at H. C. F. soon
after establishing mission operations in this
Inverness, I hear the Superior arrived
last Saturday and is submitting in town
If so, we are not likely to be disturbed by the
Sentry. Brainer. Trade is not yet returning -
This is my third letter since leaving you
you, and I look anxiously for your welcome
manuscript. I fear you have been far
from well. How are your Sunday meetings
with your family. Public getting up. I am
concerned to hear of your family's early re-
next decision to serve our blessed Saviour. Give
my love to them & Charles Robt. A Kiss to John - He
he kept quite well now. Mr. D. L. said Mr. Chokun
heard of another attack which pleased me sadly. I was
fearing I heard of his recovery since that -

Mr. Cox, March 1847

This is a Post-script. Read my letter first.

If you could look on Canton as a permanent station, where you will labour long as God gives you strength to serve him, then your health per-
mitting the arrangement, you might come down here, re-establish the mission, and after that, visit Eng-land, leaving Mr. Chalmers or some one else in temporary charge during your absence. Your influence & name would be invaluable for the re-opening at H. C. F. Perhaps the unpleasantness of removal and separation, would be recompensed by such a service. whereas I cannot see that it would be, if you resign the station to other hands after a couple of years.

It can be said, $\frac{1}{13} \frac{1}{13}$ ss. man man li-
the effect is ² the good. I believe God will provide for you.

College St. East; Canton, ⁹
10th March, 1858.

My dear Dr Mrs Hobson.

Fearing I shall be
unable to write to each of you, which is my
wish and duty, I must address both of you.

The news of your welcome letter of Feb.
19th came away the next that darkened your
future prospects. Had I received it before writing my
last letter, I should have expressed the same
impression, without any hesitation. Now the only question
can be as to the time of your departure for England.
For the sake of your health, and perhaps of your chil-
dren, the sooner you go the better. You may safely
depend upon God to guide your steps, and best rest.
By and by you can make arrangements for
St. Luke's Hospital, and if you take the
Overland Passage, you can be away at any time;
but if by a sailing vessel you must wait till
October I cannot avoid some solicitude as to your
ultimate intentions. Whether you will settle in En-
gland, or return to Canton. Probably you form no
decision as to distant a question, and will leave
it altogether in the hands of Providence. That
I believe you will do, only let me pray you not
to resolve against coming out again to China.
Let it be an open question, and present it thus
to Dr. Liddiman. If you consent, he may send other
agents to Canton, and so your speaking there might
appear to be closed. I shall be glad to hear
of your earliest intentions about the time perma-
nence of your voyage.

Write some about the matter for his brother about time. See also.

I have a little subject to mention; though
from Dr. Hutton's letter to me, reporting the mat-
ter, I expect you will have received a commun-
ication from Macar about it. It seems that
Loe Apot was guilty of the grossest immorality at
his native village, and fled thence with the
old man his father to avoid the fury of the vil-
lagers. After remaining some time in Macar
he joined the communicants at the Lord's
table. Soon after his criminality transpired
and called for the exercise of Church discipline
by which he was expelled. It seems that Sing-
Threen was fully aware of his ^{father's} guilt, before he
forsook of the sacrament, and yet refrained
from informing the brethren. There are details
of the case with which I am not acquainted
but Messrs Smith & Peter Weston; accuse the
old man of deliberate deception, as well as of
unfaithfulness to Christ's Church; they are dispo-
sed to deal severely with his case, at least, to
decline employing him in the services, & recognis-
ing him as an office-bearer among Christians. From
what I hear my judgment is less harsh than
theirs. Mr Beards agrees with me. Mr. Piercy's
has returned 4 days ago, and will I believe in-
vestigate the affair, &c. Probably I must have
gone down to Macar to look into the charge. How
it may turn out I will duly inform you. Beak
came up yesterday, and tells me of these things,
more fully than Dr. Hutton's letter does. On second
thought, I will send you his communication. I assumed
it at full length, for my reasons, from considerations wh.

modified the guilt of I.S. silence & suggested a
joint consultation with him, to point out his fault
and then a meeting of the members, when the duty
& responsibility of re-member to watch over the purity of
the Church should be set forth, and "Ting" then
have an opportunity of putting himself right
with them all. I thought he would deeply regret
the course he had adopted & make such amend-
ment as was in his power. It pains me to think
of Ling's then's position being thus lowered & I
hardly know how to interfere under such cir-
cumstances. He has certainly acted unwisely
in conceding his button's usefulness for admitting
the Lord's Supper. I spoke to Capt. & urged Ling
then to seek his restoration to the Ch., before leav-
ing Mexico, & think that a concern for his restora-
tion has been I.S. notice. He (Capt.) ought not to
have been admitted with-^{out} examination, but I know
not if he was scrutinized.

You will hear almost as much as I
do about political affairs. The present character
of the Imperial career is restoring confidence to
the Canton, perhaps, also a little early influence into
the bargain. The yellow flag of the new L^{te} Gen^l is
flying before his ago-^{on}ism, and Pih-Kun has assum-
ed the duties of Acting Gov^t Gen^l. He wishes to
negotiate the Treaty, and is making himself a little
the troubler. Indeed, ever since his political in-
stallation he has shown the worst faith. I
greatly mistrust such Elgin ever since the cap-
ture of Canton, & fear this hostile business will run
down the only half crown, & thinking no more future
successes are prospects of repeating their awful
imitations.

