

call in his children & his friends, himself to lead & let the children hear for
an hour christian truths - is certainly more than one might reasonably
expect in London, especially under present exciting circumstances.
But we have to walk a good deal more upon all understanding & what may
be not equal to them even in London, though quite contrary to our sense
of reason! - In another hour, my customers were out - In another hour
had an excellent & long hearing ^{reading} of one very respectable young man in
the room, & three youths in the yard, myself sitting in the raised floor
in the doorway & thus serving both parties. - In another hour had
a most excellent hearing & reading, of a sermon he with his
boy gave all possible indications of interest & attention, freely
answering every question. The man is from acquaintance long
since. - In this hour it is the first we visited this afternoon
I offered books, they were gladly received. Returned home
very weary & exhausted in throat but very happy in heart.
Had a refreshing evening service & conversation at home.

26. Had a blessed season of grace this morning. was enabled to give myself away
entirely to the Lord, praying that if He see it necessary for His mission
that I should remain still, every way for my escape be providentially
shut up, so that I might not be able to leave. My heart bleeds, but
the sense of present duty so impressed me with a sense of personal
Duty, that I fear, however Duty for my own may call me away, there
may still cleave to it more selfishness, than in my adhering to my duty
here. At any rate I hope my heavenly father will so direct providence
as to make my way plain. I should like to go to China at least
for a short time, I long for a change & rejoicing my family; a fatherly
hand may bring me back if that is absolutely necessary, & the Lord may
easily raise a few willing men, who might contribute this sum. How-
ever, when I am once off from here, what may be the temptations to
new prospects of life, & what I shall have power to overcome & exchange
them for a continued residence in this dreary isolation, this the Lord knows
best, & I therefore once more commend myself to His wise providence, in
so hoping in my way that I should not be able to take a wrong step.

Mr. Merton to - My for the first time filled account, the receipt
being down in his name; as in case I leave next month, a beginning is the most
advisable. -

27. morning the returns junk from china in sight. Had to tack his evening
when she came in with the up tide. myself with Mr. Morison went
to the junk's harbor, & great indeed was our joy when a parcel was
handed over to us, which we could feel contained nothing but paper,
paper, letters we thought, or at least china journals, more valuable
to us than gold. But our joy was short lived. on opening the parcel only
one brief note - without date - of Dr. Walton to me & another letter
to Mrs. Morison, from her sister, besides a few records & some dozen
thin paper were all the contents. It is useless to lose oneself
in conjectures about the neglect or want of common sense in
them. with the letter of Mrs. Morison, which must have gone in March
from Hong Kong to Fuzhou much more, at any rate journals might
have been sent. - we are thus entirely left without letters & without
china news, & as regards my widowhood, not even cheered by a letter
from my wife & children. Suppose also they expected me daily, my
wife certainly knew how uncertain my journey is, & has no doubt
sent letters, either from Shanghai or Hong Kong. so that she shall must
lie in doubt to whom she entrusted them there.

28. Two junks, which had been sent from here to take off the Chinese
missionaries from Poochungpan, also came back to - Day, & neither
by them have we any letters. usually I have received a
note & Reviews, journals &c from the Consul at Fuzhou. It
appears we have now lost all communication of our China-Officials.

July 1. yesterday evening we were reading in a Review of the Record
some extracts from a work of Cardinal Wiseman concerning alleged
miracles of the virgin Mary. I should feel much obliged to her, said
I smilingly, if she were to bring us hither to-morrow some ships.
Had a Roman Catholic chanced to have been the speaker he might
to - Day have got one more entry for the Cardinals' book, as no
doubt the event of two ships arriving to - Day would have been
metamorphosed into a miracle of the virgin in answer to prayer.
At any rate we are truly glad that the Porshatas & Mississippi
both streams, ^{are} again at anchor in our Road since ten
o'clock this forenoon.

Law de Commodore. He kindly told us what he thought we might learn
of his transactions. Samode & Hakodori were the two ports opened
to the latter, I heard afterwards, to be opened a year after the ratifica-
tion of the Treaty. What I am most surprised at is that the whole
Squadron has had to subsist on salt provisions all the while they
were in Japan. Capt. Mc Clancy (of the Porpoise) told us, they had
had symptoms of scurvy breaking out among his crew,
though fortunately it did not actually break out. However we must
not expect Japan would yield on mere persuasions. She will take
care to speak smoothly but by her works she will be known
as a malicious power for generations to come, unless she be sub-
jected by power to obey the dictates of humanity. We saw
several drawings & landscapes striking the eye by novelty,
not less than by execution. Of the accomplished artists who
accompanied the Commodore. Art & science may perhaps
have gained more than Commerce, Diplomacy & religion either
from this expedition. The "Macedonian" with the "Supply" as tender
we heard are despatched to Formosa, ostensibly to inquire
whether no Europeans or Americans are detained there in
prison, but really to work out for coals, as there, the Com-
modore in Japan would not serve the purposes of steam,
the coals flaring away like dry wood. Query: Have the
Japanese stored the real coals?

