

# **A SURVIVING DIARY**

**Dr. A. B. Simpson**

**These memos begin near the  
end of his Louisville pastorate  
and continue to the early part  
of his New York ministry—  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

Mrs. Buckman, Dr. Simpson's daughter, said that her father kept a diary for many years. Only one of these, however, remains extant. It was found in the attic of his Nyack residence following his decease.

The entries cover the closing of his ministry in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1879, and the beginning of his ministry in the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, in 1880.

One reason why he had gone to New York City was that he felt this was the place where he could best edit an illustrated missionary magazine. Of particular interest, then, are the allusions to the beginnings of this magazine.

Mrs. Simpson was not happy about this move because she questioned the wisdom of raising her children in this great metropolitan city. Her mood is reflected in the references made to her in these diary notations. Suffice it to say that later she was entirely reconciled to this move, and backed her husband faithfully and loyally in his ministry.

**“To the Lord Jesus Christ I commit these pages. May He guide every word, and make it a holy happy record.”**

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1879

Monday night

To the Lord Jesus Christ I commit these pages. May He guide every word, and make it a holy happy record. M. took out the pages I had written for the past two weeks here—God so permitted her foolish and sinful hand. Poor child. I have prayed and prayed for her until of late I cannot pray without intense distress. I leave her with Him, trusting that He will lead her to repentance and salvation. She has suffered much of late. She is possessed of an intense bitterness, and I am full of pain and fear. I was much exercised as to whether I should ask my brethren of the Session to speak to her and beseech her to be reconciled, but after conferring with one of them I found it would be vain, and I wait in silence upon God. I trust my own heart may be kept righteous, and merciful in everything.

It is well that I should begin here. For tonight my pastorate was dissolved by the Presbytery. And I am Christ’s free servant. I have moved very slowly, and waited for Him to lead. My congregation met yesterday and by a majority of 81 to 56 declined to write in my resignation. They also passed on motion of Mr. Jones—my most persistent adversary in my plans of work—a series of resolutions of which I am quite unworthy, most remarkable in their warmth and strength of commendation.

How wonderfully God hath wrought—Praise, Great Master, for Thy Overruling care and love. I was much comforted by their action. It was kind and God will bless it, I trust, to them, and to my usefulness; but it did not sufficiently impress me to lead me to hesitate in the course in which God had

been leading farther than to seek the frank advice of my brethren of the Presbytery, and to weigh all the considerations afresh. After full conference, I was quietly led to present my resignation finally; and peacefully blessed in so doing. The brethren were good enough to speak with much affection but I value His approval only. I can't help thinking how differently they treated Him.

God made it an occasion for bearing testimony fully to the guidance of the blessed Spirit. I have been led the past two Sabbaths to speak very sharply and solemnly to the people, and yesterday especially in reviewing my ministry I was enabled to be direct and plain. May God bless it to them, and now may He bless my ministry anew as never before— for Jesus' sake.

Friday night,

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

Wonderful providence about my teeth and plate. Lost, prayed. Search renewed. Then found. How tenderly He cares. Let me ever see Him in all.

Great trials today about M. Led to continual prayer. Constant cloud and burden of pain. At times much sense of displeasure. I fear impatience of spirit. I pray to see God in it all. Much tenderness and love and hope today. Much peculiar sense of His Presence tonight. Praying much. May He give what He asks and I need. Visited H. N. Alby yesterday. Improved condition in illness today. Praise.

Monday night,

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

Preached Sabbath. Much aided at night, hindered in morning. Clouds of strange terrific suffering. So all day today. Is it the Spirit's intercession? Or God's displeasure, or sympathy for the pain of others, or discord in the church?

Many visits today. Much affection among my people—the poor especially. Much prayer and burden all day. My wife in a state of hardness and rebellion. Lord, help me to feel, act and pray aright. Letter from New York. Dr. Bevan

expected to preach next Sabbath night. Will not probably get away now ere Thursday, P. M.

One more testimony. Five members added to the church last night. Praise. Much trial at my wife's condition. Conflicting feelings; at times intense sense of unrighteousness, at times intense concern and compassion, at times fear condemnation, again fear complicity in sin. Led to leave all in silence with God and be kind, gentle, forgiving, and much apart.

Out tonight. How hard to mingle with men and be sensitively pure, and know the Spirit in all things. Lord Jesus guide in every call—in the time of leaving and arriving—in selecting work for my people—in arrangements in NY, in my prayers and feelings and spirit and in all things.

Wednesday,

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

Praise for such blessed service this week, in visiting my church and finding so many friends. Praise for delightful meeting tonight, and words of love from so many hearts, especially Bro. Holt. Praise especially for clear command to visit a suffering friend, and promise of great and perfect blessing. Praise for all promises and all blessings in Him.

New York,

Saturday night,

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

On Thursday I finished visiting my flock, and bless God for this joyful service. Thursday afternoon with much clearness of conviction I visited my dear sister, Miss S., and bade her farewell. We had not met for nearly two years and a half except on the street a moment. I found her full of God— full of faith and power—lifted above all circumstances and dwelling in heavenly places. She is far ahead of us all, and I have been moved with a holy jealousy, by the grace of God to walk hence forth not so far behind, but rise into Him as fully. Much

strange unspeakable sense of anxiety today, that has led me since to constant prayer and brought me such a blessing today especially as I have not had for years.

Led to consecrate myself unreservedly to Jesus and claim His perfect blessing. Yesterday on the way the message was clearly given unmistakably while praying about this matter. "Write the vision and make it plain. Though it tarry, at the end it shall speak, and not lie. Though it tarry, wait for it for it will surely come and will not tarry." Commit it to Him to show fully in His time and way the vision and all its meaning and give grace to wait implicitly and with holy humble faith, patience and love.

Alternate feelings of compassion, tenderness and dreadful pain and even fear about Maggie who is so set in her seeming hatred to me that I can hardly speak to her, and have shut myself up in my Saviour leaving her simply and fully with Him, and praying to be kept perfectly in His way and temper toward her in all things.

On my arrival here found a welcome prayer meeting arranged for tonight. It was delightful and the Blessed Spirit gave such sweet testimony that this was His way. The room was full and the Spirit was delightful. God aided me in speaking and since my return has given me sweetly a sermon for tomorrow on Acts 1:7, 8.

May He begin henceforth doubly to bless and fulfill it to me. It was my promise last New Year's day and I take it anew and renew my covenant of consecration. Much holy fellowship and prayer and manifestations of God that made my soul thrill with power and joy as at the far off sound of the voice of a King. I asked today for a verse for New York and received a blank. God made me willing to leave all to Him and go with sealed orders.

Sabbath night,

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>

My first Sabbath in New York. Preached A.M., Acts 1:7, 8. Much aided. Dr. Bevan preached P.M.—Isaiah 6. Much quickened. Led the past two days to say more unreservedly than for years—“Here am I—all Thine, send me.” Heard the sweet voice of God today several times and filled with such intense desire to follow anywhere. Sweet views of heaven and life eternal with Him. Also of ministry and service for Him here. Much solemn prayer at the awful state of things in my family. Led to leave wholly and silently with Him in patience. Such constant remembrance and prayer for my sister in Him. Such blessing in it—such desire that He will lead exactly in His way. Solemn promise tonight in His strength henceforth to rejoice evermore and “in everything give thanks.” I will ask Him as Solomon for wisdom and full fitness for Church and Magazine.