I. J. Roberts Mr. Gaillard, has come up for
the present occupy the back part of Mr. R's old
place at Long Street Kirk, which was left standing
I hear Mr. G. has secured some house within the
walls in the New City, & that Mr. R. is likely to
rebuild his chapel - Messrs Remack & Hains have
been at a fortnight assisting Mr. Hulsalt, the
Military Chaplain. Mr. Genack has returned to
Hong. But Mr. Louis is living in a house at the
bottom of St. John's Green, the Head Quarters - and
has four of Mr. Genack's youths assisting his trans-
lating operations. Mr. Hulsalt hopes to induce
some of the Germans to settle in Canton. Thus he
will leave some permanent result of his sojourn
in this city. Mr. H. is a big man with a strong will,
a hot-headed disposition, withal of impetuous
zeal to effect a great amount of good, thoroughly
frank in his principles. I thought he had
been applied to ~~for~~ of the old Canton Mission
~~first~~, with quite as much propriety as for
the Germans & strangers to the Nation; but I don't know
or not such matters. I gave such assistance as
was in my power, until lately, on our modest, quiet
work in this house, & a daily rice distribution to near
1000 poor at $\pm 3 \frac{1}{2}$ have given me quite enough to do.
So far Dr. W. & I agree well together. They quite in
good spirits from the number who attend. We began
with 30. Some perhaps between 150 & 200 attend. We have
an room for in-patients, & a small dark place for our
religious meetings. There is so come from curiosity to
hear our new doctrines - Dr. W. gave us some assistance
in a conversation after the celebration last Sunday. His know-
ledge is sharp with the patients, but he is a clever Institution
I think. Money spent today with me. Basil is here now
& waits me to accompany him on a visit to some places of interest.

Mr. Carr
March 1858

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Canton. 30th March 1858

My dear Mrs. Hobson,

I have much pleasure in forwarding the enclosed Chinese letter, which was left here during my absence to day. I see it is open. But of course this is not any impertinence; their fasts cannot have been adhesive. I mentioned in a note to James the forwardness of the "L." family to find out the H. C. of Sam Shung, and their rapid inquiries about yourself especially & your return to Canton. I am glad they have now written you & am sure their remembrance will be appreciated by one who is & true a friend to this place & people. Be assured, Mr. Hobson, your kindnesses & love to everybody cannot be forgotten in the South of China. I'm afraid I & Apon were made very sad when I told them of your voyage to England. The old man cried and asked how "Nai Nai" could send such a dis-comfort & danger. Thought her dear little phony must become so thin.

I translated your kind good letter
to Apone & that of Robert to Apone.
Dear boy: how much I enjoyed the
gift of his shilling. I wish that it
was more! I hope those generous feat-
ures of his interesting & promising char-
acter will mature with his increasing
years, and though I expect it will al-
ways keep him poor, he will make
many of those friends, who will doubt-
less be prized at the great reckoning
day. Apone looked very sick. She
is weak, yellow in colour, and indeed
so altered. I have had seen her three
or three times & given her medicines.
Mrs Percy is kind to her. Her know-
ledge of your adorable Saviour, & her
of a better life than this, have given
her so much satisfaction, and so
the less of thinking she will one
day be found a saint in those
unsuffering realms of eternal peace.
Her room is much more healthy & con-
venient than the comfortless quarters
she occupies in New York, and be-
sides, the old man of life is quite
attention to her. The latter is useless.
The former, arriving evening, reads the

Scriptures Sprays with her. I under-
stand from Mrs Piracy that half of
the right lung is gone - I think this
was her depression - but they then
saw her respecting her recovery.
Her husband's wages have been increased
to \$7. per month - two of which he
sends to his wife. They wished me
to convey their kindest messages to
you all & to thank you for some favour
by Mr. Piracy; & you also mentioned
some kindnesses of Mrs Parker's with
gratitude.

I have to thank you
for sending Dr. Schomas's photo-
graph, and to mention that your
retaining the leather box adds
me a great proof of your kindness; but
I ought not to expect such a gratifica-
tion; ~~and~~ I have been thinking it
may perhaps cost you some bit of
uneasiness in the prospect of the
long long voyage to England, and I
am sure I should then be pained at
myself - Indeed, I sincerely trust you will
not permit my expressed wish to receive
you anything troublesome, rather than it.
I should have said before, that

I spent a few days of last week
with our friends in Caracas - Mr. Paine
was disburdening his mind of business
cares nearly all the time I spent with
him, but I managed to secure a few
scraps about his 10 days in Shanghai.
He is not so much improved as I re-
ported he would be. Mrs. P. looks much
better than he does. I don't know
whether Rev. Ball has been giving judi-
cious counsel, or the improvement came
from other way, but certainly that
humanity of our most excellent Methodist
body has undergone a reform. The for-
midable arrangement of the hair has
been adopted, & with other improvements
in parish, did derive the pleasure we
have in watching measures & prospects.
Mr. Ball was well thanked and in
the midst of Americans. Scotch asked
Mrs. Paine not quite well, but Mrs.
Paine looking remarkably so. Her
poor little husband might still be
keeping housework - I dined at
Mr. Boyer's Monday. I was glad to hear
that his sterling but low-liquoracious wife
makes the worthy man happier than
he ever was before - of Mrs. Gaillard

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Miss ——— Aunt ——— Intensely —
them. H. S. are also in the King.
I heard of a vessel purchased at-
sea & am not without some
fears that it may turn out to be
the "Florida" ship. I was
Watson's guest for the night - he
will be glad to hear that he looks
better than for some time past &
heard good intelligence of Mrs.
Watson from Angier. The contest
with Mrs. Hunt, however, he
made a good game of, even.
but the Captain was a disagreeable
man.

