Exercise Book

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Nov. 14, 1927. arrived at Suiju about two o'clock. It was necessary to go to the Lining Hotel before baggage and freight could be removed from the steamer. Several Suiju friends met me at the steamer (Chinese friends) and several long strings of firecrackers were fired off to welcome me back to Suiju. It took me until nearly dark to get all the freight and baggage up to our
compound. Several Chinese friends gave needed help.
Nov. 15. Helped Mr. Forsey get started to Kiating, then attended a big reception to parents of pupils at the church kindergarten. For supper was invited to a Chinese feast.
Nov. 16. Sent a messenger to the Yunnan border to bring the aborigine collector and another old collector, Mr. Zhik, both of whom I hope to engage as collectors.
Nov. 17. Began unpacking the Smithsonian boxes, but was frequently interrupted by many Chinese friends who came to make friendly calls.
Nov. 18. Finished unpacking the Smithsonian boxes. The packing was evidently very well done, for everything was in perfect condition, excepting that three boxes of formalin had broken. Attended another feast in a Chinese home—in the home of an old friend.
Secured my first epecimens
October 17th. Today I
set my first traps for a
weasel or a wildcat that
has been killing rabbits at
the men's hospital. I set
two traps for fide, and
one for rats. I intend to
begin to train my Chinese
taxidermist right away.
I was invited to a Chinese
feast at noon, and a formal
welcome by the Church
members was held in
the afternoon. Anyone
who attended that reception
if he understood Chinese,
would have no doubt of
the sincerity of the welcome
which its Chinese host gave
me.

Later, we have caught
a female wildcat, the
first mammal.

Oct. 20. This afternoon with
the taxidermist I worked
on the wildcat skin. I
want to train him well
now so that when on
collecting trips he will
do first-class work.

My best regards
later. When I'll write,
Came around. He is now selling medicine but will begin work collecting in about ten days.

Nov. 21. We finished the wildcats, and also a house cat. We did not do a perfect job on either of them but expect to improve with practice. About eight of Swin's principle obstructions gave a sum-
tious present to the Chinese secretary of our church's social guild.

So far the Chinese have manifested no friendship to me then even on previous times at Swin.

Nov. 22. I went out into the country and secured three birds on which the taxidermist and I are practicing.

Nov. 23. Unpacked some of the collecting outfit just about here of one room of my house. I kept this room locked all the time.
Nov 24. Secured two birds.

Nov 25. The aborigine hunter arrived with 32 birds and four mammals and five large bottles and several small bottles of snakes. He will have to be instructed during the next few days so he can do a job better. Some of work in skinning, labelling and

rewrapping the specimen. The snakes look very interesting. There is room for a great deal of improvement in the care of the specimens.

Nov 26. Today we have been teaching the taxidermist Jto and the aborigine collector Yang Tong. I am showing him how to take care of mammal and bird specimens. There is great improvement, but we have not reached perfection yet. We have been bringing in rats and English sparrows.
Nov. 27. Rain continued
and aborigine collected
provided on a rat
regained outfit and
collecting with aborigine.

Nov. 28. Today I shot
nine birds with seven
shots on which the
aborigine collected
practiced.
The old collector Okam
Gibben arrived
with a small collection
ready to begin work.
He had some miscreants
he had collected in the
way. He begins work tomorrow.

I received today a letter
from Dr. Yetmar and the
first letter from my
family since leaving
Victoria.

Nov. 29. Yang Yang
Being the aborigine today
began to renew
collecting, and today
when Gibben renewed
his work of collecting.
He will not band trap.
Today I also wrapped
my first package
of dammar, rhino,
and
Nov. 30. Purchased a live mammal resembling a cow. It was very fat, and it was a very hard job to get the fat off the skin. The skinning took one half a day on this specimen and I spent all the time I could spare. (Mammal no. 7.)


Dec. 2. Mailed boxes two and three. Collector when came in with four rats he had trapped on a nearby mountain and some insects. I looked into the box where two bottles of formalin were broken in route. The packing was so well done that I do not see how they got broken. I hardly see how a better job of packing could have been done.

Dec. 5. Mailed box no. 5, snakes.

Thieves have been trying hard to break into two mission safes which
are in another compound. They signed the papers but did not go in. It confirms my conviction that my good watchdog is much responsible for the safety of the Smithsonian collecting outfit.

Dec. 6. Today I spent the whole day collecting on the Min River about six miles above the city. We walked all the way.

