

with a most lovely grove of wide spreading trees, and beyond is a beautiful island also luxuriant with green foliage. Here on the mission premises we look out of the back windows against a cliff covered with beautiful ferns. At the back and front of the house are graceful palms, and lovely yellow and red orchids hang in the open court. It is very delightful to be with Mr. and Mrs. Endicott. This cheery home is indeed a pleasant change after the confinement of the house boat.

We realize that prayers have been answered for our safe journeying. We have made a very good trip in a very short time, forty-seven days from Tchang.

Safe Arrival of Miss Brookes.

CHENTU, CHINA, *June 23rd, 1897.*

I am so glad and thankful at last to be able to write "Chentu" at the head of my letter. As you already know from Dr. Killam's letter we reached Kia-ting on the 27th of May (where we heard the sad news of Miss Ford's death immediately on our arrival) and were kindly invited by Mr. and Mrs. Endicott to stay with them until arrangements could be made to go to Chentu. Dr. Killam thought best to stay with Mrs. Endicott for a while, while I decided to proceed on. After waiting a week Miss Brackbill sent her woman servant and a coolie thinking that we both could come up with them. I hesitated starting alone with them not being able to speak a word of Chinese, but after staying two weeks and a half I decided to hire two small boats, take all our freight and start out. I left on the morning of the 14th and reached here on the 21st.

Dr. Hart left for Chentu the very same morning I did, going overland by sedan chair to attend district meeting. He arrived on the fourth day and informed Miss Brackbill I was on the way, so I was agreeably surprised when Miss Foster met me twenty-four miles down the river (it is 120 miles from Kia-ting to Chentu). I was very lonely the first two days, but on the whole got along very nicely. Dr. Hart