I believe I told you of the
books belonging to Watson's library &
from our select shelves which have
been returned. The latter, with val-
uables & some old autographs I collect-
ed & placed in Mr. Parker's room.
Shall I pack them & send them up
to you? Dr. Watson's letter of the
26th of June's came in today. Did you
know how nicely the letter was

written. I hope she improves with
acquirements as satisfactorily as
in this, & that her affection & devotion
which you deserve so richly, - are what
they ought to be. I do hope she will
bring you much comfort & happiness.
Mr & Robert too, must have altered
a great deal since I saw them.
I should like to get better accounts
of them - I am deeply sorry
that you have a succession of
changes in prospect, instead of a
quiet settled sphere of domestic
improvement & other amusements. - You
will experience some sad hours &
bitter thoughts in parting up for
England, but I pray to find our
gracious Heavenly Father that
in the midst of all a quiet abiding
peace may comfort & strengthen
your heart. Let us never cease - we
not even in our seasons of bitterest trouble
of our darkest hours - to repose in
faith on God & on Jesus Christ - some-
times it may require the aid of their
desperating will, let us believe
then "When I am weak - I am strong"
May God Bless you. Very dear friend
Ever most sincerely yours

I have no joint only, I could
be angry at her apparently neg-
lected husband. They all wish
to get back to this Bel City, and
promise me a succession of visitors
at Mr. H. Long's in town of ex-
ploration - Mr. French comes first;
then Mr. Piercy, and the rest in
order - Mr. Williams, with Kate, My-
^{John} have sailed in the "Superior"
via England, to America - She has left
her baby behind, in charge of Mrs
Pomroy. Probably the last Chicagoan
must but could you have done
I wonder - Mr. News - Mr.
Mrs. Pardon leave by the next mail
and after their departure the boat
will only find the Pauley's & Indi-
cette left of his former congregation.
Mr. My lives in the same house is
as kindly polite as Mrs. Marks "St. Se-
bastian" & other admirers. Rumor
says of from Rochester that he is
inextricably involved -

On Saturday night I took a
framing boat from New to
the River, but we only arrived at
7 P.M. of Sunday and I could
not look in at the L. R. S. Mr.
C. was looking well and received
me most kindly. Maggie is much
lighter & I pick her up on my shoulder
as quite easily. This summer
will certainly bring her down her
bulky little cheeks more than
I have with her. Jimmy is bright
& interesting little fellow. I al-
most wish Mr. Chalmers could
come up to Shanghai before you
leave. She will need a change
& I know of no other so likely
to be beneficial to her health un-
less it be to the mountain hills of
Western Scotland. Mr. Chalmers is some-
what shaken by the intervention of
supreme control which D. L. P.
Chalmers has outwitted. Mr. Pent
is staying with them & hoping for

Mr. Cox
April 18th 1859

London
Sunday 24th Feb. 1859
My dear Mr. Cox

I am afraid my
note may not be in harmony
with the exciting joys of arrival
at home, and it is too bad to mingle
any sadness with them, but I am
following you day by day as you
rapidly strain along in that fast
old steamer, & I should like to over-
take you - even before you reach Lon-
don - with a friendly voice from Chi-
na; that cannot be & I must think
of the vast distance between this
England whenever I wish to say
anything to you now - I suppose
the "Pekin" would reach Singapore on
Monday week & allow you the whole
of Tuesday for seeing the crowded
busy wharf - I hope Mr. Harbington

took you to see Mrs Whittle. You w^d
leave New Harbor yesterday at
2. The straits pass within sight of
Malacca at about 9. A. M. this
morn^g. - You are now coasting along
in sight of that green edge of Man-
groves, with clean, white looking sand
in front & a Mountain range be-
hind it. Memories of bygone days
will waken up, all of them inter-
esting, and some of them sad, but
not without a sufficient measure
of happy recollections to put kind
heartfelt-gratitude to Him whose
goodness & mercy have followed us
ever since we had a being. Who daily
blesseth us with benefits. They bit-
ter changes are among the heavy
ills of life, yet even they are accom-
panied with loving-kindness; we shall
usually find, that the cause of
our sorrow, is the source of other's

gain, & thus looking upon it - it becomes
easy to bear - At all times the kind-
ness & grace of God are quite as near
as troubles, if we ask it of him, His
Strength shall be made perfect in
our weakness & then we are suf-
ficient for all things, - I do pray
God to be with you, whatever the
train of reflection arising from your
journeying through old scenes, and
that he keep your heart kind in
peace - and preserve you to the journey's
end - To-morrow I shall think of
you at Praying about 9 - A. M. fol-
lowing about 5 P. M. - After Praying
you will seem to me to have left
the East & going to the Western World -
Now a word about your friends here -
After our Adieu on the 15th Mr. Taylor went
off to his school till 4th - Mr. Chalmers ditto
& I was engaged in my room, as I wish
I could often be - I met three students
at 7 P. M. & after that ~~parted~~ Messrs C. & H.
C. had a long talk about departed friends

and I read out Lay - also of 2 good creatures
~~they~~ ^(Chas) ~~Robert~~ ~~Whissed~~ - On the Wed³
Mr. Chalmers accompanied me to East-Point
immediately after breakfast. On our way
back we met an unknown stream of people
going to the races. They beguiled us with
dust & reminded Mr. Chas of the corner
of this world. He went back to the hills by
1-PM. but I was out till late. Mr. Stark
asked me to tiffin - I found her an agree-
able friendly character. She has been ac-
customed the active charities of the
Church at home, & a pious family. She
greatly desires a few friends in H. K. who
will be of one mind with her in serving
God. Alas! they are not frequently met
with there. Mr. Sawyer dined at Mr.
H. Chalmers at 7 PM. Mr. Chalmers I had
a long very late chat. On Thursday
morning I left & told Robert in the T. M. C.
Everybody made kind inquiries & expressed
their regrets about you & Carter, & how they
asked it done. "Do you think they will
ever talk again to you?" - I answered "I
think they may." & that's all I can say
to all of you from your sincerely
Yours
J. M. C.