I named a good deal, and the rocks became slippery and the road muddy. I used the fishnet and the shotgun. I had very poor luck. There are practically no fish in

...to small streams. I saw some fish—ducks filling up on tadpoles!! While I was on furlough as a chartered boat, during a leak, my right foot was soaking wet the last half of the day. Boxes six and given have been mailed.

Dec. 8. Today carpenters began making boxes in which to ship specimens. I expect to get quite a few made for future use. Yesterday when Gilien went off for a three days' collecting trip.

Dec. 10. Carpenters still making
boxes, when Gil men returned
with specimens and went
t off collecting again.
Dec. 11, got boxes 9-15 ready
for mailing. They contain
birds, mammal bones, insects
snakes, etc.
Dec. 12, mailed boxes 9-16
mammal number 10.
Dec. 13, spent the day on
the mountains, showing
when Gil men how to trap
small mammals. Scared
up a leopard, the first
wild one I have seen. I had
only a shotgun and it was
loaded with No 10 bird shot
but I sent that after him.
Dec. 14, very busy all day. But
no other foreigners here, my
duties are somewhat more
numerous and exacting than
in past years. Schools, hospitals,
churches, and the station sub-
treasury all take time.
Dec. 15, the collector when
Gil men came in with two
wild rats. He said the small
mammals did not seem to
hold them - many of them
were set off, but the rats
escaped. I gave him ten
rat - traps. Mammals 11-12.
Nov 16. The collectors brought mammals to 13 and 14.

Nov 17. Mammals No. 15, 16, and 17.

Word has come that Miss Bradford, a nurse, is on the way from Shanghai to Suisun. She can take over the Suisun rat treasury work of which I will be glad. I am trying to purchase a chile dog to use as bait for the leopards but have not succeeded.

Nov 18. The collectors brought four mountain rats. They look interesting. I have dogs in sight with which to bait the leopard traps. I may try it tomorrow night.

Nov 19. Went to the nearby town with the four bear traps, the high power rifle and the powder to set the traps for a leopard. Left one of the floor with my clothes on. No leopards came.

Dec 2. Learned to the duty early. From mountain rats...
I left one bear trap and a decency dog with the collected at the camp and set its trap for the beavers
The collected when this really learned how to catch them will be can go on distant collecting trips. I haven't just really begun collecting fish, but well soon. I will have to purchase a tub to pickle the fish in.

The quantities of absorb.

Cotton have arrived from

Ihumble thing. There is only in the province has been accomplished. Mammals 22 23 24 25
Dec. 21. Spent the day going to 13th for Lehi, 40 to the west of St. John. Secured four birds, one of which was a strange duck with a bright red bill and a golden crown.

Dec. 22. Government school students have been holding
anti-Christian meetings and making speeches on the street. Some of them threw stones over the city wall into our yard.

Dec. 23. Other Jib men came in with five mountain rats and two birds. One bird was badly shot by the trap, so I threw it away. Mammals 29-33. Today I entertained all the business leaders of the city excepting one who did not appear. They included the civil magistrate, the mayor, the head military officers, the head tax collector who is a relative of the military governor of the province, the president and the vice president of the chamber of commerce and others. These all took dinner with me, and were very friendly.

Dec. 24-25. The government school students have been raising Ned. They have been making anti-Christian speeches and

Dec. 27. Killed a yellow duck and three small birds.

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The students made trouble at the Chinese Inland Mission Church, and also at the Catholic church. They made no trouble at all at our church. There is some possibility that the more liberal policy of our church, and
The work of our schools and hospitals have to some extent commended themselves to thinking Chinese in Shifu.

Dec. 28. Two mammals, no. 42-43.

Packing for the Piating trip.

Dec. 29. Sent Officer Gih, whom we sent to another district where he can secure clams and crabs.

I secured another Huo Miao garment like the one I took to the Smithsonian Institution in 1895. It came from the American Mission. This one is said to be worn by men.

I expect to get a fine new suit within a couple of months. This fills up box no. 20 since my arrival in Shifu, 1½ months.


Hope to fill them tomorrow.

Dec. 31. Mailed boxes 24, 25, 26, 27.

Spent much time packing for Piating.

I will go to Piating by rail for a week then return to Shifu. Two men will be fishing and trapping at Piating and on the way there.
Jan. 1. Got up early. Sent the baggage to the boat. Had to go to the city gates and open up the boxes for inspection. Bedtime, the boat went on ahead. After leading the service in the Church, I walked about five miles and got on the boat. Killed five birds, one a duck which was useless.

Jan. 2. Went through a district where birds are few. Reached fish place after dark.

