

in view of a reward which, if the ship <sup>provisionally</sup> makes known its intention either to the London or Hong Kong Committee, may be fixed or otherwise left to the discretion of the missionary, according to the greater or lesser trouble the ship had in reaching Loohoo. In Williams's "missionary enterprises" many instances are given of vessels touching island on purpose to communicate with missionaries.

Of course the whole of this difficulty will be at once obviated, if we possess our own ship as mentioned in these papers under March 23<sup>d</sup>, & supposing also no station is opened at Chappa the object is quite feasible.

The "Mischief" is to leave as soon as she has her complement of water, which may be to-morrow. The Capt. is to dine here, & we shall thus easily know what he is about.

Schivarichi & a lot of tidewater were here this day, all utmost friendliness. We hope to be able to leave the ship effectually. - made up medicines for some of the crew, & some for the Capt. himself, the best means of securing confidence. I can however my good commendation is not matters to the American factors.

6. The ship will probably leave this day as we have got off this morning seven bags 1000 lbs of potatoes, 50 fathoms &c.

I intend to send my journal duplicate.

April 1854 } 7. Sent off yesterday by "Mischief" journal from May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Theel 514 } 1853 till yesterday. About 3 p.m. yesterday rode down to  
Funai to see two patients. When arrived there the "naval  
Dept", was quite surprised to hear the ship had been so well served by  
us. I had only to take care not to rouse envy. Moreover, as Capt.  
Thompson himself said, it was ridiculous to speak of having taken  
possession of the island, & not be able to prevent for a ship coming  
on a government's errand, any thing. While the English missionary  
has to have all the trouble. - Got out to-day 40. Callis began in ad-  
dition to the trifles Capt. T. brought us yesterday.

From news gathered from some papers left with us by the ship,  
we learn that was the real intention of the Russian fleet in these  
waters: nothing less than a demonstration against China for  
not opening her ports to Russia as well as western European  
powers. A pity those ships of the fleet were disabled or wrecked  
on the passage. The "Palas", on board of which we were so happily  
occurred, being the "pet" of the whole Russian navy. I imagine  
we shall come in for a share of notice, when her adventures  
are published.

Three American visitors came this morning to state they had  
brought a serpent 6 feet long, & wanted a jar to put it into  
spirit for preservation. Against the missionary helped out to re-  
ceive a variety for the Commodore. I had procured a fine big  
jar for my electrical machine, but now comes in pretty well,  
though I only had it, to be returned to the mission when a ship  
of the Squadron comes in. I like missionary establishments, espe-  
cially when isolated, to be well furnished with every thing.

Kept the natives to family worship, & so we had some yes-  
terday. We had quite a congregation. In the evening went  
down to Funai, saw the serpent, no doubt nearly 6 feet long, the  
head somewhat smothered by a stone that had been thrown on it.

The Coochinians to frighten foreigners away, of course, much be-  
cause it poisons. For myself however I think it is nothing but  
the common snake, *Natrix longata*, or *Colubus natrix*. It had no poisonous  
fangs.



I gratefully took, though I should have preferred all Testaments, & whole Bibles in the English language, others being here rarely inquired after. I also got a Report of the New York Bible Society, & very interesting it is. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon it.

Sitting in Capt. Thomson's cabin, one of his chief passengers, whom I had formerly told me, came in. She is a woman of about thirty, pretty features, a daughter of a rich merchant who had kept her, & who recently went home to marry. He is now owner of eight girls, the system call her "moked", the daughters being destined to increase his wealth in California. With this woman I entered into a serious conversation, in partly Cantonese English & Chinese, and she heard very attentively the whole Gospel. She told me, she had heard the name of Jesus in Hong Kong, but she never till now knew what religion <sup>his</sup> was. Ah I got out of her was, that when she <sup>came</sup> back from California the world mind with what I told her. "And suppose", said I, "you die on your journey?" she thought this was not likely. I repeatedly urged repentance. She thanked me. And seeing how much influence she had over all female passengers, I urged her exhortation also on the ground of the fearful responsibility she incurred not only in ruining but also in neglecting to correct all her dependants. - She knows how much good some may work!

8. About 8 p.m. was called to Fumai to one of the sailors who had been taken seriously ill. - Took with me several medicines, one of which suited. Lancets I had also ready, but not wanted.

9. Cloudy. Rained briskly the whole day. Went in Morn to Fumai to see my man, whom I found considerably better. The rain had a little abated & Mr. Morrison came also & we conducted service. -

Unable to go out or hold in the afternoon a few hymns & in the evening the whole church service as usual & some exposition of Scripture.

