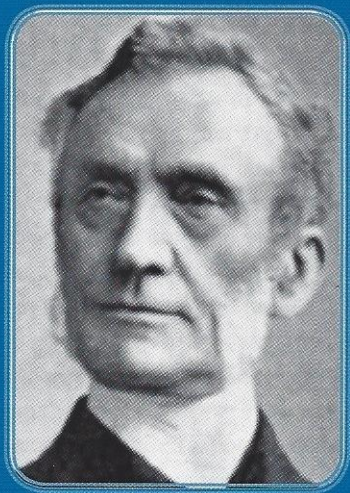


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IN

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“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

“On the morning of Sept. 1st we rose soon after 3; went by railway to Priok, and embarking there on board the Steamship “Borneo,” a Dutch vessel we sailed for **Singapore**.

On Sept. 2nd the “Borneo” touched at the Island of Ballaton, where several Chinese passengers came on board; and on the 3rd, at 5 in the afternoon, we arrived at **Singapore, Straits of Malacca**; but, as the weather was very hot, passed the night in our cabin, instead of going on shore.

The next morning, however, we landed and took a drive into the town with the Captain, in order to get our letters from the Post Office, but returned to the “Borneo” in time to depart with him at one in the afternoon, when the ship sailed for **Hong Kong, China**. The captain of the “Borneo” was a Christian, and though a Dutchman by birth, spoke English and German fluently, so that Mr. Müller had much conversation with him, and sought to strengthen him spiritually for future work for the Lord. At 11 at night, on Sept. 6th, we reached the mouth of the river Donay, sailed up that river for 55 miles, and arriving at Sigon (**Saigon**) in **Cochin China**, at 6 on the morning of the 7th, remained there until the morning of the next day; but on account of the great heat did not go on shore. On the 8th, at 7 a.m., the ship started from Sigon (**Saigon**); sailed down the river Donay into the Pacific Ocean, and on the 9th, whilst we were at sea, a Chinese on board, one of the numerous steerage passengers, died (the Captain told us), from smoking opium to excess. In a few hours afterwards, his body was thrown overboard, but we saw nothing of the funeral, and did not even hear that the poor man was dead, until some time after he had been buried at sea, because we oc-

cupied a saloon cabin, at some distance from the part of the ship where the steerage passengers were accommodated. We arrived at **Hong Kong** at 6 on the morning of Sept. 12th, landed soon afterwards, and went to the Victoria Hotel, kept by Messrs. Dorabjee and Hingkee, after a voyage of 5976 miles from Brisbane Australia.

At **Hong Kong** we remained until Sept. 30th; and during our stay in that city, Mr. Müller held many meetings, including services at Union Church, at the Basel Mission Church, and at the Theatre, some of which were in English, others in English with translation into Chinese, and in German with interpretation into the Chinese language, also by Dr. Eitel and a German missionary, who understood the Chinese language well. Once too, he preached in German, to a congregation of Germans at one of their own Churches. These services were generally well attended by hearers, who consisted of Chinese, of Germans and of Europeans; and there is the fullest reason to believe, that God's abundant blessing rested upon all these meetings. Whilst at Hong Kong, we took several evening drives through that beautiful city, in rickshaws, which are small open carriages on two wheels, drawn by coolies, who run at the rate of six miles an hour; and on the afternoon of Sept. 25th, were carried in chairs, resting upon long poles, on the shoulders of coolies, two of these men being before, and two behind each chair (eight of them altogether), up one of the mountains as far as the **Victoria Peak**, 1400 feet above the level of the sea, from which a fine view of Hong Kong, its harbour, and the mountainous scenery around was obtained.

On the afternoon of Sept. 30th we left the Victoria Hotel, went on board the French mail Steamship "Djemnah," a very large vessel, lying in the harbour; and having secured a well ventilated cabin near the saloon, sailed at 6 on the morning of Oct. 1st for **Shanghai**, where we arrived on the 4th, at 6 a.m., landed, and went to the Astor Hotel, Whangpoo Road, after a voyage of 870 miles from Hong Kong. Whilst at Shanghai, my husband conducted 17 services altogether, including a large drawing-room meeting at the Deanery, services at Union Church, the Temperance Hall, the Masonic Hall, in a large drawing-room at the Bible Warehouse, a service for the Germans in their

own language at one of the Churches, and meetings for the Chinese, at *Old* Union Church, with interpretation into Chinese, by brethren who understood both the English and Chinese languages well. There is every reason to believe, too, that his ministry at Shanghai was greatly blessed to the thousands of persons who heard him preach in that city.

Having decided upon visiting **three other cities in China**, before taking our departure for Japan, on the evening of October 25th we embarked on board the "Kiang-Yu," a large Chinese river Steamship, and the next morning, at 5 o'clock, sailed for **Hankau** (now Hangzhou). After calling at Wu-Hu a town on the banks of the Yang-tsi (Yangtse River, now Chang Jiang) which had a large Pagoda rising far above the houses, on the 29th, at 7 in the morning, we landed at Hankau (now Hangzhou), and went to the house of Mr. Foster, one of the missionaries of that city. At Hankau we remained, however only until Nov. 1st; but during our stay there, including services at the Sailors' Rest, at the Gospel Assembly Hall, where my husband addressed 460 Chinese, with translation into their own language by Mr. Griffiths John, and a meeting at one of the Churches, he preached five times in that city altogether.

Sailing down the Yang-tsi, we reached the landing place at **Nanking** (now Nan Jing) on the afternoon of Nov. 3rd. There Mr. Hart, a missionary, met us, whom we accompanied for nine miles in a Chinese boat up the little river which leads from the Yang-tsi to Nanking; and arriving at that city in the evening, we disembarked, and walked for half a mile to the house of Mr. Leaman, an American missionary, where we remained until Nov. 6th. During our short stay at **Nanking**, the ancient capital of China, Mr. Müller had time to hold four meetings only, which were attended principally by English and American missionaries and their friends.

On Nov. 6th, at 9 in the morning, we left **Nanking** in the Mission-boat, sailed down the little river to the landing-place on the banks of the Yang-tsi, and embarking on board the "Pekin," a third large Chinese river Steamship, sailed further down the Yang-tsi we went to the Mission House, and stayed there until Nov. 8th. Mr. Müller held five meetings in English at the Mission

Church. On Nov. 8th we embarked on board the Chinese Steamship "Kiang Kwan," sailed at 10 in the evening, and arriving at **Shanghai** at noon on the 9th, landed and went again to the Astor Hotel, after a voyage of 175 miles from Chinkiang. **One of the especial objects which Mr. Müller had in view, in going to these various cities in China, was to seek to comfort and encourage the beloved missionaries labouring there, and to strengthen their hands in God, by means of referring to the Lord's dealings with himself, in his long service in word and doctrine, and in pastoral labours."**

—language, grammer, etc; has been retained in the original presentation by Mrs. Susannah Müller who accompanied Mr Müller on his many missionary tours

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