

Letter to William Carey, jun.

William Carey, D.D.

WILLIAM CAREY, junior, was the second son of Dr. Carey, by his first wife, Dorothy Placket. In 1807 she died at Serampore, soon after their eldest son, Felix, had left for Burmah, and William had settled with Fernandez, at Dinajpoor. Dr. Carey married again, Charlotte Emilia, Lady Rumohr, who is the "mother" referred to here. Several earlier letters are printed by George Smith in his life of Carey. Cutwa is about seventy miles above Serampore, up the Hoogli, near the battlefield of Plassey.

Judson and Rice were the first missionaries sent out by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. On the voyage they studied the New Testament as to baptism, and were consequently baptised by William Carey. The Honourable East Indian Company forbade their settlement in British India, and they ultimately went to Burmah.

This letter is in the possession of the Rev. S. W. Bowser, B.A., Principal of Midland Baptist College, Nottingham; he has verified the accuracy of this reproduction. The letter was a gift to Mr. Bowser from Miss Blanche Carey, only daughter of Jonathan Carey, Dr. Carey's youngest son.

My dear William,

I am much concerned to hear of your illness. I should hope a dose or two of Physic would relieve your Cough, I have found it very useful to myself in a similar complaint.

Your last letter gives me encouragement respecting the Work of God in your neighbourhood; I perceive you are discouraged, but my Dear William, commit all your ways to the Lord and go forward in his ways;

he will give you every necessary support in the way of his commands, and will finally enable you to triumph in his name.

You will find us all, not only ready to co-operate with you in all that tends to the promotion of our Redeemer's Interest, but rejoicing that we have opportunities of so doing, Let your whole soul be devoted to the work of the Lord, and you will not be in want of encouragement on every side.

Felix has taken his passage to Rangoon and expects to go by the fifteenth of Decr. His spirit and diligence give me great pleasure, I hope he will be able to finish his Burman Grammar before he goes. May he be blessed with a sight of such success as shall gladden his heart; I do not despair of seeing the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus set up in that country, notwithstanding all the commotions with which it is agitated.

Mr. Judson and Mr. Rice are stopped in their voyage to the Isle of France by G—t, who are resolved to send them to England by the ships now under dispatch, I am much grieved on this account, for I had many hopes that they would have been useful in some part of the East. However the Lord reigns be the people never so impatient and his counsel shall stand and he will do all his pleasure. He shutteth and no man openeth, and openeth and no man shutteth. He can bring good out of this apparent evil and will make the wrath of man to praise him, and the remainder of it he will restrain.

This evening three persons have been received into the Church, and two last Lord's Day morning, I expect we shall receive fourteen next month. The Lord is graciously carrying on his cause, and will no doubt make it finally triumphant. We have, however, some members who occasion us much distress through

their unchristian conduct. I hope they may be brought to a sense of their sins and may repent of them.

We are nearly as usual, Your Mother hurt herself in lifting Dolly one day and has not recovered from it, She is however better. Give our love to Mary. Let me soon hear of you for I am very anxious to hear of your recovery.

How goes on your Coffee? How many trees have you in the plantation? Are you likely to have plenty of fruit. If they are properly shaded there is no doubt but they will succeed.

Your affect. Father,

W. CAREY.

25th Novr. 1812.

[Inscription on back of letter:

MR. W. CAREY,
CUTWA.

with some Bengali words.]