Held in prayer all day. Mostly for one burden—my sister and friend in Christ and what He sees best for us all. The Spirit’s prayer—not mine. This morning a glorious revelation of Christ in my soul as my dear Saviour and Everlasting Portion, so that to be with Him forever was indeed “far better.” Thought at the time I should never cease to walk as holding His very hand. But soon after the way seemed to grow so uncertain and I went out—and spent a fruitless day in searching for a house. After having committed it to Him to get one for me, led at length to feel He would send me word through the Herald. Went down to advertise. Checked there—now wait. Perhaps He will send the advertisement through the paper tomorrow—Lord, if thou wilt.

Peculiar burden tonight in Session meeting. My installation proposed and requested at an early day. Does the Master clearly bid this? Or does He hold me back at present and keep me free for wider work— as I have desired—as an Evangelist? Or does He bid me receive this special charge at present and let Him open the way in future for whatever else He may have? I will surely by His grace do whatever He shows. I want and must have His way and full blessing or

I shall be unable to live. Lord let me not err. Much more light about F. M. Magazine tonight. Left it wholly with Him. But I know that the word is Forward.

It seemed shown to me this morning that I should write a full clear statement of the whole story of God's dealings with me in the matter of S., and send it to her and have her tell me frankly, if so led, how the Lord had taught her. This great and strange perplexity has often crushed me, and lately God has laid it upon me with such clearness and comfort, as in some gracious way a part of His plan of blessing which He is working out that He may by this very record make it more plain, and enable me to discern between the evil and the good.

"Write the vision and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth." Is this the meaning of the message of Tuesday? May He direct the wording and give the vision and keep in His Holy will. I feel since tonight that this is His message—Write.

Tuesday,

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

A day of continual prayer for spiritual preparation for my work here. Much asked. But He knows what is needed. I want His prayer only. Much faith at times. Led to see the simple sense of faith.

Much solemn prayer and thought about my family. Able to pray for nothing else at times. Such elements of danger with work here—and us all. Such solemn foreshadowings about M., and prayer to be kept in compassion, love and holy forgiveness. Tonight she was troubled and broken. For days she has been hard and unmovable. My heart filled with sympathy. Often so reproved when I yield to this tenderness. It seems to be complicity with wrong. But again so afraid to be severe and unlike Him. Lord, give Thy Mind ever. Help to leave all these cares on Thee— be independent of all natural feelings and filled with God.

Much anxiety for Maggie today. Lord lead—and aid. God seemed to show today in answer to much prayer that it is His full will that I should press forward in this work. Also should be installed as soon as my letter comes; also leave to

Him the question of Dr. B.'s taking part, which seems displeasing to Him. Also write soon a history of the past; also preach next Lord's day on Rev. 19, "The Angel's Message," and at night, "The Crown;" also that He will provide a house for us Himself.

Much prayer for fruit, holiness and power.

### Wednesday night

A great and blessed day. This morning in prayer so clearly shown me that I was wrong in my attitude about this matter which has been so much on my heart for years, and that God would have me open to all His words in intimations, that He was not misleading and would not let me be misled about it, and that there was much in the vision that He would make plain and fulfill in His own way and time, and enable me to write without question. All doubt and fear was taken from my heart at the time, and I was enabled to commit all to God in beautiful confidence and leave it.

My first visiting done today. Houses of Mr. Christie, Pennington, McComb, Wriston and McIntyre. Searched again fruitlessly for house. At five o'clock told the Lord I would leave it all to Him. At 7 Mr. Christie came and told me he had found a house. Went to see it. Perfectly suitable and well located. It seems too costly and fine. But if the Lord says, "Go," it is right. Have committed it to Him, if it be His way—will see.

A dreadful presence of evil all night at prayer meeting. M. went. Had to fight, almost for life. Dreadful fear at times to go to housekeeping or anything. But this too I commit wholly to Him. He will not let Satan hinder His work, or my peace, but will open a way and conquer at the right moment. I have suffered much lest this dreadful thing which cursed us at Louisville, making my home desolation and my church a strife will mar all here. Desire to be merciful and charitable, but Satan is in this. I can only fear and hate him and pray God against him. My Master gave me a special blessing today among his poor, at the funeral of Wm. Nicholson to which he especially led me.

Led to survey my field today, extending especially from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 17<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the West Side, and my soul filled with joy to find it so great and full of the plain people—whom I love. My pastoral work will be a great joy here. It is all our own, this field, and God is with us and will bless. O to please Him fully.

Very large prayer meeting tonight— and much witnessing power when the people prayed for me as they did so fully. May God bless this dear church, so full of devotion and give it love and power for Him. Led to think of a letter to all the neighborhood, inviting to the church, but He will show.

New York,

27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1879

Thanksgiving Day

I thank my God and Father today:

1. For my life given back to me for a prey so often the past year.
2. For the great and wonderful promises given me this year for service, restoration and blessing.
3. For so many answers to prayer.
4. For the wonderful discipline through which He has led my soul, the suffering and the power that has come out of it.
5. For the clear light given, gradually and of late so often and vividly, upon the great mystery of my life which almost crushed me, and for the movement of His mighty Providence steadily, as I believe, towards its full and blessed manifestation, and especially for the desire that His will may be accomplished in it all—in His own time and way.
6. For the restoration of fellowship with my two dear and most valued earthly friends and the blessing it has brought already.
7. For my separation from my church in Louisville and the painful complications it involved.

8. For the wonderful and providential opening up of this great field for the very work I love, and the Spirit of this church and the door of usefulness.
9. For the great work of the Missionary Magazine, given to me this year, with its doors of service.
10. For the grace to give myself unreservedly to Him of late, and the joy of His Presence and the desire to be with Him here or there, and the faith that He fully accepts me, and will lead me in everything as all His Own.
11. For the power of the Holy Ghost in preaching as never before this year.
12. For many little love tokens of His Presence and Providence (Teeth, House, Servant).

### I pray

- For wisdom and Power for this work, as Pastor and Editor.
- For complete deliverance from the Power of Evil in my heart, home, and work in His way.
- For simple faith henceforth that He is doing all things well and I may be free from carefulness.
- For grace to walk in the Spirit wholly, always yielded to His will, trusting perfectly, triumphing over all sin and doubt and pleasing my Father blamelessly.
- For perfect freedom and simplicity in my feelings, and perfect independence in God and for Christ above all men.
- For a Christian temper and attitude towards my wife in everything, so as fully to please God and never regret a word, act or thought.
- For grace in everything to give thanks.

Friday night,

Nov. 28

Much to praise for tonight. Held all day in prayer. Tonight from 9 \_ to 12, led to stay with Maggie and pray and talk with her. Aid given so quietly and

gently and she came fully and sweetly as it seemed—with many tears to the Shepherd. I leave her with Him still, wholly, and pray for grace to be wise, faithful and loving. I have been too anxious in the past and carried too much responsibility for her soul. As I leave all with Him He works effectually. Mine is to be the faithful watchman; His to carry the sheep and give the fruit.

Little else done today but pray. Left matter of house to Him—to show by making her willing.

### Sabbath night

Praise for a useful day, I trust. Incessant and overwhelming burden of prayer all yesterday, until M. was led to consent fully and voluntarily to send for means to furnish our house. I had after prayer left the renting of it contingent upon her doing so—which she at first point-blank refused. When she consented I felt as if it was the Lord's way but still prayed much about it. At length led to rent it—at 5 P.M. Afterwards led to feel that I should have offered \$100 more and got its furniture too. Will tomorrow, D. V.