morning - We are pursuing my usual quiet
 and delightful work. The weather has been wet &
 dreary, which always thins the attendance of patients.
 Dr. Campbell attended the arm of a servant of the Land-
 lord's yesterday. His hand was shattered whilst loading a gun to
 frighten rabbits from Wain-dig-on. It was serious &
 I sent for Dr. Scott of H. M. S. "Fury" & Dr. Kerr. Dr. Kerr did not
 perform it well. The "Fury" is lying just opposite to
 us. Lord Elgin has been up. He came on a wet day, led the
 merchants a tramp over Sha'-meen, delivered a short na-
 tion on ^{the} ~~the~~ of the heaps of stone & then left for England. His
 address amounted to - Nil. Canton affairs are troublesome

Messrs. Suckley & Co. -
 11. St. John's Terrace
 North-Point -
 Canton -
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 North-Point -
 Canton -
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 North-Point -
 Canton -

May 3rd
 1858

I do not possess popular & elat- to his Suddh- therefore -
 may I uncharitably guess he bequeaths the trifles here
 in commutes, etc. to the arrangement of his brother Frederick.
 I don't know when you or any persons like myself, Dickson, are to
 halt over our bounding compensations - I don't wish to complain
 of Lloyd & - as with the usual relish for applause, he has manifested
 as high showmanly a regard for justice & the welfare of China, as
 any representative. I wish, however, he were more of a Brotherman in
 his good Chinese predilections - He has gone to St. College - Our new
 Methodist preaching place in the old city is well attended - There are over 70
 scholars at his Day School - Did you think of Berrington as the 7th? Nobody knew
 of the birth of in Canton, I should have been at Mrs. H.'s tea-table had she

Mr Coz

May 22nd '59

My dear Mrs. Brown.

Fortunately the
Mail has been delayed a day &
so I may escape that-reproving
sigh of poor Abungi - It was bad
enough when I wrote you without
telling her, but if her shingles have
been left behind, why, a tear would
have followed the sigh & my anxiety
on a correspondingly augmented -
I rushed away to the Post Office last
night - & whilst there Mr. Mr. H.S.
Parker appeared seeking their Mrs.
letters. I took the opportunity of deliv-
ering your message which was very
kindly received - He inquired for
your rejoicing & what would be
your course on arrival in England -
I told him you would write him of those
things, but as they were very uncertain
Probably you will be near Leicester
Birmingham? - Is that the case here-
after? - I had a walk with Mr.
Mr. Parker in which he brought Mrs.

Yesterday - I received ^{this morn^g.} \$100 from Mr Garrison in con-
sideration to a note asking something for the poor, & so I may
be rich in alms. Your poor's friend had set down \$12 -
The old blank box (which I value much) - shall be re-filled
with good warm clothing before next winter comes - It
will be a capital chance to employ poor women in ma-
king them - Alas how I wish you were here again to man-
age these things - You see how I scuddle away
to you, when I get the chance - May God, the Father
your Good Jesus Christ - God of all consolation comfort &
strengthen your hearts, hide you in the shadow of his
presence "always for ever - Believe me
Dear Friend
Frick C^t

pretences of a cabbage - Mrs P. appears
ed to be quite up with the proper
number of cash per catty & brought
the bargain lower than her hus-
band could - Such knowledge is
very useful, but I wonder how any
one can ~~keep~~ ^{keep} accounts with ser-
vants. Recit relentless duty says
it ought to be done - Have you
this plague now I wonder! Oh! I shudder
out. I do hope you will rarely
find a trusty servant who will
do ~~all~~ the necessaries. So tell
me all the little domesticities
you can help me to picture you
establishment at home, especially
the tea table with its ~~good~~ ^{good} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~char~~
& proper attendants. I have
not heard from Julia - B. S. says
has not written for a mail or two,
she has Henry answered my letter of
the second steam which came in

Mr Cay
May 24th '59

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15/11

of thousands. I hope it is, I am sure of it. I have been
of course Mr. Brown's also. Reached me
the day after my last letter was posted.
One of the mail boxes was overlooked in
Hong Kong, or some such strange blunder
committed, for nearly all my Canton
friends received part of their letters in
a second delivery, two days late. I join
in your gratitude the voyage has been
so favourable; but to Fuzhou is only one
stage. I hope the remaining portion
may be made safely. I do not expect
you will be so comfortable in another
str. as in the Far Perkins. But whilst
I write you are perhaps in council with
that important gentleman at the Mission
House. I need only tell you, that you
have been followed closely by my prayers
frequent-rememberance. The mem-
bers have now often made mention of
you & especially at the monthly commu-
nion. Last Tuesday night, the seventh
from your departure Ting Min was very
earnest-thoughtful in supplication for
you. He, Ah He & I were praying together.
I remember where that seventh Tuesday
found you; just clearing the rough way of Wosung?