Thinking all the while, I was on board the Mississippi
that Mr. Jones, the Chaplain, ^{had arrived} ~~was~~ in the Squadron, & finding Capt.
Lee wishing to speak about the service of the morning I engaged
with Capt. Mc Clancy. So at once kindly accepted my offer, not
hearing from Mr. Mowatt that Mr. Jones was not present, but
had for geological purposes been sent to Formosa, we return-
ed to the Mississippi, when I told Capt. Lee that as I am engaged
if he wished a service on board Mr. Mowatt would conduct
it. This was accepted. And I then engaged for a service on the leaving this
to proceed that I am to hold on the Porpoise. May the Lord be with us.

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2. Lord's Day. - Read prayer & preached on Board de Lexington. The Lord being with us enjoyed the service very much, & hope the heaven's marked attention showed their own partaking. We had each a boat in waiting. Mrs. Morston to be conveyed to the Mississippi (Mrs. Morston we deemed it advisable not to expose to the stormy sea of to-day) & myself to the Portcharon. I had a very hard row against wind & sea, but arrived in time. Read prayer & preached, as a welcome sermon to the Squadron, from: "The Lord Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." It was an excellent & very Sabbathly congregation. I was thankful for the good spirit I was in, & for the undivided attention of the audience, though greater part of the men had to stand on foot during the whole service.

Capt. Mc Cloney was kind enough to invite me to take my passage down to Bay King in his cabin & the wardroom officers offered me likewise room with them. But I had the slightest hope of a Shoreship returning to his I should certainly not have said of my loves five months ago. However all things work together for good to them that love God, and I trust our separation was for good purposes.

was appointed for under the "all chaplains" flag, to repair to the Mississippi. Here we all had been invited to dinner with the Commodore, & when I met also Mrs. Morston who had been fetched in a special train with little Philip. We were regaled in addition with excellent music, the Piccolonist, Lucian Corstons, who plays besides two other instruments, being - and deservedly - a great favourite with the Commodore. I saw the boy after dinner. He is of Italian extraction, was brought up at Paris. was glad to hear he has & read a french Old Testament & an Italian gospel. - The Commodore approved of my taking passage in the Portcharon. - Returned home, & had an excellent preaching of nothing less than 1 1/2 hours length in a temple before 20-30

Literati, all of whom listening with great attention & answering ques-
tions bearing on the matter. I went home exhausted but rejoicing
the only crown back being Mr. Morton's telling me, he had never
before seen it so, whereas I maintained we had had many similar
hearings since he goes with me about. & say that he may I
shall ever maintain his as good a missionary speech as any
else even in England, & that every Christian who has but a
drop of real love to God & to the souls of heathens may here
find opportunities of pouring away both his lungs some forbid-
ding to preach the gospel even in the temples of our adversaries,
certainly more than could be done in a Romish chapel in
any Country of Europe.

I have in addition had heavy labours in the inter-
vals at home. spring as they were, with writing & signing
lots of provision bills, so much out of ground is the whole Squadron
that I thought it allowable to do for them such work even
on the Lord's Day.

Had evening service at home.

4. Saw this morning some festival appearance of the ships, but seeing
the Regent steering better in his miserable bark I thought he too stand
in connexion. Long after, it struck me this was the Day of the Declara-
tion of the United States' Independence. I had just been rowing in
a native boat towards the Lexington to have there a talk with my
Chinamen, when it struck me that a festival day would not be the
most suited for such purposes. Indeed at noon a salute was fired
& I thought it becoming to go on the Commodore's ship & congratulate
him, he since I did on board the Porokatawa & Lexington. There
I had promised to dine. - The Regent, I heard, had been very
civily received, & promised to institute a fresh investigation on
the case of Board. Two officers who had been at the Lexington in-
deed stated they had seen them witnesses examined, being punished
with a large bamboo by a man on either side to speak loud
as it was termed, & had at last his hands tied behind.

5. Dr. Williams & Dr. Bent came desiring me to go with them to the examination of the witnesses, adding they had asked the Commodore concerning my going (as there might be need of some interposition,) & he said I might go, as I knew of the whole affair. I asked the gentlemen whether the Commodore wished or ordered that I should go. They said no, he only said I might. On which I declared (& the gentlemen found it right) that as missionary in the place I think I had better not go.

On their return we heard the present version of the matter was this: The man Board had been at some house where cries of a woman were heard so loud that her husband or friend thought it advisable to come to her rescue. They did not plainly say whether the man merely intended or really did to woman any harm. It is quite likely the woman would have screamed out on the men sight of a foreigner in one of the same room with her. Board was then driven into & thrown at with stones, & being very persecuted & finding no way of escape he jumped over the bridge & thus came by his death in the water.