Today much prayer and burdened. At times intensely painful. Led to see afterwards that they were checks upon me from God—foreshadowing evils and mistakes I should have guarded against; e.g., long sermons and uncalled for words. Peculiarly so tonight. Burden would not go before service. Saw after service that it was a check calling me to consider what I was about to say and speak somewhat differently. How kind of God to teach me so patiently.

Tonight much prayer and clear promise given of blessing in my work here, my paper and my private devotions. A cloud of several days lifted and I was led to feel that I should write to my friend fully, enclosing memoranda; or sending afterwards. Prayer for M. and Jessie to do nothing involving the faintest injustice. "Wise as serpents and harmless as doves." This morning so aided in preaching on the "Power of the Gospel." Power from Him. Tonight children's service. Held from preaching a prepared sermon, led to leave it all and speak freely as God enabled on the Golden Text—"Hold fast—let no one take thy

crown." Aided and blessed until last half—when I pressed forward in face of a check—gently holding back. Such lessons in this today!

Very large congregations at both services. Praise. God is blessing indeed.

Monday night,

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

Praise for so much.

Today I was received as a member of New York Presbytery and accepted the call to this church. The brethren received me very kindly especially Bro. White, Bro. Hamilton, Bro. Marling, my nearest neighbors, Bro. Booth also and Dr. Adams. I acknowledge God's goodness in sending me my letter in time—just in time. The installation appointed for the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec., Bro. Marling, Bro. Vincent, Dr. Burchard and Dr. Paxton to take part in it. May the Lord make it a perfect blessing.

Today also signed lease for house. God led in it, I believe. My own judgment would have said, "Keep uncommitted—and live more cheaply." He opened up this way only and I have gone forward in faith that He will give means and blessing. I accept His gifts thankfully.

Much sweet spirit of prayer today—for my friend and partner in faith and prayer. So strange that I would ever ask, "Can this be all of God?" And ever I am brought back to it by an influence, above me and that I fully believe to be, divine.

May God fully show, lead and bless.

Wednesday night

Much cause for praise today and yesterday. Visited Mrs. Kirkwood, Jenkins, Cushman, Nicholson, Conley, Dalrymple, Kane, Wood, Stewart, Murray, Moffat, Wykoff, Shupnell. Meetings at Ladies' Social—sermon Bro. Page—and our prayer meeting tonight and monthly concert.

Pray that I may get over the remaining families this week. Peculiar burden of pain much of time. It seems like the presence of the Evil One. I lay him over on Jesus.

#### Thursday night

Praise for much aid in visiting today. Visited Beebe, Beere, Albertson, Hemphill, Eveleth, Roberts, Wright, Golibard, Palmer, Hoff, Bell, Bogart, Mateson, Goodrich, Naugle, Tuttle, Galloway, Voorhis, Innes, Stuart, Red, Daniels, Insy, Donovan, Fletcher, Brown, Newman, Lester, Cragin, Brodie, Hill, Cuthbertson, Brownson, Stevens, Ackerman (35 names and 30 houses—what I asked this morning). Praise. Many delightful experiences.

Distressing burdens about my family. To come to my home is like coming out of light and peace into a dark and fiery pit. The Evil One meets me here and oppresses me. My wife is under an influence of excitement and morbid resistance. And I cannot be free with her without distress and self-condemnation. My children were in tears when I returned tonight and in strife. I have prayed much for grace to control and rule my home in the peace of God, and for deliverance from this evil. My fault has been want of faith.

Lord, give faith and grace to please Thee.

#### New York,

Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1879

Today I entered my first home in New York. It is the Lord's gift to me. I asked Him to bless it and He will. I have just asked a promise for it and He has given me Is. 49 and 50, and the witness of His blessings. And yet I suffer most keenly. It is like living fire. Is it Satan? Or God calling me to anything? Is it the Spirit's burden?

Much tried, and failed in the test tonight. My child impertinently began telling a visitor, Mr. Christie, all about our furniture, and he, Mr. C., with much thoughtlessness and yet kindness came in the midst of our moving, and seemed

bent on knowing everything and interfering kindly in everything. I should have remembered the kind motive and not felt and looked so severely. Lord, forgive and help!

Peculiar Providence today about stopping in to auction rooms, finding the very furniture I needed, and meeting M. at one—when I most wanted to see her. God leads like a child and loves me. I asked Him to give me this house and its furniture and help me, notwithstanding all influences, to be, in His name, its owner and head and keep it so as to please Him. He is doing so, I trust. Enabled to obtain valuable furniture cheaply. Pray for all else needed. Let it be all from Him.

Amid all my labors and cares was enabled to make calls today on Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Browning, Miss Buckingham, Mrs. Stackpool, Mrs. Wade, Newell, Gridly, Noble, Doremus, Rogers, Kidd, Hermaan, Gowan, Holgate, Hopps, Albert King, Winch (17 names, 14 calls). Thanks for so much, above all for the blessed joy of Service. Praise for \$333 sent yesterday, an answer to prayer.

Saturday,

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1879

Many mercies today. Thanks for all. Much peace, love and communion this morning. Looking over old sermons awakened such longing for the blessing of former years. How precious Christ was and how He taught me. Much peaceful trust given and led to revise a sweet sermon on the "Grace of Christ." May He bless it as food to His flock!

Received my furniture unharmed. Praise. Began housekeeping in reality. Much tenderness given me today for my wife and much quietness to her. Praise. Sermon at night I think on Rev. 3.20.

God is so good and kind and faithful.

Sabbath night,

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

Preached A.M., "My Grace Sufficient." Night: "Knock." Large congregations, especially night. Praise. Much aided, especially night. Depended upon the Spirit mainly, knowing my subject. Much burdened tonight. Is it prayer?

Monday night,

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

Made many calls today. About 40 more to make. Pray to be enabled, D. V., to finish them tomorrow, ere my installation, and to be free to go to work on my Magazine. Led clearly to missionary meeting today in 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. church. The Spirit came and blessed. Tonight received my mail and missionary magazine cover, and article from Prof. Kellogg. Led to go on at once. Much burdened about it. Lay on Jesus. Ask a promise. But I have already enough. Give grace to receive and use the fruit of faith. Twelve calls. Two meetings today. Two young disciples led to Jesus at office at 5. Praise for first fruits in N. Y., Emma Cragin and James.

Tuesday night,

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1879

This evening I was installed Pastor of the 13<sup>th</sup> St. Presbyterian Church. Much spiritual exercise during the proceedings. Many peaceful assurances of blessing. Very tired. Many visits made today and much encouragement. Shephard, Hasbrook, Davis, Marsh, Barnard, Kraft, Hannah, Merk, Rice, Howell, Walsh, Fisher, Grant, Smith, Glover, Forman.

Thursday,

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

Much visiting yesterday and today. Many blessed fruits and testimonies. Many wide and open doors. Very remarkable experience of Jas. McConnell. Much strengthened in prayer. Much burdened for others. Much prayer about Magazine—questioning, but ever “Go on,” but not too fast to be excellent.

Friday,

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

Such mighty impulses this morning about Magazine. Felt God pressing me forward now to first number, and Africa the theme, with China next for February, and Japan for March. Led to push through my visiting and completed all but about a dozen names. God be thanked for strength to visit two congregations in one month, and all the blessed fruit. Truly God is good. Praise for much clear and peaceful faith and fellowship tonight and also for a good meeting.

