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Dr. Carey and the Baptist Magazine.

THIS letter, as the writer anticipated, is one of the latest he wrote. It is in the possession of our treasurer, who has lent it for reproduction.

Mrs. F. Carey is perhaps wife of Felix Carey, who went from Serampore to Burmah, where he prepared the way for Adoniram Judson, the founder of the American Baptist Foreign Missions. In 1814 he had won such favour from the king of Burmah by his skill in medicine and languages, that he "shrivelled from a missionary into an ambassador," to quote his father. On the 31st of August that year a squall overset his boat on the Irawaddy, and drowned his second wife and children.

Dr. Carey had reluctantly allowed his portrait to be painted at Fort William by Home and sent home. The engraving from it is very familiar, but this letter will explain why its publication in the Baptist Magazine was deferred till 1817. It has recently been republished in Dr. Howell's plea for a revival of Serampore College.

Kett[er]in[g] Ap 1. 1815

Dear bror.

I fear there is no reason to conclude in favour of Mrs. F. Carey's personal religion. The acct. of Cumberland is very good and shd. be first in the P[eriodical] A[ccounts of the Baptist Mission] but as we cannot go down to Augt. in the Number 28 you may take it, only do not say where you took it from. We must enter it when we come at it. I will send you the C[ommittee] L[ette]rs marked, so soon as I can get time to mark them. I have sent 3 [this sentence interlined]. I'll send you Prendergast's Letter. There is no doubt of his being a mean lying fellow; but

whether it be best to put him upon uttering these lies before the House, I know not, especially as he can do us no harm; and if he knew all that Dr. Carey sd. about "none of the Missionaries preaching in the Streets of Calcutta," he might prove from our own Statements that they did, or they wd. not in 1806 have been forbidden to preach at the Lall Bazar. [Foot-note by Fuller: See the Ed. of Brief Narrative reprinted by E. Morris p. 57.] If any thing were done in answer to his Letter it seems it must be to state that there are living witnesses who heard him utter the substance of what was reported in the Times paper—that the same things in effect were printed in the Christian Observer for July 1813—that therefore there can be no reasonable doubt of the truth of it—and that as to his contradicting it in the House, he might use his own pleasure, as the opinion of the public would be the same. But advise with bro. Burls upon it, & let me know your opinion as to what I should do. The mistake of Vol III. for Vol IV. was of your making.—Thus I was answering your Lr. when, being called off, I have mislaid it! I am happy to find that the report of Chamberlain's leaving Sirdhana is unfounded. Morris printed a great No. of the piece on Discipline of the primitive Churches. I shd. wish to be sure that it is wanted before I reprint it.

B[aptist] M[agazine]. I hope you have not engaged to the printer for the sale of 5,000. If you have, he may have an after claim on you. He shd. print what number he pleased, and if it were short of 5000 let our profits be proportionably less. Whatever story T.S. may carry to Cambge. or elsewhere, he cannot succeed long. I would not hunt him, but merely repel, as occasion required.—I had a pleasant meeting with Mr. Waugh at St. Neots—He said nothing, nor I, about my Lr. to him.

Dr. Carey has expressed a strong dislike to the

print of him already taken, and says it is a violation of the promise made him. . . . What then would he feel and say to be hawked up and down in Magazines? I wish you would inform the proprietors [interlined: of the W.E.M.] in my name that if a single impression be made they may expect an action will be commenced agst. them by the Bapt. Missy. Society immediately. Or perhaps Mr. Barber of Chancery Lane had better write to them.

All the Copies [interlined: of P.A] that are sent to Mr. Burls for setts are no otherwise deficient than as respects No. 24 of wh. we have very few, & suppose he has many, & therefore cd. supply them—and as respects the Cash Accts. or Appendices, wh. we never reprint, & therefore can not supply. Or if the half sheet 22. be wanting I can furnish 12 of them, but it will destroy so many numbers. I will send the Numbers up (xxii), so that if Mr. Burls's 12 setts can be made up out of them it may be so; if not, the numbers need not be injured. You'll find 22. p. 285—292. I have had a letter from Mr. Hoby, and may answer it, but my strength is small, & I have much writing. I shd wish him of the Committee, as soon as we can make room—I question if Burls wd. like to be a Joint Treasurer.

I think I'll send this Letter off as soon as may be.

I am dr bror. Affect. yrs. A. FULLER

[On opposite margin] I am so ill that I often think I cannot live long.

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