Jan. 3. Picked up some good-looking fish. A beautiful warm, sunny day. A.m. got two small birds. Picked up the skeleton of an owl, the claws of which are missing.

 Later, - One who lives in khania is not apt to lack thrills. About dark our boat struck a rock. Soon afterwards it was found that the boat was filling...
rapidly with water. The boatmen said it was unim-
portant, a little later I took a look for myself. The water
was pouring into the boat.
The boatmen were dazed and were doing nothing, except
that one man was bailing out water with a small wood
bailer. He was losing ground and the boat was filling rapidly.
I got a boatman to get down in the water and stop the
leak as well as possible
with his feet. I got a

s Everton. This cost me

began to drip out water freely.
Even then the issue was
doubtful for awhile, so I had
cookies carry the sleeping women
off the boat to shore on their
backs. Then the bedding and
baggage were carried off if
we got onto another boat and
went to the next river.
most of this was after dark,
and we got to bed about

Twelve o'clock. We were
lucky to get off safely and with dry shoes and baggage.

Jan. 4. This morning
I killed two sand swallows
This afternoon with the
behind I went overland
to some pools and small
creeks where I hoped
some specimen might
be secured. We caught
lots of shrimp, three
turtles, three snipes,
and a small fishing bird.
The boat I am now
on was neared sunk
today in my absence.
Chinese friends on
the boat laid it and
bailed out water until
the leak was
under control. The
leak is now fairly
well repaired. The
boat ran onto a
hidden rock.

Jan 5. Bad luck followed
us again today. The
mast was pulled down
by the flailing oars and
the larger boat. It took at least
an hour to fix it. When the boat turned
twice on a bad
rapid and was in
danger of swashing
on the rocks. It was
apparent that the boat was being poorly managed. We are told that the captain is not familiar with the river here. He has gone ashore to worship the boatmen's god, Wang E. Perhaps as to get his help tomorrow.

Jan 6. The boatmen lost over an hour because they tried to cross the river where it was impossible to cross. So night we are 20 li from Keating, where we should arrive about noon tomorrow.

Jan 7. arrived at Keating at twelve o'clock. The foreign conference was in session in the afternoon, and I attended. In the evening a Chinese candidate for ordination was examined. I killed a gull just as we arrived at Keating. There are no gulls at Shifu.

Jan 8. Leben Gib rieh set his traps, but secured no mammal. I hope to secure some fish.
Tomorrow.

Jan 9th. Very busy.

A day in conference with little chance to collect excepting through the collectors, who have secured some fish and many insects. I have bought a vase from an old Lepisocene girl, and have secured some broken Han Dynasty pottery.

Jan 11th. A full day in conference. Today I had one collector in the old burial tombs. He brought back a load of broken pottery, some of which is of interest, but he secured none of the finest specimens I have been hoping for. Most of them have been carried away, but there is hope that there are better specimens in some of the caves that have been closed by accident. If I go to Mopfim next summer, I will try to spend several days digging in these caves on the way back.
I now have two or three more of the vases like the one bought yesterday, and I expect to get them.

I also expect to purchase some wax images or idols that are made here and are believed to be sacred to this city. These images are of various gods and goddesses, made of white wax.

Jan. 13. When I arrived in this city, I was accompanied with some fine specimens from the burial tombs. Some of these were glazed, which is unusual in these cases, most of the cave goods are unglazed. A chicken sitting on a hen’s back, the nose of a dog, the foot and leg of a horse, images of human beings were included.

I am planning to leave for Shensu early Sunday morning, arriving Monday morning. There have been two conferences going on, but I have managed to secure some good fish and other Chinese and foreign goods.
Jan. 14. I secured a small boat in order to shoot birds along the river between Peking and Kien-foo. The larger boat was too clumsy for shooting. I found my things on the large boat to start for Pekin. I have engaged a small boat to go as far as Kien way so as to shoot ducks and other specimens. I regard the tomb specimens as very good and interesting.

I also purchased a fine large vase of the Ming or Manchu dynasty. Probably taken from a tomb.
bids and wounded
recovered as she passed just
above lehim way the cave-
tombs that she visited and
called mantai dwellings. The
people who made and used
these caves were no more
mantais or aborigines than
I am. I think Father
visited this spot in 1786
and described the caves in
an issue of the [Royal Geographical
Society's Journal]. After
he had visited the
heating caves instead of
burning on to Mr. Ormei
he would have thought differently.
we are spending the night
at Ma-Sin-Prang.
Jan. 10th. Arrived at T nju.
so late that the baggage
had to be left on the
boat. I will get it off
tomorrow morning.
I had written from
my family in Michigan
awaiting me in Seattle.
Miss Crawford
arrived from Chungking
also today. She is a
nurse in one of our
hospitals, the women's
hospital.
On the way down the river from Kiating I took note of the burial tombs generally called Mantzi caves. There is a large number of them, of all depths and sizes. I may try to map the river, noting the locations of the caves, in the future. However, there may be some caves away from the
River which would I course be missed.