Many gracious visitations today and delightful visits to many families, e. g., Thomas, Buckley, Freely, Dicks, Curtis, Whitehill, Steward, Rich Donnellson, Miller, Lord, Bogart, Rogers, Kim Mackie, Shaw, Van Brust, Alcott, Crist, Edwards, Montgomery.

Sabbath night,

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

This has been a good and great day. Raining outside—and small congregations, but the Holy Spirit awakened many souls, especially in the S.S., and at the inquiry meeting after school several asked prayer. Led to hope that I may hold an inquiry meeting next Sabbath night. Preached A.M. on “Lovest me? Feed lambs, sheep.” Night: “Light of world—Believe—Walk.” An overwhelming burden all day. Prayer—for hours constrained to pray for our friend—not knowing what it was for. Much solemn prayer and gracious visitations after the service—at home. My birthday tomorrow—asked the Lord to give me a present

and choose it for me Himself. O how much He has given this year. My chief desire, I trust, is the revelation of Jesus personally as my end, aim, joy, strength and glory.

Monday night,

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

My 37<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Praise, Ebenezer. Not one word has failed. Last night much blessing and power. Messages given. One so clearly, "The Lord has need of him." Twice shown so plainly that it had reference to my dear sister. Blessed fellowship and prayer all day. Maggie so peacefully blessed. In the afternoon and evening Ida Montgomery, Emma Buckingham, Ed. Gridley, Chas. Sears, Mary and Ada McComb, Dora Shuter, Mr. and Mrs. McGee called to unite with the church; nine in all. Many under deep conviction. Praise. Arrangements made for a week of evangelistic meetings, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 11. May the Spirit greatly bless. Ask now for a special birthday gift from my Lord and Father. He to choose. He has given two already—my faith and many souls. He also gave last night Ps. 84.11. May He fully show and give grace for all His will. I feel tonight that I wish to wait on Him and receive all from Him.

Tuesday night,

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Praise for so much today. Permitted to remain at home all day, resting mentally, and laboring with my hands fitting up a study upstairs. May He bless it and make it a place of much holy fellowship and power.

Praise for a bookcase which I have had made through God's Providence for \$20. New it would cost \$54 in the stores. Praise for much peculiar burden of prayer and spiritual blessing all day. Praise for my wife's kind and loving and altered spirit. God seems so to bless her as He leads me in the peculiar path He has of late so clearly shown. Ps. 121<sup>st</sup> and Isaiah 43.4 so sweetly given today. The former was my birthday Psalm and promise two years ago at Clifton, when

God so blessed me and gave me so much. I have been thinking tonight of all His wonderful goodness to me, and His rich blessings. He has left nothing out and nothing has failed of all His words and I have desired to give myself ever and wholly a living and joyful sacrifice to Him in all things.

Wednesday,

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

Much cause for humiliation and praise. Under strong burden and suffering most of the day. Could not understand, but saw tonight when found I had missed an important appointment at 6 to which the Lord had thus been calling me, but I would not hear. May He graciously forgive and teach wisdom in the future, to catch His eye.

Large prayer meeting tonight, the house full—much blessing and several decisions for Christ. Much hope for Sabbath. May the Master give sermons. Gave magazine cover to Mr. Moss today. Praise for it. To cost \$30.00. Cheap. Much prayer about the directions of my heart and right understanding of its burdens.

Far from perfect today in my spirit. Ruffled at times. Master keep and lead.

Friday night,

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

Much prayer past two days. Especially for full sanctification and rest. Much of the Divine Presence and much love. Sweet and solemn touches of His Hand upon my Spirit. Visited these two days Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Rutherford, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Jenkins. Found wide doors. Funeral last evening at Newmans. Meeting tonight, young people. Mr. Edwards recovering—Praise. Thought of inquiry meeting Monday night.

Sab. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

Jesus has been to me a Husband today and yesterday, and has often ravished my soul with his love. He has strangely given me the sense of begetting or His begetting souls, and I have found the power and prayer of their conversion in the meetings afterwards. We had many conversions today in all the services. Began an after meeting tonight with signal tokens of blessing. Delightful fellowship with brothers in Christ. The nearer to Him—the nearer I am to them. The more I give them and all up to Him the more He gives them to me in perfect and spiritual union and blessing.

Tuesday night,Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Yesterday spent the early part of the day in rest, preparing for my children's Christmas. In the afternoon and evening received my inquirers. Ten called viz., Ed. Gridley, Phoebe Telfrid, Mary Donaldson, Arch Rutherford, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Warren, Harriet Toms, Ada and Manning McComb, Miss Freligh, besides Mr. Lester and Mr. Bell. Many cheering evidences of God's rich grace today. Much occupied in domestic duties, preparing the house to receive our people tonight. Many called this evening. Mrs. Warren especially interesting and spiritual—her son much blessed. I trust he will be a true disciple and commend him to the Holy Ghost.

Many touches of heavenly love today and moments of Christian fellowship. But not enough retirement and leisure with God. More and more it is clear to me that all my life must be ministry, and that these earthly accompaniments and social accessories must be carefully watched, and have little power or joy in them; none except as filled by the Holy Ghost—Prayer—the Word, and Christian fellowship—are the means of edification. I have much distaste for empty society, even when it is innocent but unspiritual. I pray for wisdom and love to be very near my flock and accessible to them, but ever to maintain the holy dignity of a minister of Jesus Christ.

Have been led to spend about \$50 more in completing what seems necessary for domestic comfort. Now I pray the Lord to accept and supply it.

Much refreshed with the promise of Christ to be a husband to my heart. Strangely and sweetly conscious of His real imparting to my soul of His love and life as a Husband, that I may bring forth fruit unto Him in souls. Especially should this be so before souls are converted by my instrumentality. Much joy in reading an old volume by Bromley on Spiritual Rest. The Lord is leading me back to my old rest or unto a deeper rest, I trust. Old promises very clearly whispered to my soul today.

Friday,

Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>

How much to record. Yesterday—Xmas—the Lord sent my session with a Christmas gift of 555\$, far more than I prayed for my Magazine. Again and again had the Lord said to me to finish my house comfortably and go forward in my work, and He would provide, and give the “treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places.” Now I see it all and praise Him alone. I am ashamed that I do not rejoice more. Lord, I am not worthy of all this. To Thee be the glory. Make me thankful, trustful and consecrated.

Today, led to find and purchase many valuable works on Africa and China, the great themes for the next two numbers of the Magazine. He is giving the spirit of power for this work. Praise for a letter from Arthur Mitchell offering a full article on Africa. Hope and pray to be able to issue my first number early in January. Led to write to my dear sister in Louisville, and also Miss Moseman. Much prayer for them. Much blessed today in the Methodist Book Room, kindness and help from Dr. Reid and Dr. Curry, secretary and editor. God bless that great church. I love it much. Much prayer for Africa and King Matassa.

A most blessed meeting tonight among the young people and much aided in speaking to them. Dined at Mr. McComb’s. Much prayer for his family, sweet young Christians. Visited and spoke at Dr. Booth’s mission yesterday. Visited

with much joy on Wednesday many families—Mrs. Kenney, Hodges, Marshall, Lord, Jordan, Jones, Anderson, and Demarest. Pray that I may be permitted to finish visiting all whose names I have, D. V., tomorrow. Pray for much blessing on Sabbath. Sermon on the “incarnation” suggested for the morning—the “Prodigal Son” for the evening by a request from a Mr. Smith whom I met on the street on Wednesday.