We are passing rapidly along into the
Summer of this 1855. The sun returns
as warm that as of yore, marking
his upward course by the usual
changes in men & scenes around us - We
have had a succession of bright warm
days, of late the farmers are crying out
for rain - I selfishly rejoice in the
pleasant skies, & think more of the
necessary change in clothing than
about the Rice Market. Merchants I
am told are losing heavy sums by
rice speculations, but - for all that, the
commercial prospects of the African Com-
munity are very promising. We his-
torians, also, are in cheerful mood - Con-
gregations good, people primarily atten-
tive & several seeking baptism - Good
Mr. James has spent two days in
the country, 20 mile away met
with nothing but kindness. But in
telling you all this, don't think I have
parted with all my caution for ruth-
lessness, neither that I am over- sanguine.
I know I may speak to you, the quite
safe, - And I only give the facts re-
ported at our meeting last Monday for
conversation & prayer. You were present
when we decided to hold the meeting

and will be glad to hear that - the
first - one has richly answered its pur-
pose - - The patients are increasing -
Many pursues his way without interfering
with me or vice versa, which his friends
ought to say is very good. By inattention
to one or two ailments of old Chow, Ahk.
& Sing Shih's grand child, he appears to
have lost the confidence of the people in
the Hong - He pronounced the latter ~~had~~
under an eye-disease for which there was no
cure & so consigned the little creature to
blindness at a glance - Sing Shih & Ahng
were in sad distress & after urgent entreaty
I sent the child to Dickson - He thought
they must be careful of the ~~right~~ ^{left} eye & said
the child well & there would be no danger.
Since taking his medicines, the eye has re-
covered rapidly - - He treated Chow Ahk.
for dysentery & as he grew no better, I spoke
to Dickson, who after ascertaining symptoms
thought the disease internal piles - and
He then old Chow, had a sore in his foot - It
at first increased the eruption then took
no notice of it, ~~so~~ so that the disease left
our Hong & went to Herr - He walked back
in a week - None of these result from
want of Medical Skill on the part of him
It. but the sympathy or kindness to take a
little pains, & cure them - I have felt - ?

much pained by these three cases, perhaps
ought to speak to him, but then I say Cui
boni - Can I change him? Have I suc-
ceeded without success? May not the trial
redouble the present harmony, a harmony
which is essential to the working of the
hospital? Tilton has written Dr. & Mary
answers him by this mail, but I am igno-
rant of the contents of both letters. I do
not think there is anything special.

I have obtained a passport to Hong Kong
from the Jardine's Steam, for Cha Chuk &
he will leave us on Wednesday for the
trip. I leave him for the sake of his
health & spirits, which you know have
been sadly broken by the loss of his wife.
The Chaplain applied to me for a Certificate
but I cannot find one closing agent - His
trip of China arises out of my endeavoring
to help them. A trip will be very useful to
a small band of members there & he will
not only, I trust, improve his health, but also
show the Ocean of Christ by a month's resi-
dence there - He asks me to send affection-
ate greetings to you; he dwells on your harmony
with much gratitude & love.

I shall answer your letters with
more than my usual anticipations & don't
let the darkest cloud trouble you. God will
open out your Head with his right hand, like
a Father - I shall not cease to love you all
& hope by the assistance of the Spirit: to pray for
you - No news political - The people have been
soured by the Patagonians & others kidnapping ~~people~~ for Coal,

Mr Cox

June 3rd '59

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May, 1859

My dear friend,
I have heard from
you since the 4th March
when you kindly wrote me from
London. It has seemed a long suspense.
I hope you are cured of the Red-Sea
discomfort without fever, or serious
illness, though I fear you may not
readily escape a return of some
of his ailments. You are doubtless
attending a few of those "Gnomes"
May gatherings, preparatory to your
return to your quiet & healthful
golfing place. When I next
see you, I shall hear
of you, meanwhile my frequent
good wishes & prayers shall accompany
you on your journey.

You will be glad to hear that
John has answered my letter. He
speaks affectionately of his dear parents
& tells me that his "dear mother" wrote
him a long letter from Fall. His ex-
pression of very friendly nature is very

Then there is another ocean still more
 mournful for it leaves a mourning widow
 this fatherless boy - Yes I know you
 will grieve for poor little French - Wall
 do; and the loss indeed, inflicts a loss
 upon us all - He died at sea, a few
 days out from Alger - His particulars
 have not yet reached us. May we all find
 learn the conditions of such solemn event
 - for they say "Be ye ever ready" - "The Christ-
 cometh" - and they may we remember the
 words of the Lord Jesus when he said "I am the
 resurrection and the life, he that believeth in
 me though he were dead yet shall he
 live" -

I write on Mail day when I do it must be briefly. I hope to be able to send a package to you or rather of your dear family by every mail - Bro. W. P. comes up to day. He is expected to fix on the site for the site of the new factories. Questions will be asked from Peter's appointment his going there to exchange the treaty. - Semble are increasing in the East of this province from Rebels

is past any. He says he shall avail himself of my friendship & counsel for he is going. "Wise need guidance" I find from Hinton letter he has also written Rev Sister Matilda.