10. Had a very bad night. Read with Morrison from about 9 to 12. Then a hub among the gongs attracted my attention & thither we resorted. There was some in. In a neighboring house next door we were able to get into friendly conversation. In another place hub when the wailing noise

had attracted us to we found several women kneeling. I seriously interposed, telling them we had no objection to their grief, but the kneeling was a perfect nuisance, & their putting flowers outside to beautify the hole inside was needless, & their worshipping with masses of incense highly offensive in the sight of all who know the true God. I seriously ordered them to remove the cups & other sacrifices, & put out the incense, which was done. The whole party soon left, & the idolatrous ceremony was thus broken up. - In another grave we met again several women at first, before & three men & 2 servants in the yard of another grave. A lesson appeared that the offering & incense be removed was complied with; but while preaching to the ladies they scampered off. The men stood a good while, & also left, the servants heard the whole Gospel with greatest attention & approval, & I had quite done when some call from the heights drew them off. - A most delightful preaching I had to a crowd of women & children in another grave yard. The whole party appeared to belong to a highly respectable class. Here likewise, on my wish, the idolatrous signs were removed & the whole Gospel listened to with utmost attention. I trust the opportunity was well used. I felt it was a rare one & made every effort to secure attention. Two servants before the yard received also special admonition, & I told their mistress, we valued the servants' soul as much as the masters' & the women's as the man's. - The first of the Day was an excellent preaching to 5-7 labourers in a hut. They heard the whole Gospel & partly read it with utmost attention & lively expressions of approval. I suffered with prostration, exertion in my present weakened bodily state exhausting me pretty fast. But as I had lost yesterday's work I thought it my duty to make up for it to-day.

14. Wrote this afternoon all on the alert on report of a ship being in sight, although invisible just from our house. On the opposite heights we distinctly saw a group of natives, with a telescope - proof enough my presents have not been quite unacceptable - intently looking towards the boat, & now & then giving us also a peep in return for our peeps at them. I could discern Ichisawachi among their party. - In the evening a party from Tamaï came to call me down to see a patient, & confirming the news of the ship, which was supposed to be the "Lexington".

On coming to Tamaï Mr. Rowdell maintained the ship never

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Sheet 515 } he saw her. The patient is "Smith" with his old son, & four.

15. Nothing of the ship. On returning from Funai & opening my cash box to pay the carriers. I was appalled at finding the box nearly empty. Mrs. Monitor who had recently taken out a few cash saw the box nearly full, containing copper cash at least for 25. Others' words, there is now scarcely a 5 others' worth within. Our present work being a bad fellow is the only person we justly suspicion. but he angrily denied the charge & began to threaten. - well, do not wish rumour about this loss of mine, & induce the Committee to ask the Goodroom mandrins to return me my money? what I lose, is private business, only when I get something they'd desire to take public cognizance of it.

16. Eastersunday. None tolerably enjoyed, but very dull & melan- choly in mind. Forced a few pages of writing sermons, but to no purpose. After breakfast Mrs. Monitor told me his folk asked, & whether he not Mrs. Monitor would go to Funai. As I could get no carriers at the moment I started off on foot he hour being late, & unable to afford taking the whole long way round the upper bridge - the tide being high - I crossed through by ways where I could not avoid wetting my feet. It was to me of importance not to lose conducting on the Eastersunday public worship is company with the only congregation in the place. - Arrived from: "Let us keep the fast." Service over Nagard, de Funai Foby occu- pied me nearly an hour with tireless exercises. I was glad to hear of him expressions of sympathy both on my loneliness & the paleness & emaciation of my face. A heavy rain had now settled in the end of which I could not resist & had to be car- ried home - my Ragn had arrived - through it. - The rain con- tinued during the whole of the afternoon. In the evening read service & gave an exposition of a few verses in 1 Cor. v.

17 Spent a very bad night, & can scarcely bear myself during the day, & although reading with Mrs. Monitor I confess I am often seized with sickness in the head & pain the eyes which make me feel as though I should sink down the chair.

21. Feel quite another man, in consequence of two good nights. I hope the Lord will support me in the resolution to banish from me the thought on my wife & child, except in prayer. It is this which pressed on my mind till I had the day made a firm resolve to resist the very thought of them. That man may not be obliged to come to & resolve upon! Handkerchief after losses in separation is like handkerchief after the dead. They must be forgotten, or there is an end to peace & health.