Praise for a letter received in answer to an old letter in behalf of Jane Matthews of Louisville. Have just been so blessed in rewriting letters to my two dear sisters in Christ, and feeling so clearly that He accepts them now, and the thank offerings I desire to send. Now I praise Him for all His love and commit all His own mercies to His keeping. So clear tonight in the call to the Magazine and requesting prayer for it.

Saturday night,

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>

This morning visited by Ralph Wills and Dr. Brown. This P.M. visited Wilder, Griffin, Christie, John Leeds, Hyman, Whigs, Demarest, Wilderberger, Davis and called for Alice Short.

Visit at night from Beal,, Christie and Bell. Sent letters and enclosures. Led to sermon on “Let us go to Bethlehem” and perhaps the “Judgment” at night. Much burden of prayer and personal intercession. Praise for much blessing and prayer for holy and saving power tomorrow, with trustful expectation.

Tuesday night,

Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>

Much blessing on Sabbath and many hopeful conversions. Praise. Serious error about time—Teach.

Monday morning new callers—Rutherford, Lansdowne, Herman. Monday night S.S. Entertainment. Today working on Magazine. Much burden of prayer. M. quite sick—but brought so near to Christ. I rejoice but very solemnly commit

her to Him and His grace and love. May He give me grace to know always His will for me and do it to the bottom of my heart. Messages today—Keep on—Fear not—Peace.

And other calls tonight—Rex Campbell, Brown, Crombie, Etc. Very tired. Many engravings for magazine came today. Praise—give Power, Singleness, Rest and all Thou art asking in me.

### Memorials of 1879

Golden Text, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Covenant.

Call on Miss P. with M.

Renewal correspondence with Miss M.

Tremendous suffering and trial.

Communion January 1879.

Intimations of leaving Louisville.

Conflict with Session and resolve to resign.

Recall of this purpose and night of prayer.

Peculiar teachings in the Word and revelations of the Spirit.

Peculiar messages and trials about M.

Hindered from Clifton Springs and Portland.

Sale of house.

Peculiar leadings at first invitation to N.Y.

Peculiar circumstances of all to N.Y.

Peculiar relations to Mr. J.

Visit to mountains and blessing.

Peculiar providence about house in Louisville—servant—means.

Peculiar providence—house in N.Y. and servants.

Peculiar leadings about Magazine.

House furnishing—Xmas present—farewell calls to Louisville.

Correspondence. Trial and blessing with M.

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul, and forget not all His benefits—rejoice with trembling and trust forever."

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1880,

10 P.M.

The first words of another decade I write to God. To Him I give myself anew—wholly—and pray for grace to be always, joyfully and only His—yielded to and receiving and doing all His perfect will.

I have asked Him for a message and Golden Text—

"Call upon me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

"Thou shalt call me Ishi and no more Baali and not turn away from me, and I will betroth thee unto me forever—in righteousness and loving kindness and faithfulness, and then I shall know the Lord."

These are the words breathed into my soul and the only ones that I could take in this special sense. I thank Thee for them and receive them in Jesus—waiting for them.

Many other messages clearly whispered amid the conflicts and trials of a busy and care-laden day in which I have been divinely sustained. "Be careful for nothing." "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace."

My dear wife is very ill the past three days—peculiarly so today. Much conflict but now great rest in leaving all—lovingly, trustfully, without thought or agitating care—yet in vigilant—faithful, constant ministrations for her—and prayer as God leads. She has much peace and comfort and simple trust in God, Who seems to bless her with a childlike faith. I have had to drop all the past and leave her in hope, love and trust with her dear Saviour to Whom I do commit her.

Delightful meeting last night at church. Multitudes called today on me. Twelve (I think) united with the church last evening.

Much aided in preparing Magazine—Africa. Praise and much prayer for it.

Praise for 1879—that wonderful year of promise, discipline, blessing. A winter year—a year of tearful sowing. This New Year's Day is different. More quiet. Waiting blank—entering with old promises rather than claiming new. May He guide in everything and lead in His gracious will and keep me in and for Him ever in all things.

Sabbath night,

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1880

Praise for so much assistance in preaching today—so tired yet so aided to speak A.M., on "Christ's Fullness"—P.M., on "Foreign Missions and the World." May they both be the keynotes of the year.

Maggie has been so ill since Tuesday. Better somewhat today. My heart so filled with varying concern—sympathy—temptation—yet kept in much quiet. Yet O so conscious of my unChristlike heart in many things. Yet much enabled to love—wait upon and tenderly aid and comfort her. O God bless her, and prepare her for all thy Holy Will, and keep me ever in it and give me all needed faith, love, strength and grace.

Very tired and worn—but held to much prayer.

Tuesday,

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

Praise for much blessing. Good prayer meeting. Aid in Magazine—cover—volumes of Harper. Mighty burdens of prayer, faith and grace. Maggie much better. Seven more received into the fold—6 others conversed with. Clear plan for Magazine. Glorious visitations in prayer and fellowship, all since Sabbath.

And I so underserving, unappreciative, I fear, and oft distrustful, even willful. Commit all even His promises again to Him.

Thursday night,

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

Praise for so much. Last night great and good prayer meeting. Many accessions to our church—35 up to tonight. Praise for much aid this week in writing for Magazine and for cheap rates for engravings—average \$4 each.

Praise for letter for M., E. W., and spirit of delightful prayer for her and my sister from whom W. brought tidings indirectly of suffering. Comfort and trust quietly given.

Praise for much love for dear Maggie, and desire for her blessing and much impression on her heart. Prayer for bodily strength, rightness of attitude and spirit, faith and rest.

Monday night,

January 12<sup>th</sup>

Praise for a blessed communion and 37 new members, 20 by profession. How God has used even me. Much suffering yesterday and today—seemed for others. Tired. Much work on magazine. Praise for printer. Pray for strength and wisdom this week to accomplish all the editorial work.

Tuesday,

January 13<sup>th</sup>

I must record God's amazing goodness to me today in enabling me to write so much for my magazine and, I trust, so well. Trust and ask by His grace to get pictures selected tomorrow and all-important articles written by tomorrow night, if best. Much prayer for others today. Good meeting tonight. Such victory and faith given last night for physical aid. He is All Sufficient.

Wednesday night

Praise for remittance today of \$150, when feeling anxious about cost of Magazine. Thanks, dear Lord. Some progress in writing today but slow. Pray to be enabled tomorrow to finish sharply and pungently all leading papers and begin careful revision for press. Amen—for His sake. Now feel need rest. Written today on Moffat, Livingston, Haven, Bushnell, Mullens. Lord send information. Have 13 engravings today, cost \$45. Praise for so cheap.

Visited ladies' meeting and the Lord gave plan for missionary money. Also visited Mrs. Morse, Dirkwood, Brower, and Nadine—and received tonight one member after good meeting. Ask physical strength and rest and quietness.

Thursday night

I praise God for super human strength given me all day. I mean His own strength in my brain today and mind to write as I asked all the leading papers for my magazine. Now have only to revise and prepare for press and now ask to be permitted to get all through next week with my number and be ready to mail by Monday week.

Praise also for finding today my lost map as I prayed a week ago. Did not need it till tomorrow. Pray also for recovery of a valuable number of Evangelical Christendom if best and believe it is. Praise for one soul tonight and a blessed meeting and for blessed promises given from Psalm 2 and Isaiah 11 in His Name.