We are pursuing our ordinary round at the Hospital - Now that Chow Ahok is about, I take rooming prayers; Sing Shien is my right hand helper with a little management, - except he every now then gives - he renders invaluable services to me & the little Church established here. I find increasing comfort in both Chin. & Eng. Sermons & other comments may prove as consistent & faithful - I shall probably baptize four candidates on Sunday - I am half-reporting Mr. Chalmers by the Wellfleet to night. He wrote me in "Low Spirits" as I have called them, and I urged him to turn up here for a change & examine these applicants for membership with Christ's people - I was informed two days ago, that he had written Dr. Aidman concerning his marriage, which means, I suppose that he has applied for

a married man's salary. You will perhaps remember our conversation on this point in Hong Kong. I think the only cause the Dr. & I can consistently take is that we wish they have hit their prejudices with him & treat him as their English dissent. At least it seems to me. Having these views, they are committed to such a method. I am farmed with my little of S.W. company; it may be, that he is afraid of being troubled. Though, doubtless, we are not congenial minds - It will be a great blessing to Canton, if S.W. is brought back to the institution. Last week, I went into a village opposite to us, about a mile from K'ai Si, found a efficient village who remembered S.W. in Huar. When he was a tiny lad of five or six years old - Every week some of the patients ask me about his health. One of the converts recently baptized by Mr. Graves, commenced his inquiry into the Gospel, when a patient under S.W.'s care. He rec'd a Testament in the hospital & must have read it ^{at home} there, followed up his inquiry until he joins our little cluster of disciples. I am sure to be a warmer advocate of Protestant tidings by this means. I think how ~~much~~ I am sympathetic toward with them ~~that~~ men. And your absence from the del

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Spring here. We are all
well. Tells me you are
coming back to China
with Mrs. Chalmer.
She sends many love
to yourself - Jane, Robt.
& you & from herself
& all her family. A niece
her granddaughter is thriv-
ing & an interesting child.
Not overburdened with
Spring's love. Love -

Mr Cay
July 11th
1854

Murder wished his baptism &
I hope he may be accepted of the
Ld. - Lai - is a young man of respect-
able but reduced family - He was per-
mitted as for tomorrow - I was attended
our services ever since - Wang's case
was peculiar - Everybody felt his
sincerity & expressed entire confidence
in his character - Mrs. however, fearing
his disease would become dangerous, de-
sired the postponement of his baptism -
As the only objection referred to
his bodily disease, I overruled it &
avoided any unpleasant conse-
quences, by baptizing him alone.
This course was approved by all -
I am pained to tell you, he has
since been seen at a gambling
Hall, but denies the fact - I am
just now engaged in inquiries as
to the matter. You will understand
that it has caused me much
trouble - Not Liang Apah's wife

Several times
of "Lou-pé-pau" have repeatedly
asked for baptism. I met
them over this week, with Ling Shien.
I really, I do not know a sufficient
reason why water sh^d not be given
"that they be baptized" - I have also 4
other applications, some of which may
prove them proceeded from a desire
to flee from the wrath to come. I am
sure why such joy should have had-
dened me & ask whether I am as
cautious as I should be in such
important matters - I believe I am.
I have not asked one of these cases to
receive baptism & shall equally be careful
about admitting others, I also as in the
most cases, submit the candidates to
a church meeting - Albeit; if I could
give you a full history of all that
was said & done, I think it would
lead to the opinion that not every
member is capable of passing an
judgment on the suitability of cases.

Mr. Cox July 20th '59

desires to become church members -
This I had intended, but
irregular habits & increasing
illness have driven me to the
last resort - of writing - Dr. Wray is
doing quite as well as when you were
here & our intercourse is rather more
agreeable - All the servants, Frank In-
dell well, as does also Fing Chen - He
has been unwell lately - Chou-chuk
sends capital letters from Sing-poo
where his help has proved most
serviceable - Nothing fresh in our
Mission circle besides that - Dr. Kerr con-
tinues as usual, & from Dr. Ball is laid
up & a disease that troubles somebody
right today, but may continue for
years - Don Webb, is heavily taxed
with the Missions and East - have been
sitting up with Dr. B. - Mr. Brown
has arrived, to tell us nothing about in-
dennities in the Canton Site - The Yankers
are receiving their payment; we must
wait - 2 years perhaps for it - but
must wait, though - How long Mr. Brown
will be opposed if he goes to the Canton
beyond Shanghai & Sin-ai - I think not.
- Dr. Wilson of your movements &

I must not indeed
 forget you on this
 day. It is impossible to picture your present
 circumstances. I wish I knew them, but
 must be content to wish that they may
 be in all respects agreeable. I hope health
 is restored you, & that good schools have
 been found for your school, where you
 yet all grow together in a happy
 common circle, and to crown all the pains
 I pray that you may enjoy peace with
 God - through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wishes
 however long, can hardly but feel the
 return & love with which I dwell on you
 every day, almost every quite - daily. I have
 just remembrances just at my finger ends.
 The black box containing some new clothes for the
 poor is under my writing desk, the case for
 pamphlets is at my left hand & the quarter
 I formed in it - ^{clear} marks one of my little
 prayers. These articles ^{are} very dear to me & I
 hope I shall never lose any of them. I had
 intended to spend today in Macao & employed
 some one to cut for B. Marim as that black stone
 but sickness prevents me. Dr. Mess. Ross Mr
 Mess. J. P. P. have gone to Macao in the health
 being the only house where I can stay.

The lady by means is quite able. What a
 strange how
 his ordinary years
 bring to this
 village home!
 I hope my little
 Mother. In di-
 tention the low
 an quantity for
 an - missing of the
 for the little
 my heart.
 I hope the
 next year
 will bring
 me 2
 along with
 friends of
 the family
 I hope after
 writing 54-
 visited with 18/1
 My little