Mr. Moreton, who has given up his work at his exercises in the Lodge, because of better writing - a business in which he is engaged ever since the "mischief" had been here, & to which he increasingly had fixed his mind when we still expected the Commodore in at the 20th of June, to stay only, as was believed, a very short time, & a business too, which I told him he might carry on in the afternoon as I am credibly informed the Squadron would remain here till the end of this month, a business too which so far from pressing upon him, he is now ready to ^{interrupt to} sit down & chat with all who arrive, & leaves him time to spend on board the ships, of course under pretext always of some important business, as getting stores for Philipp & C. Now to-day at noon he returned flushed like a conqueror with the news that the Commodore had given him two bundles of Calico, each containing 25 pieces, for his own use & whenever he wishes to make presents. While we were at dinner two large bundles arrived, and after dinner & a very brief consultation with Mr. Moreton he had them carried over into his private rooms, myself standing only looking on without

using a word. Now, if the Commodore did it not quite exceptionally, the
shifts were given to the mission of course for the missionaries, used for
presents to the people. Well then I should say I had at least as
much trustworthiness in them as a recently arrived person who as
yet has done nothing either among the natives or for the Squadron,
& yet this is the person who without asking me at all about it
locks such goods immediately up as his own, & so he does with
any of the Domestic conveniences the Committee had brought - as
he once was betrayed into confessing - as nails, screws, locks,
brackets &c. which I had sometimes, & especially ^{have} had while on
occasion of using, & which he took all in his own hands, as
if I had not ^{& he had} laboured for the contributions by which these things
were brought. - This is one more illustration that it is not they
who labour but they who scheme. * So have the profits.

6. Went on board the Lexington, & had reading & prayer with my
Chinese congregation, which however I did not find to-day as
abundant as usual, events thickening round them as well as
any other connected with the Squadron in preparation
for departure increase & various summons as to the steps to
be taken in the matter of Board. We heard to-day that the Com-
modore had sent 25 men with ragsack &c. to take
possession of Napa, i.e. to reoccupy the town where Mr.
Randall & the inmates of the Hospital had held possession for
nearly 5 months.

7. Went in the evening to the mission. Capt. Lee told me he had
received a note of Mr. Morison concerning the service of week
ending, & he (Capt. L.) thought as it was ^{possibly} likely that the next week
he left Cordis, the ships remained here, that we change pulpits so
as to give Mr. Morison a chance to let himself be heard on
board the Porchatna. He added, however, we might arrange this
among ourselves. - I returned home rather late & sitting

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Book 529.1 } On the morning the servants coming round, I spoke to them
of James, one of them particularly inquiring as to the work
& reason of the death James, which he had seen the picture. I was
glad of the opportunity & spoke. Paul even over work - usually
he comes out to spy in the house - began to call the servants off,
but I forbade him interference & they continued to listen till
he came up to us & hinting & pricking at them off they went
with one exception. I partly spoke to his one & partly remonstrated
with the others for obeying the work, or the bad people out of doors,
rather than their master. In the mean time Mr. Monton
threw I had often peeping in the distance & stopping up & down
with one hand slung ^{back} over his lip - usually with him a sign of
great victory over something opposing his fame - asking me very
roughly: "Not yet ready for tea?" I answered yes, & went in
to the room with him & his wife, remonstrating with one of
the servants present for his having run away so fast
at the bidding of the work. "they were frightened" said he,
because I had scolded them." and out I went calling
out for the work & Mrs. upon this Mrs. & Mrs. Monton
came out after me & gave me a lesson which I shall never
forget, the purpose being that I purposely with them
to lose the servants therefore I began to speak to
them, which I knew they have strong prohibitions, & they
additionally frightened them, instead of having persuaded
them, otherwise how should he suppose I'd them any good,
etc. etc. I confess I had repeatedly to cry out to God to
give me patience to be able to sit quietly while this
talk went on, which after all was only a preface
to the next that they had ready their: lesson in which they in-

formed the Committee that they could not do so much good here as
they should have done because I would not permit Mr. Morrison
to go out to preach among the people. Query then did Mr. Morrison
obey my orders & then was this particular order given? — when
said Mr. Morrison, when I was had told her that "I had sent
Mr. Morrison to preach to Sumai" — an expression which he
could not forgive — & when he had been come I had told him
he should rather have gone with me than go out alone." As I
recalled is that I told Mr. Morrison on some Sunday, that I
thought when I go out on a preaching round & he is with me it may
help his language forward more than when he went alone. Probably
some one else would have induced me to forbid him going out
talking as much as he could, and how can Mr. Morrison call
any thing I tell him a hindrance to his plans, as he never
mind my suggestions, having told me repeatedly he
was perfectly his own master & that he had given the Com-
mittee no promise to stand under any, & that myself
had told him a missionary must be quite free. — While
we were just talking the servants came in all kneeling
down & pouring powder on their mistemeanors, saying
they had been frightened "frightened!" exclaimed Mr.
Morrison says he jumped. "Do you see they say they had
been frightened." The servants seeing he repeats this
an "word" "ud uratchi"; of course repeated it again,
& showed also by signs that "sleeve had been turned
up" "sleeve turned up!" exclaimed Mr. Morrison
& while I was ^{going to} explain him his ignorance ^{of} the circum-