Saturday night,January 17<sup>th</sup>

I record my gratitude to God for permitting me to write this week almost all my articles for "The Gospel In All Lands"—for sending me strength and health and for giving me the assurance that this is His work and will be fully blessed and carried through all its difficulties by Him.

I commit it to God in perfect faith to give me all the rest if it be His will to issue it this next week or early the following; to send me some

advertisements—if best to send me subscribers, many, enough at once to carry it and above all I could ask. But it is His Guidance next week about details.

Blessing tomorrow upon the services. Praise for four souls today, I believe—Charles Harley, Katie and Eva McComb and Winnie Stonebridge.

Pardon, Lord, sustain and lead and bless all I love. I am persuaded that God is sending me these great and wonderful blessings through the prayers of others. He says so often “fear not,” and He is All Sufficient. He holds me also so sweetly to the care of His flock. My prayer is for grace for both.

### Sabbath night,

#### January 18<sup>th</sup>

Praise for much aid this A.M. to preach on Col. 2:6, and tonight on Matt. 27:22; and S.S. this P.M. and record that after such a week of toil I am not tired tonight; and was enabled to preach with vigor. Praise. Have asked the Lord for continued blessing in saving souls, and believe fully. Also health, wisdom, support, means, blessing in Magazine, especial aid to issue, D. V., this week.

Some souls today—Clara Decker, several children. Praise. He gives them.

### Monday Night—Late

Praise for unspeakable mercies. Upheld, comforted, sustained, and enabled to complete my map. Hope by the Lord’s help tomorrow to have nearly all my copy in form for the printer. Much prayer given that it may be a great and perfect blessing—and such peaceful assurance of blessing and success.

Led to feel should write to Mr. Morris. Also write to papers and publishers and advertisers. God so good today in guarding from little errors, helping in my map—sending servant in answer to prayer and doing so much for me in everything. I know this is His work and I desire to be more ready to receive His will and do it in everything.

Wednesday night

Praise for restoring and sustaining strength last night when much exhausted. Reproved for sitting up. Forgiven. Resolve by Divine grace to sleep earlier, D. V., not later than eleven retiring. Pray for strength, grace and wisdom to issue Magazine and praise for help. I was much exhausted last night and had to pray for physical strength, also today, but the Lord showed me that He has life for my body as well as my soul and gave me such strength. He also showed me that I must not tempt Him by overwork or carry the burden of my Magazine or get driven but work restfully, laying the care on Him. He has given me many papers for the Magazine for which I humbly praise Him. I ask Him for Jesus' sake now to enable me to issue it well, to give strength to carry it on if He please, to give means for this work, and help from other pens, to give a large response and circulation, and to bless it to the good of His cause and the glory of His name—and, if it be His will, to enable me also to carry on my pastoral work faithfully.

Friday night

Praise for such wonderful help and such a delightful service tonight at church. Preached after a weary day with such ease on "Coming boldly to the Throne of God." Much work on Magazine today. Growing clearer. Also to leave my name off the cover and be as impersonal as I can, but not clear yet. Wait.

Saturday night,Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

Praise for much aid this day and week. My Magazine copy almost all done. One editorial remains or perhaps more. I pray for wisdom and grace to write it with much power and to keep all out that is unwise. Aided in selecting sermon for morning on "Character of Jesus." Lord bless. God is so good and all sufficient in resting and restoring me after toil, and keeping me in peace. Much

tender fellowship and yet not enough for friends in Christ. Too pressed with work and too little prayer. The Spirit is praying ever.

Sabbath night,

Jan. 25

I praise God with thankful astonishment, for his goodness today. Although pressed all the week with incessant editorial labor, and preaching almost every night besides, yet He enabled me today without effort to preach two sermons which have been accompanied by His own power, and in which I have been more free, happy and blessed than for a long time; and now, since coming home, I have been so refreshed, and rested by His presence, and besides, enabled to sketch a speech for tomorrow night and an editorial for my Magazine. And He has said to me so plainly, "Call upon Me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

May He enable me to mail the Magazine before the end of the week and send out specimen pages by Wednesday, if it be His will and guide in all, and bless all I love. I ask for a good subscription list.

Tuesday,

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

Praise for much aid yesterday and today in completing editorial work for February Magazine. Pray now that all may be mailed this week, D. V., in good order. The presswork well done, God gave me a good printer. Not happy in going out tonight. God held me back for my work's sake, I feel. Much spirit of prayer for heathen women today, and for dear friends. Pray for full guidance about advertising and good subscription list, to pay expenses from first. Praise for one advertisement today. Last night inadequate preparation and rest and prayer before meeting. Therefore somewhat burdened and hindered in

speaking—Lesson. Much sustained in body. The Lord does uphold. Already the China field is gloriously opening.

Thursday night,

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

Praise again and evermore. Much sustained in body and rested. Led to see my way clear through many perplexities about starting the Magazine. Received assurance from my Lord that He will bless it and carry it through and give me such support as will sustain it and bless it. Led to issue 5000 copies. Trust it is right. Have had fears that am going too fast. But He seems to say, does say to me tonight, "I will go before thee and break in sunder the bars of iron." I see not far at a time—daily the next step appears. Now it is to issue the number and send it to the papers Monday at latest, and have it reviewed and advertised as He so leads—but it is all left to Him to show.

Now led to finish pastoral calls on new names next two days—and also prepare Chinese papers—very clearly this. Also write American and English brethren for aid—Cuyler, Markland, McCloy, Griffis, Carlyle, Matheson, Clark—on China. Ellinwood Dean, Walter Mitchell, Vincent—S. School—Plainfield, N.J.

Also to get a good man to canvas for subscriptions in every city. Jones? Nay, I fear not. Mr. Dehoney, Hutchinson, Revell. Ask Dr. Clark and others for name of a good friend of foreign missions in each city who send papers and use influence. Also ask direction about advertising agent and my advertising. Much tender prayer for my dear sister and friend. God bless and use and comfort and lift up. Pray for direction in finding lists to send magazine to.

Friday night,

30<sup>th</sup> January

So much to praise for tonight. Filled with comfort, faith and hope. Enabled today to put last touch on first number of Magazine and see one form handsomely printed. Found it had over run to 80 pages, but trusting the Lord to give means, so accepted it. Much prayer for necessary means now, and wide circulation and humble confidence in the Lord for all. It is by faith now, but He gave the matter and He will bless it. The Spirit is now breathing over me the spirit of Chinese missions. O how good—He gives thoughts and power. Blessed be His Name. Made several visits today. Mrs. Ross Ordway (Senior), Barber and Clara Decker. The latter decided to be the Lord's. Much communion. Magazine not out before Monday, but it is all right. He will provide and give favor with the journals and multitudes of Christian men and women. Prayer for guidance about advertising.

Saturday night,

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

Visited today P.M. Dixon, Dushay, Marvin, Lamberton, Quackenbush, Laforge, Hegeman, Bogert. Tried to see Smyth Lewis. Corrected forms for magazine. Read about China. Prepared to preach, D. V., John 17.16. Pray.

Found at Mr. Dixon's a valuable English magazine, Witness, (Partridge) with portrait of Dr. Mueller; also that the canvasser for subscriptions felt if I had gone earlier might have got more advertisements. But all is well. I had just prayed for a canvasser and I trust this is the way. Tired and need rest.