I caught cold fever last week, then came
 an diarrhoea, which led me to run down
 here for a few days change. I came on
 Monday the day I am decidedly better.
 The attack was not a serious one, but it has
 lingered in its effects a long time at Hong Kong.
 Dr. has been pulled down by fever left weeks
 ago for a trip to Shanghai & Japan. We have
 had long continuance of rain much damp
 weather. Most of the Miss^{es} ladies have suffered a
 little in consequence, Mrs. Manning severely, Mrs.
 Kern was reduced to a skeleton before she left
 for Hong Kong; the Dr. also was ill. It made me
 hard to call upon them I remember what
 poor Kern suffered before he went back to
 America. Their child is healthy, but it is
 so fastidious in his examinations & questions
 he failed in securing a wet-nurse. About
 a dozen women tried themselves, but no
 others would go to him.
 Mr. Ball sends a very kind mes-
 sage to you & is thankful for every scrap of
 news about you. The old French lady weak-
 ness irritability involves her in constant
 attendance upon him, neither day nor night
 brings intermission. I don't know how she en-
 dures so patiently, or can stand such contin-
 uous fatigue. I believe they will sail for
 America in the course of this year. Dr. Mrs. Hap-
 per are expected in Canton in Sept^r or October.
 I must run away with Mr. Wicks to dine
 at the Mission house.

I hope you are all well & comfortably
 I am & Peter - Mr. Ball
 to Mr. Ball
 Give my love to Mr. Ball

Love
 with
 love
 kind
 love
 your
 friend

July 4th. Mail day. - The attack of fever which I have mentioned left me much weaker than I supposed myself. I have felt no spirit for writing letters. Today, however, we must write. - After dining with Mr Chad-
wicks Mr Taylor on the 29th Mr C. & I strolled quietly away to the burial ground of the Chinese Christians, where I plucked a leaf from some shrubs growing round a fine's grave & shall enclose it. I told Mr C. it was your birth day & he joined in a hearty wish that God may bless you & grant you his peace. A-fing frequently enquires what news from $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ Wei Wei. Sends a tear to show how tenderly she cherishes your memory. I fear the good ~~old~~ creature is not improving. She needs a lady's influence & keeps her as tidy & kindly as she formerly appeared to be. I fancy she has become more like other Chinese women. Her little grandchild suffers from bilious sickness. A-fing does not keep her clean breast as we like to see children, especially when they show so much intelligence as that little girl does. What's more superior intelligent looking children their grandmother is unweaned in her attention to them. I am a friend to all of them & could find it in my heart to adopt Sam A-fing's daughter. Should I do so, however, the responsibilities might become much more serious than I had expected & it could be awkward & flimsy from them. I suppose Mrs Chadwicks is likely to be the next lady resident at H. C. F. We are quite in the dark as to the expediency & arrangements of more important mission than gentlemen. My first question is, Will Mr & Mrs Thorne return?

Meanwhile Mr. Chalmers supposes that on Oct. 1st
arrived he will remove himself to Canton. He has
looked over the old house & partly fixed on his
piece of repairs & alterations. He seems endur-
ing a heavy calamity in Mrs. C's absence. I never
knew a husband who took a separation so much
to heart. If he does not soon return to China,
I am sure Mr. C. will go to England for her.
He does not exhibit his sorrow to other people much,
but in my quiet intercourse with him I find the
loss of Mrs. C. is constantly preying on his mind.
The printing house is built. Some stairs have been
laid down & a strong wall built up along the East-
side of the Miss. premises. Mr. Searles has
left St. Andrews' School to become private tutor
to Mr. Blacksmith's children. He receives a salary
of \$150 per month & takes other pupils; & that the
exchange is with advantage & comfortable for him.
He intends to return to England next year. Mr.
Beach is but little altered & is discharging his du-
ties honorably & busily. He also visits England early
in 1861. The Rev. has gone over to Australia to super-
intend the mission in China. Mr. Irvine has fallen much
into his old ways & unhappily is not a favorite with
his parishioners. I think I have told you all
the gossip. We have no great events to report. Mr.
Bond has gone to Peking to exchange ratifications of the
Treaty. Mrs. Brewster accompanies him as French
envoy & it is not expected that opposition will be
made to their visiting the capital. The new con-
sular appointments & the selection of a staff of men
for the new inspection of customs have caused
many changes in the consular service. I hear
nothing of Mr. M. C. Morrison or Mr. Milne. I suppose
Mr. G. C. Morrison is on his way to China. There
also Dr. Lippmann. It is pretty well known that

Mr Cay
Sept 4th -
1859

I attend our
 very first-
 Ben tells me
 we are about
 to leave Jan
 to him & his
 children. I told
 him H. a spirit
 of Wills -
 of Jackson Va.
 can scarcely
 decide on
 going before
 we leave. I
 see you in
 Chicago -
 1911
 I am sure
 to come
 more to come
 I can write on a mail bag - time steals
 thickly creeps along, however, before I have
 thought of letters. I hear the posting day
 announced - How many precious moments
 are wasted, which if "redeemed" would
 amply suffice for all these subordinate &
 interesting studies.
 I have already told you that
 one of our recently baptized members was
 seen at a gambling stall under bad influence
 denied this fault. The evidence against
 him was conclusive. He nevertheless persist-
 ed in his lie. I have therefore the sorrow, in
 connection with the other members of requesting
 him not to join us at the holy communion.
 The other day, only one night before I went
 down sick to Hong-Kong, another still more
 painful case turned up - my servant, who was
 one of the 10 baptized by O'Leary in Jan. 1887 was
 the delinquent. I cannot compress a long story into
 a brief one. Tell you of his case - About six months
 ago he married a reputed widow. She was not
 a Christian & the two have been disgracefully
 quarrelling ever since their union. A month
 ago a Chin discovered that her former husband
 was still living - he was a rebel & when so many