Mr. Randall came to-day to ask what I thought about the necessity of letting his men have fresh meat twice a week. Poor aged creature. My histerto had bought it for their own money, which now appears to be spent, & they appealed, as justly they might have done long ago, to his regulations which allow them fresh meat when stationed on shore. I can really not understand why these aged men should have been dealt with otherwise since the ships left than when the Squadron was here, when all ships had at least twice a week fresh provisions. It seems not for me to propose the matter, but as acting medical man to the American Establishment here I certainly deemed it my duty to speak out as soon as the point was made.

22. In addition to some medical occupation this week among the natives I have to-day an indoor patient, Mr. Morston having kept his bed the whole day in consequence of a slight attack of Diarrhoea. - Mr. Morston brought me over a number of the Reliance Herald for June 28<sup>th</sup> 1853. in which a letter of Mr. Morston is inserted, commencing "Our ship embarked a Blackwall", & goes on faithfully to copy his intention of "reading a little in the Greek Testament" to be done chinaman (on board the Abercrombie). I do not know whether to be more surprised at such insinuating spirit or at the publication of the scheme. What I liked most in the article was that its writer appears to be with me on the greater importance of a mission bearing on Japan, greater than any other, in proportion to its inapproachability. I could wish my Committee had published, at any rate that portion of my book which bearing on Zacharia g., where Javan mistakingly takes place, certainly means "Japan". The writer of the article under question would certainly see with me here when he reads with me in Is. 66. & it is of importance to get the letter of the scriptures to bear us out in our arduous struggle.

23. Today. Mr. Morison is better, & takes some bitters to get up his appetite. - myself rode to Fumai. Reached from John 17. 24. enjoying the service well. It is meditation on heaven which makes me forget the trials we have to suffer, & the hardships we see permitted even by professed christians on earth. Oh how much do I praise God for that my conscience is upright before him! Come my hour when it may, I am ready. I have peace in my head notwithstanding the sensitive scrupulousness of my conscience. Knowingly, since I know God, I never intend to pass for more than I feel I am, & have never served my God with all my strength, though He required we do for it.

It was a little rainy yet I went out & had 1, a very good hearing & reading of two adults, one making plain confession of faith. He is an old heaver. Concluded with prayer. - 2, an excellent hearing of an elderly woman, an old heaver. herself repeating the chief articles of our faith, & delighting in saying over & over: "Blessed Jesus! what love is his! He died for us!" and what love is mine to that poor woman for this saying! A boy who came in whilst I spoke to her she assisted me in keeping in good spirits till he had heard all I wished him to hear, & read a few characters I showed him. I feel proud of the kiss I got from him. A sweet kiss indeed it was. - 3, had a short talk to a peasant & an old woman, & left because interrupted. 4, was near getting a knock from a workman who did not like my intrusion as it prevented his going on tripping, because he had just had a fight with his wife & wanted to drown his wrath. There is need of great firmness on such occasions. The man, though master of the house, had to leave with the neighbors - one of whom also, <sup>had</sup> turned up his broad sleeve, ready for a blow - by more calm but firm talk, we were round, & the master came in again & begged pardon. 5, had an excellent preaching in the house of a man, who, my dear God, twice over me his life, once when I raised him from



a five years' pointed complaint, & once more when about a year after that I visited him from a Droggy. His wife had also been twice under my care. Such he behaved to-day not very friendly till his husband & mother & two more men came in. All gave an excellent hearing, he man when I asked him "Do you believe in Jews?" answering "yes!" as loud as if we had been in tolerant England. - On turning round I had some children before me, to whom I also spoke, but to the dissatisfaction of my friend, do find strangers coming in & seeing him so friendly with me, till I prevented him to grow in love & even expose himself to some trouble for their sake. This is a doctrine which will take late root in Coosoo. Nothing is further from them than the thought of taking the slightest trouble with any one belonging to the family.

24. were all out in the evening, & had a very interesting meeting in the Chiamin-ja temple. many adults & children being present. again they denied their having any Japanese books, his reputation took them from the ground where they lay about in dozens. we saw here a Chinese-Japanese Lexicon similar to that I have, but a treasure compared with mine, it being printed on strong white paper, each letter, without exception, being as distinct as copperplate engraving - such excellent hands as they at cutting their printing boards - whereas in mine <sup>both</sup> paper & ink unite to render it impossible to read on even a single column without fatiguing the eye to blindness, & even ten meetings often with insupportable doubts as to <sup>Japanese</sup> letters & Chinese characters.

25. To sum up the week it was one of my worst ones, as to sleep & health. I wonder how my poor brains can stand it without mad. Denial. - Had several patients, among them one of the Fama's officers. Mrs. menton also twice took medicines. Perhaps he desired the receipts, to know how to make them up for herself.