

And besides we had business that would
hurry us to arrange us so short a time.

A steamer had just come into port that
morning which would sail in a week for
Bangkok. So we decided to wait for that

& in the meantime have a visit with
the friends at Canton. Witness the load-
ing of Gods hand in our decision.

Had we gone to Canton that night in
hurry to take the first boat to Bangkok
we would doubtless have perished in
the flames. The steamer was burned
& two Europeans & 500 Chinese were
burned to death. It was a horrible catastro-
phe. And God saved us from it.

We have had a delightful time with
the friends here. Most of ^{my} the time has
been spent with my very dear friend
Rev. H. E. Hayes. He & his first wife &
Mrs. Wilson & myself came out to China
together in the Spring of 1866. We there form-
ed a life friendship. And my pleasure
has it been to see to visit him again

His wife & two boys are now at her mother's Mrs. Anderson
near Waterford New York. He expects to go home next Spring &
join them. He will be at General Assembly & you must try
to visit him. He is a far better fellow than I ever was or
can hope to be. He is a friend true as gold. He has entertained
me all these days & it makes me half dead that in
two hours now I must bid him good by - I rose at
cock crowing - have packed up my goods & am now
writing you in the gloaming of the morning - being begun
in the remnant of the thick paper & am to end out
this thin sheet. Besides the Canton Missionaries of our
own Board, Sr. & Mrs. Ross, Mr. Hayes, Sr. & Mrs. Fulton -
Sr. & Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Johns, Swiss, Sr. Fulton, Sr.
Hiles, Butler Lewis, Baird & Mrs. Henry - I have met
missionaries of the other Boards - & associated with ourselves
Sr. & Mrs. Long of Arroyo - Mr. P. S. Mission - & Bishop
& Mrs. Norcross & son - of the Methodist Church Colorado
We had two grand & stirring sermons from Bishop
Dornan on yesterday - I think God for them - I attended
two of the Chinese Chapel Services - that of the 1st Pres-
byterian Church & that of the London Missionary So-
ciety - In this latter Chapel & joined the Chinese in
commemorating the dying love of Christ. Our Chinese
man was baptized - & the work goes on amid the
enmity & hatred of the Chinese people & the secret
opposition of the rulers - God is gathering his own & the
will continue to gather them though Satan & men may
sog & perforce ruin. They will perish in vain.
I might have some moments to write on my way home

the same. But I will close now
& then perhaps begin a letter to
you on my way down to Bangkok
and so the work of Sumattonian
meetings has passed away. Not so
the blessings secured. They will
be permanent in their self-mul-
tiplication. The lesson hid. will
work with the whole mass as they
God works - when & where we
cannot perceive - Be of good cour-
age & the Lord shall strengthen
thy heart. With love as ever
and now again our affectionate
good by to all - kisses for the
dear children

Yours in the gospel

For other Wilson.

My address will be Chiang Mai
via Moulmain & Paphun
British Borneo

Mon Leavin & Paphun
to that place.