be asked by Yeh. he accepted to stay - Keng, where
he earns a decent living - A. Chien quarrelled
with the women friends about the return
of his wife to her former husband, & also as to repay-
ment of her purchase money -- The night be-
fore I went to H. H., on asking Ling then if he
knew about this unpleasant business, he an-
swered - Oh! yes. Three months ago. Another re-
quing & I discovered that he referred to some
sinful deed of A. Chien of which I was ignorant. ~~He~~
The Ling then thinking we very weak, was unwilling
to communicate the matter; however, I constrained
him & he informed me that three months
ago Ad Chou (A. Chien's father) & Co. & himself were
informed that A. Chien resolved to leave of H. H. fame.
He confessed his guilt & promised to refrain from
such wickedness in the future. The three Ad Chou
has concluded to say nothing about the matter
to me, thus for three months are our adulterers was
joining with us in partaking the Lord's Supper.
If A. Chien had shown the sincerity of his repent-
ance by I could have granted the case over, but
instead of that he had been careless of means
of grace & always absent when present at any
meeting - I had constantly urged him to read
God's word & improve his time yet nothing seem-
ed to ~~move~~ ^{improve} him - I now knew the cause - While
at H. H. I mentioned the case to Mr. Chalmers, who
then advised me quietly to request him to leave
from the sacrament - I concurred in his view. It
must have brought all the members under cen-

sure to have laid the case before their judgment
in a frank manner. These cases have caused
me bitter suffering & what is worse, have
struck down the confidence I was endeavor-
ing to acquire in our Church members. I am as-
tonished that Tring, with whom I have
held such ~~close~~ intimate intercourse, could
~~consent to~~ ^{agree with} hide this ~~from~~ serious case from me.
He is a Holy Holy member & argues for passing over
these delinquencies - "because they do so in Holy things."
I believe I can work ~~to~~ ^{with} without much suc-
cess to encourage my labors, but I cannot en-
dure the anxiety of Church members, who I know
to be guilty of plain violations of God's commandments.
Pastor Let our converts be few, and sincere
disciples of Christ; then our numbers & hypocritical.
Cham Aik has returned from the States in im-
proved health & spirits; he is doing well but I am
not sure that his position is a happy one for
him. He is too modest & sensitive for a preaching
travelling assistant, and he does not well en-
joy his leisure time.

The rest of your old friends here
are going on much as usual. Many patients
attend on the hospital days. The in-patients
are principally afflicted with ophthalmia.
We have received few important operations. Dr.
Dickson has made a trip to Shanghai, Chefoo
(the new port in Shantung) - Prof. Nagasaki,
Fochow Hwang - He was absent 4 weeks, during
which time Wray took charge of his practice -
Dr. Sleight at Hankow & came daily to the Hospital.
My intercourse with Dr. B. continues friendly -

Mr. Med. Sept 25

I be attending, as well as to when you visit us -
I suppose Mr. Turner will come up to relieve
me, probably you intend to be out in the course
of a year. I can scarcely understand the policy
of sending a new man to take charge of
this established Expedition Mission unless
under such an understanding. Chalmers will
feel disappointed, but he says little, though
a little expression of his regret.

You will see from the newspapers that
Admiral Hope has been driven back in a rash
attack on the forts at the mouth of the River. He
started late, at with all tide, trust of all with
out the precaution of a reconnaissance. One third
of the force was put hors de combat. The Admiral
is wounded. Some Captains, amongst them "Vaucluse"
board of the "Hercule" - are killed - Three pri-
vate, "Flora", "Hannah" & "Cormorant" (a beautiful
steamer) were sunk. - Alas! British prestige, my
Lord Elgin this time treats; here ports their
cruisers; but say this misadventure! all must
be put into sad confession by this disaster.

Shall Russian Officers must have given tuition
for the defence of the forts. The Emperor has brought
100,000 men to his assistance, according to Chi-
nese rumor. Who can tell what shall be the result
of these tragedies! I do not expect the peace of
the East will be disturbed, and in recollection
of the turmoil of last year. I earnestly pray God
to give us peace. - Dr. Dickson brought me a
good letter from "Benny". He speaks of a letter from
"dear Jane". Thanks God for having touched his
hard heart. - I am sorry to hear Mr. H. has been
suffering from neuralgia. My best wishes to you

Mr. Carey

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Sep^r - 29 - 1859

Church-Lane, Lipton,
1st August, 1860-

My dear Hobson,

I had the
joy of arriving here on Mon-
day night. I find my
Father rapidly breaking up.
B^r Dickson told me this must
be expected, & I am most
thankful that I have
followed his ^(D.D.) urgent counsel
to come to England - I
regard it as one of the chief-
est-miracles Providence has
granted me, that I may
minister to the comfort of

summons - It was a wave of sorrow that
almost ~~carried~~ back the flood-tide delight
of landing in Old-England - Every body passed
through the excitement of first-meeting more calm
ly than was expected - It is necessary for me to
keep up steadily I am strong enough to endure
the struggle - I take my No. Edwin posted
a letter of mine to Mrs. Abram - I left it to his care
in L. post - I am going into Brn: to-morrow
with Sam & shall call to see Jane -
Wishing you every blessing. As ever

Yours Sincerely
J. M. Cox

my heavily afflicted parents.
I write with my Father sitting
hard by & endeavouring
to converse on the war
in China --

I hope to call at
Bristol, on my return from
London during next week;
but my movements, being
contingent on the very pre-
carious state of my Father
are ~~most~~ uncertain - Mean-
while I enclose some Chinese
letters & will reserve the ~~papers~~
which accompanied some
of them, for a convenient oc-
casion of transmission - My
luggage is in Liverpool, whence
I was hurried by Telegraph

Mr Cox

Aug. 2nd

1860