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Napa, Aug. 11th 1853.

My dear Miss Clifford

many, many thanks for your note of October /52,
which reached us July /53. Please tell your father. I am
very much obliged for his kind remembrance of me & mine.
Tell him to be cheerful knowing that his chief work in
the Lord has not been in vain. The Loocloo mission, un-
der God, not only is established, & countenanced by two western
powers, but blessed & owned of God. Your father will know
I am no friend of hyperbolism, & that I usually speak
within rather than beyond the limits of facts. As such
plain & simple teller let me inform him for his
great comfort, that there are four individuals in Lo-
ocloo whom I called months ago, & to the glory of
God, am still enabled to call my brethren
in the Lord. They are really happy believers in the
Lord Jesus Christ. There is a fifth, of whom I have
no doubt but God has effectually visited his heart.
This is a very respectable house in the Capital, &
he repeatedly called in his whole family to listen
to the message of salvation, & thrice he lay with
me on his knees praying. These are cases I may
specify as quite unclouded by any, even the least
doubt. But in addition to this let your father be

sure that the word of God, though far indeed from having free
course as yet, has still a wide range, so that from the
south to the north of this flourishing isle, there are few villa-
ges or even hamlets, where a crucified Saviour has not
been proclaimed.

I had to interrupt this letter, a telegraph from the
mayor of Naga having just arrived with a message. And
what message is this? That the Todzies, who hitherto had been
forbidden reading our scriptures & tracts, & might run
off from my premises when I opened a christian book
before them, shall henceforward stand entirely under my
control while at my house. It is here not necessary
- and it would be too long - to enter on the reasons,
ways & means which led to this result. The substance
of the message, however, is nothing less than a government's
permission for individuals of the class of the Literate to
read christian books. With this news will be cheering to
your father, the more so as we have just ready a
large portion of the scriptures translated both into
the Coroshian & Japanese, & as the Bishop of
Victoria writes, have also the money ready for
printing it.

If it be the will of God that your father quit
this world before me let him carry on the wings
of his departing soul the cross of Coroshi & Japan before
the throne of the Redeemer revealed in glory. I am
persuaded departed saints intercede for their dear ones
left behind, & trust members of religious Committee

arrived in heaven are not lost to the cause from which they
are separated.

My dearest Miss Clifford I accept with delight
the offer contained in the following passage of your note
with my father's fondest love for you & yours unite mine,
"for I will ever love those he has such an interest in"
I accept of the offer & of the reason, for though you loved
us only for your father's sake, I hope you may soon love
us for the love we will bear you, who have come forward
spontaneously in the place of a head, you fear we are
about losing. Nothing more winning than a free offer
of love. Remember, we love him, because he first loved
us."

And now I have made ^{with} you this covenant of love
for love, will you please hereafter make your notes
a little longer for this long letter I am writing you?
You are now our Secretary for Ireland & we have
thus some official claim on your correspondence.
The American Expedition to Japan, via Cordob, has
brought us into a regular link with the mail.

Aug. 16.

The sudden interruption above is accounted for by the major
of Nagasaki having at once a sudden order to bring the his Frigate
intelligence of an English wreck (name of ship unknown)
near one of his islands. Typhoon, belonging to the (concomi-
tantly) so called "marfiosima group". Out of 243. Chinamen
(including 40 women) only 24. (including 2 females). Out
of 20 Englishmen only 6. are survivors. The catastrophe happen-
ed on July 22^d. During a typhoon of several days past all
over the Japanese & China waters. I am near drowning my-

self while at night going to do for the "Democrat", a splendid American
 steam frigate now in port, to engage kind Capt. Mel (Curry) in the
 removal of the wicked people from Fajinsan, a request our
 Regent has performed to me. I think I of course supported with
 my own warm intercession, I am happy to add with much pro-
 bability of success. It is no easy thing for a steamer of
 3000 tons to wind its way among rocks & over shallows
 if the weather be not very favourable.

I pray for the choicest blessings upon you,
 from heaven above & the earth beneath. May you be
 happy, & your soul delighted with the pure joy of
 salvation, anointed with the oil of gladness, pouring
 from the Spirit of God on his dearly beloved.

Yours very affectionately
 N. J. Bettelheim

To Miss Anna (Clifford)
 Frampton, Waterford.

Napa. Aug. 16. 1853.

My dear Brother Boston

Many thanks for your kind-
 ness & for the bundle of
 books & papers. I am glad to
 hear of your success in
 the Co. for the amount,
 from the ship now going
 from this to Shanghai by which
 I could remit the sum.