Sabbath night,

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Unwell all day. Broken down very much. God seems to say to me tonight to pause in the issue of my magazine as I cannot stand it now and should He still so lead I will arrest it at this stage. May He fully guide. Conscious of sinful pride about it, which I have humbly asked Him to forgive and lead aright and show what to do with the work already done.

Praise for mighty aid and deliverance today in sickness.

I do desire the Lord to hold me back from this whole work if it be not of Him. He seems to say that I cannot sustain the tremendous load but would sink under it. He is so good to show me all things. It may be I am before his time or moving of the Spirit in this, but He will guide and sustain.

I commit myself and this fully to Him.

#### Friday night

After much prostration, prayer and burden of spirit the Lord sent me forward in this work, without any doubt of His will, support and blessing to sustain me, endue me, give me aid, subscribers, souls, to take my poor work and wash it in His blood, baptize it with His Spirit and use it for His glory. He has given me such promises as these—"I have blotted out thy transgressions. Fear not, thou shalt not be ashamed. I will surely deliver thee. Thy life shall be for a prey unto thee in all places wither thou goest. Thy Maker is thine husband. I will surely betroth thee unto me forever. Thou shalt call me Ishi. Yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love. I have loved thee therefore will I give men for thee and people for thy life. Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. Thou shalt call it Hamonah—a multitude."

"If the Lord our God be with us we shall drive them out though they have chariots of iron and though they be strong. The Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul in drought and make fat thy bones and make thee like a spring of water whose waters fail not."

"These from the land of Sinim. I will bring the blind by a way they knew not. Ye shall receive power and be witnesses to me to the uttermost part of the earth. Fear not for I am with thee, I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

This is a gracious way to deal with a sick body and soul, and a strange way to meet doubt and fears and sins and unworthy pride.

Along with all this there came the lesson of prudence, regularity, and care of self in resting, eating and working. God made me lie in bed till Wednesday night. Since then He has allowed me to go out.

I have been taught the sin of doubt in anything when God says once, "Go forward." O Lord increase my faith and ever keep it in this. During my sickness much comfort in the fellowship and prayers of His children. Peculiar experience tonight in mailing first Magazines to the friends who have helped by faith, prayer and labor to begin it.

I praise God for giving me my first number so beautifully printed, 80 pages, very bright looking. I ask Him for means in time for all demands, for a large response and subscriptions, for guidance in issuing it, for a favorable opinion from good men and good newspapers, for a special baptism of power to prepare for March and China, for some good papers, for means to pay every cent I owe next week, and also advertise some, for ability to issue the next number early, for wisdom to omit no one in sending out copies, for strength for Sabbath, for all I love in Him, for direction in everything tomorrow.

I praise for so much. For restoration to health. For such clear permission for this work. For such guidance about posting, circulating, etc., for the printing and execution of this work, for such dear friends and helpers in Him, for such promises and much faith for humble confidence of success in this through Him, for help for my wife in this, and for Bertie's improvement. For delay in issuing; for many other mercies and blessings, especially a baptism already of light and love for China and my next number.

Friday night,

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>

I praise God for my first testimonial to the value of the missionary magazine from Mrs. Graham, President of our Woman's Board. It is very strong and warm and she sends me some valuable magazines and other aids. I see His hand in it. Also praise for my first subscribers, several. Also for a spirit of prayer so clearly

given for a special friend, also for bodily relief, also for help at Bro. Newell's and lesson, I think, against going out in evening. My work must be for the Lord more and more. Lord help me without offence to avoid these distractions. Pray for means to advertise as far as He sees best, for wisdom in it and grace to keep from wasting any copies of this magazine on mere advertising. Prayer for wisdom and grace to write for articles in next month's issue. Ask the Lord about Jos. Cook, Mrs. Sheffield, Mr. Matier, Mr. Croft, Mr. Wells, Dr. Vincent, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Eals, Dr. Barlett, Dr. Godwin, Dr. Anderson.

Saturday night,

Feb.7

Praise for much strength, health and rest. Many letters written—way plainer about sending out Magazine. Much quiet trust about means in due time. Sermon not clear yet. Lord give with Power, and full assurance one message. An offer of illustrations at a cheap rate. Lord guide in this. Praise for presence of Sheldon Jackson and Dr. Kendall tomorrow night at our meeting.

Sabbath night

I thank Thee O Father for helping me to preach this morning, for health and strength all day, for a good missionary meeting tonight, for burdens of prayer this evening, and I pray thee to grant all Thou hast asked in me, to avert all evil, to bless all I love, to find means for all needs this week, to give matter for March Magazine this week, and strength, wisdom and anointing, to give a very large circulation soon, and guide about advertising, and if best to send me soon a good business manager. Mr. Wade has undertaken to manage it in my church.

Monday,

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

Light and shades. Received a critical note from Mr. Randolph, and in the same mail my first subscription of two dollars from Louis Bell. Several

subscriptions from my own people who are acting nobly. Fine meeting to organize Foreign Missionary Society. Kind letter from Mr. Dobbins and others, this brother offering me many valuable articles on China, etc., a Baptist. Amid every vicissitude God kept in perfect peace and will bless. Praying for a good publishing and advertising agent. Feel many prayers rising for me tonight. Q where are the sounding of Thy Bowels? I am so dead at heart—But I trust.

Pray for success and wisdom about advertising, sending out specimens, etc.

#### Tuesday night, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Spent the day mainly in addressing magazines. Burdened much in prayer. Much to work for magazine and others. Tonight the promise of His presence and aid came with clear power. Kept back from advertising today. Received a subscription of \$1.00 from a foreign missionary to Japan. Praise. Hosannah. No notice in Advocate, first weekly paper, leave to God. He is my Stay and Proprietor and brings me much favor as I need. Much prayer about next number. Begin soon, D.V., tomorrow to prepare papers. Lord give strength and thought for Christ's sake and enable to begin setting up on Monday or sooner.

#### Wednesday night

Praise God for so much today. Check for \$336 just as last copies of Magazine came, just enough to pay all debts and claims.

Praise for another subscription—\$18 from Bell and 9 names—paid. Praise for a note of kind encouragement from the M.E. Mission House, and valuable news. Praise for names of leading persons in the various churches.

Praise for good prayer meeting. Praise for much burden of prayer for my dear sister all last night and today. Pray that I may understand and use aright.

Much thought about enlarging pages of magazine. If of God—adjust and open way to do it even yet this month. Suit better for plates. I believe the Lord is so leading me and will make it easier for illustrations and less elaborate for

writing, needing less heavy and labored pieces, and being more simple and popular.

#### Thursday night

Praise for being permitted and enabled today to settle every account, and have a bit left. Also for several subscriptions from prominent men—President Boyer, and Dr. Thompson of Boston among them. Praise also for aid in preparing for March number. Begin after much prayer to grasp it. Lord give power. Visited Mrs. Fowler and Mr. Jewett. Good teachers' meeting.

Led to advertise in Witness, Congregationalist, Independent Advocate, Observer, Expositor and Chronicle, Sunday School Times, Banner, U.P.H., and Presbyterian International Advance for \$350 dollars. Assured that God will bless and lead to sell many, and use all magazines. Led also, I believe, to contemplate changes in form and size of Magazine, to double size. May He guide. Led to ask means for next number. Believe He will send—I at least am asking.

#### Friday night

Many great mercies today. Getting a great grasp of China and the magazine plan—growing out of my inmost soul as before—or rather into it from God. Such burden of prayer for it. Blessed be the Holy Ghost!

