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A Letter From J. G. Oncken to J. L. Angas.

Hamburg, June 28th, 1842.

My dear Brother,

Your friendly epistle, along with the proof of your love to the brethren, came duly to hand and the £5 has been paid, the half of wh. will be remitted to our suffering Brethren at Copenhagen this evening. For them and myself I tender you my warmest thanks, and trust you will feel on the present occasion how blessed it is to give especially to the disciples of Jesus.

I have written to Amsterdam to Mess^{rs} Van Baggen Parker & Dixons from whom I had an answer today stating the Individual in question is there, the following is his address :

Carl Susman

ten huire van de Herr Huckhardt—onderwyzer in
de Zandstraat over het Groenewoud

Amsterdam.

If you were to send the Bill either to Mess^{rs} Van Baggen Parker & Dixons, or some other respectable house in Amsterdam, they would doubtless try to procure the money for you, or if you will endorse the Bill over to me, I will send it to the above house & if I succeed to get the money I will remit it or request Mess^{rs} W^m Smith & C^o at Stockton, with whom I do all my business in the way of Bills, to hand you the amount. If I can serve you in any way in this matter I am quite at your service.

The parcel with the tracts I have not yet received. Were they sent by one of the Hull steamers?

Our deliverance from the awful judgement with wh. God has punished this . . . city appears to me daily more miraculous and demands our highest gratitude. May it be overruled for our spiritual advantage both the work which we have witnessed and the mercy which we have experienced. The Lord is just in all his proceedings and the Christian can only be amazed at the long suffering of God. I regret to say that the awful calamity has on the whole produced little or no good effect. Indeed, how can it if the people are not instructed from the book of God. None of the ministers in the lutheran or any other community has as yet pointed to the right source of the fearful judgment. No acknowledgement of a public nature has been made that Sin has brought this misery upon us. A fortnight ago there were in the Saturday's Newspapers upwards of 20 different Notices for

dancing, theaters, &c. &c. for the Lordsday. The ignorance and wickedness of the people are fearful and their greatest delusion is the name wh. they bear falsely—the precious name of Christ.

The dreadful fire has as far as we can see been to us a wall of defence, for had it not taken place it is more than likely that I would have been now in a prison. We had just before the conflagration hired a warehouse which had been . . . for sorting wool, for our religious services, as my house would no longer suffice for the people who attended. We had some fears that on going to the above new place the police would again annoy us, or that the people in the neighbourhood would kick up a row. But all this has been graciously prevented by the circumstance of my having received about.....persons in our new place of worship. The.....2 of wh. are accused by the poor sufferers there.....been supplying with the bread that perisheth..... words of God. We have received Bible and Testament..... them attend now under my preaching. The service.....are most numerously attended and the Spirit of God is.....own truth in the ingathering of God's elect. We are greatly encouraged and in about a fortnight I hope to see 10 or 12 converts added to the Church by Immersion.

Or beloved Bⁿ in Denmark are still suffering for the case of Jesus, but the sound of the Lord has free course and is glorified so that we and they can notwithstanding their fiery trials only bless God and take courage. The number of Disciples is on the increase. You will rejoice to hear that we have advanced with our Mission as far as Norway, a near B^r named Enoch.....left us, commended to God by the Church some weeks ago for Norway, and if the good Lord accompanied him, we expect joyful news from that quarter also.

We continue in various ways to sow the seed of the Kingdom by Tracts, Scriptures, Colportouse—and enjoy so much of God's blessing that our little trials are compensated. Oh! that we had had more of the mind of Jesus: more love to God—more love to man. The Lord—the Spirit grant us His holy & powerful influence, that we may live only for what living is worth for— for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

.....Present.....aff^{te} love to dear M^{rs} Angas &.....at Newcastle who may feel interested.....& accept of the same for yourself.

Yours in the best of bonds,
J. G. ONCKEN.

John L. Angas, Esq., Newcastle-on-Tyne.