Plants of Chinese

I have will let them to

I intend to send the most important of them at least possibly awaiting instruction about the rest. I expect to begin mailing biological specimens at once.

Jan 18. Sent to the Post Office boxes 28, 29, 30, and 31. Purchased lumber with which to make a large number of boxes for shipping specimens.

As Chinese New Year approaches all the Chinese are very busy collecting debts and winding up the year's business. At Richard I found three wax images.
one of the gods of wealth who is worshipped by the Chinese in their homes. He is the wax image is worshipped. He helps the people financially. One is of Maitreya, the Buddhist Messiah, to be the future savior of its world. This wax image is sometimes worshipped in homes and sometimes merely used as an ornament. The third is thought by some to be merely a pretty woman (blonde) and by others is considered to be Puan-si, the Goddess of Mercy. This wax image is sometimes worshipped in the homes, and sometimes merely used as an ornament. There are three other such images in Katayone, the God of War. Of these I see the Smithsonian Institution copy, others may be sent.

Jan. 20. Spent most of the day packing and labelling artifacts secured in the Lanting cave-tombs.

Jan. 21. Again spent nearly all the day packing and labelling artifacts from the cave-tombs.

Expect to lay aside the less important and only send them if the Wetmore approves.

Jan. 22. This is the day before Chinese New Year. I packed several boxes of specimens, all of which are artifacts from Han-dynasty tombs as Han tombs not long after the Han Dynasty. I am realizing that our very success may create a financial...
Problem - that I seek within our allotment.

January 23. Today is the old Chinese New Year day. Last night firecrackers were exploding occasionally all night so that I was unable to sleep. People come to wishing a happy new year. I managed to write out a report on the artifacts recovered in the Mission.

Rhi Hua Mear aborigine who told me that aborigines coat which I and my wife have been staying in my tent. He was too poor to rent a place elsewhere. He seems to have almost gone crazy and began to talk to his wife and daughter so that I had to keep him away and told him to come back to place again. He became so tired that I thought he and his daughter January 24. Yesterday and today many
Chinese came to wish me a happy new year. I have also spent some time on the streets and in the temples and in the burial grounds noting the Chinese customs. I have taken a few pictures.

Last night I developed two films and the slides sold by the Eastman Kodak Company. One apron was mine, and one the Smithsonian's. Evidently the dehydrator has been hard on these. Some mine completely went to pieces, and this Smithsonian apron cracked in my pack, I have now sealed fifty-six boxes with specimens, all of which will be mailed by parcel post within a few days.
Jan. 25. Rained during the night. When Gibben returned with an average catch, he has a snake which he thinks is peculiar, but it is in a blue bottle and I can not see it or get it out. He has frogs, snails, shrimps, etc.

MAMMAL NO. 44.

Jan. 26. Let in Gibben went to the neighboring hills & caught 27. Mud has come that civil war is certain down the river. I will therefore delay further shipment of specimens until things quiet down again. I am sorry not to do so, we will go on collecting.

Packed by no. 57, contempt man holding two Conical jigs, Thumb up and Jig in side O Pointed Cotton.

Jan. 27. When Gibben came in sick with a very bad cold. He has to go to bed until he recovers. Mammal no. 45.
Felled box No. 58.
Nothing.
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Jan 29. It is quite cold today. The weather seems to be improving. I visited the site of the old shrine that existed nearly two thousand years ago. I took a picture of the old pagoda. I climbed up the pagoda to the top on the inside. I visited a number of old tombs probably from dynastic times. They were built

The old pagoda is composed of great bricks 2 1/2 inches thick, 8 1/2 inches wide and about 11 feet long. In the pagoda there are two kinds of arches. The true arch and the other arch. In the burial tombs the shape was square, about ten feet by 3 1/2 feet. The sides and tops were concave. True arches made of large brick at the rear end were a kind of insect that
 erreur. It might have been the place to sit a year or even an idler.

I encircled for the first time the entire old city, walking for kitchen middens, without more. The old city had been surrounded by a high, wide dirt wall, which is disappearing because of weathering and cultivation. The about 1/5 will probably (of old city) about 1/5.

This is the first design report book after reading this.

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