Received a very high commendation from the faculty of Allegheny Seminary and the names of all as subscribers—too much moved by it. No real joy except in getting down at Jesus' feet in childlike lowliness for His approval and His Power, for what am I? It is all His thought and life in all, and I would lose all if I were exalted. Keep me utterly sweetly humble without distrust, O Lord!

Also similar testimony from Howard and the editor of the Canadian Record.

Also cheaper rates for cuts—down to 6 \_ cents. How good.

Also several calls, viz: Fletcher, Goodrich, Matison, McIntyre, Helm, Gowans. Also call from Mrs. Stackpool about poor Hatty. Lord save. Also "According to your faith."

Saturday night,

Feb.14<sup>th</sup>

Praise for much today, much mercy and long suffering. I did little. Too little rest last night. Father forgive, rest, strengthen, give trust and wisdom. Helped in preparing to preach on the character of our Lord Jesus. Lord bless if thy message. Praise for consent of Independent to publish John Cook's "Prelude on the Chinese in America."

Means again exhausted except a small amount in subscriptions for Magazine. Ask the Lord for means to publish March number—in Jesus' name—in faith, and for humility, power, wisdom, health, every word for this number and grace to guide when to begin. Have planned to do so on Monday. Should I do so before means come? In faith? Or should I wait? How can I hesitate to go forward, for I do trust Him who has led so wondrously for all. But He will be wisdom at each step. Much spirit of prayer for others tonight, especially a friend in Christ.

Sabbath, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

Praise for much help. Great burden of prayer this P.M. for a friend, then for magazine. Then aided to write on Morrison. Then went to church without a sermon at night. At last moment constrained to preach on Acts XVI, Philippian jailor, also to hold inquiry meeting. Three souls asked prayer. Much pressure of Spirit, still not quite understanding. At times painful concern. Lord show, grant and guide, give rest and strength and power to prepare whole magazine this week and means for pictures and maps—if Thou wilt. Also, D. V., papers from Sheffield, Waters, and others, and guide every line that goes in, keeping out all that is not best.

Tuesday night

Intense pressure yesterday and today. Unspeakable prayer for friends and unknown burdens. Aided in solid work of magazine. Much yet to be done. Daily subscriptions coming in. Letter from Mrs. Wiseman today, full of encouragement. Praise for light about map. Need of rest. Commit to God for it tonight. God bless all I love. Much prayer for dear Simpson home. God gives it and bids it. Much anxiety and prayer for Maggie last night.

Wednesday night

Much burdened all day. Much reproved for letting work drive me. Lesson—this is God's work. Never rush. Be still. He will see it all through, neglect nothing else for it. Systematic sleep, quiet spirit and humble obedient confidence. Simple Christian affection.

Much distress of young girl and prayer for her.

Delightful prayer meeting. Aid in working. Signal answer to prayer—table. Means much. Let God work. Paper mailing and Mrs. Miller. Several subscriptions. Praise for much strength and rest tonight and the Lord's clear voice to go to bed at 12. Also light about a missionary map.

Thursday night

Praise for much gracious help and strength of body and mind. Laborious papers finished on China, and way now pretty plain. Aid came from all—Mrs. Sheffield also. It is all right. Now for guidance about number of papers, length of articles, and grace to get all out day next week.

Also editorials. God does help to write. Clara Duryea better today and much faith given.

Saturday night

I praise God for the wonderful manner in which He has provided for all the cost of this magazine and grace and strength for the work. He is delaying me

again for a wise end, but has so helped and blessed me this week. Most of my editorial matter now in printer's hands. And so many subscriptions, over \$100 came. Also kind words. May He give wisdom and strengthen me and give me power.

### Sabbath night

Much aided in preaching this A.M., but much burdened tonight. Much oppressed all day. Little else than pray and little light or liberty in that. Much prayer tonight for friends. Held back from magazine work today, but have committed it to Him with confidence and humility and humbly ask that we may be enabled to issue it this week. Also that it may be purged, washed in His blood, anointed with His Spirit and sent forth with all His heart, to be gloriously used for Him.

O Yes I do believe. It is so easy now. Much thought today about a Christian Evangelization Society in my church to reach the masses. Lord guide. Asked my Lord tonight to give me clear, sensible, and easy faith about His will for me, so far as He would manifest it to me in reference to a matter known to Him. May all His Holy Will be done.

### Tuesday,

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

Much blessing today. My poor sister Clara Duryea brought to Christ and peace. Meeting in church excellent. Several orders. Aided in preparing papers for Magazine. Error last night sitting up. Rest tonight. Lord give power tomorrow. Much prayer for dear friends in Him. Ask power to finish well the work of the Magazine. Feel need rest.

### Wednesday night

Praise for the Lord's great love. Sustained in body wondrously all day and enabled to write News and Review complete. Now Lord give rest and strength

and bless these facts and pages and direct the issue so as to be completely satisfactory and blessed greatly and in the right time. Most blessed prayer meeting and testimonies to answered prayer. Several orders.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

God has been very good to me today, has enabled me to almost finish March magazine and receive several subscriptions. Also delightful fellowship with Him and His. Feel called to write to my dear friend and enclose letter of Miss M. Lord guide what and when, and bless. Am asking the Lord for a message to His church on Missions.

Friday night. Late.

Praise God my dear Father, for sweet views of His Fatherhood and my filial rights and claims. Sweet fellowship with my dear sister in prayer and conscious blessing. Sweet message from Gordon about prayer. Cheering visit from agent of American Missionary Association commending magazine, and ordering as I expect 100 copies.

Excellent paper and good proofs of pictures and pages. Complete type and proofs, all but 2 pages and complete form now made. Hope of press work on Monday and issue by middle of week. His time, whatever it is. Prayer about advertising and means, also title page and signatures.

Sabbath night,

Feb. 29

Praise for much aid in preaching and large congregations. At same time great burdens. Too little prayer and waiting on God. Great promises—Is. 49 all, and especially one verse, for my dear Christian friend for whom much prayer was given today. Much burden about Magazine. Confidence of blessing and clearly led I believe to employ Mr. Shaw whom the Lord sent me Saturday, and take an

office downtown or use Bible House, separating from Randolph, except as agent. May the Lord guide.

### Wednesday night

The Lord has really given me today, as I asked Him, the money I need to pay my rent and more. I have \$130 and only need \$116. It seemed almost impossible a few days ago. I praise Him.

Also led me to engage Mr. Shaw today. Now ask for the means. Also pray about office. Led to think of one in Bible House, but yet waiting on God. It will lead away from Randolph.

Maggie very ill since Sabbath. Better tonight. Much burden of prayer for many things, and great desire to be wholly Christ's. I give myself up to Him fully and choose His way and pray for perfect trust and power and to please Him. Much prayer for my sister and wife at times alternately. Peculiar burden for S.

### Friday night

Praise for the peaceful and triumphant death of Clara Duryea, converted to God through prayer last week, and glorified today. For delightful thoughts of Jesus; love to Him, views of Him, give delight and longing in the thought of being with Him At Home. And yet, amid all, the quiet feeling of service and promises here yet waiting His Holy Will. Maggie easier but ill. Very marked leadings in prayer and intense desire for His way. Many letters and orders and much kindness. Mr. Shaw began and I took room #40 in Bible House. Thou wilt bless.

Give April number. Praise for my sister and wife. Lord keep me lowly at Thy feet. Thou art the author and finisher of every good gift.

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