Then arrived no news for
 her at all for me.

Ask Chinaman what is the
 way leaving of ship leaving, on
 on the boat and for a passage back.
 they appear too much attached to their
 families to cross long the temples.
 they are now going to the
 ring no letter by the Caprice.

Yours affectionately
 N. J. Bettelheim

Rev. Mr.
 Boston
 British Chaplain
 Shanghai.

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My dear brother Morretes

As I may hope this will reach you while you are still in Hong Kong. I find it necessary to inform you that the Chinamen, sent us over from Shanghai, besides being understood only with difficulty, on account of their dialect, they are not at all endowed with that patience & endurance in Loochoo regions. They plead strong attachment to their families, & the pain of separation increased by their isolation here. In fact, however, it appears the many ships now going to & for nurse, temptations of leaving, they are much more comfortable than our first Chinaman was. He during those whole years never once expressed a thought of leaving - like the first passage offered. - I think the best class of Chinese Teachers we could employ are those brought up by the Roman Catholic Institute at Macao, to which you are now so near. Their Mandarin dialect is very good & readily understood. Chinese servants, dear Mrs. Morretes, with so best to choose of such as had already passed some apprenticeship among Europeans, & know to wash, iron & sew, is which qualities the man we got over from Shanghai is greatly deficient. Yours affectionately
B. J. Schellheim

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Napa. Aug. 16th 1853.

my very dear & beloved friend

At last we again are in receipt of a note of yours, dated Leamington. Sept. 1852. which reached this July 22^d 1853. we are overjoyed to find you still continue to take interest in us & our mission. myself in particular am very grateful for that my heart is still permitted to nestle at Hamford hill. You know of the mighty revolutions our mission & labours & prospects have taken. Let us learn always to live a life of faith & hope, for with God nothing is impossible. I have seen realized more than a host poetical hope could ever have ventured to soar upon. Much more remains to be done before the proud obstinacy of Japanese law may be said curbed & subdued. but there is now evidently such a tide of providence ^{setting} in toward this long secluded quarter as cannot ^{fail} to burst the brazen gates which kept it shut out from the far greater portion of the world, where thought freely circulates. There is a determined non compliance, be the offer ever so advantageous to the nation, more so the present rulers are, every advantage for the mass is a link broken in the chain whereby the few keep enslaved the many.

Your supper time appears long to my wife & children. Far indeed from this. You know my children read English, Greek, Hebrew & Latin, & besides writing exercises in these my boy is fond of pencilling the Chinese hieroglyphic, as in general of drawing.

They have in addition to make their regular studies in Bible
History (I have sent a copy or two of Watts's) grammar,
geography, arithmetic, for which labor I am sorry to say
they have not much talent. Mamma, of course, has often
to supply papa's place both in teaching & examining, & when
there is the whole endless series of needlework, & till we re-
cently got over a Chinaman, I am sorry to mention, &
ironing work, all which fell on my faithful helpmate? how
could you ever imagine time hangs on her ever busy
hands? and what shall I say now, since end of
May, the American Squadron being stationed here, &
my humble self entrusted with the Commissariat, there
being now ^{no} way open as yet for procuring provisions on
the markets? You can see from the very hurry with
which I scrawl down this page how pressed we are
for time, otherwise, I am sure, you are persuaded,
there are few comforts for me in this life beyond
thinking of & speaking to you. I am happy in the
well founded hope that I shall continue affectionately
to love you to the end. Tell the dear misses (say
I continue to retain a sense of lively gratitude
towards them in remembrance of their kindness to me. -

We received by the Return junk from China a
box from Mrs. Janson & friend in Wales, for which
our best thanks. We abound in all things through
the goodness of our heavenly Father & his dear children
on earth, & even the children of this world show us

much sympathy. You know both ourselves & mission have
a substantial & near friend in the Bishop of Victoria,
a second missionary family for this may by this time
have arrived already at Hong Kong & is expected here
in October. Our Committee also is active & friendly
to us. We stand in need of nothing more than daily
large supplies of grace, to continue adequate to our
duties, & humble minded under the showers of prosperity
pouring in upon us. Do promise me your special
prayers, once weekly, for the humiliation of the excessi-
ve pride & the enticement of the shocking spirit of
falsehood & the poisoning the so called Goodosan Lite-
rature & their mandarin. And pray for me that I may
be kept faithful to the ministry of my God, & that the Gos-
pel I preach among the heathen may be followed by
lasting conversions to the faith. I am exceedingly
fond of the prayers of those of whom I am exceedingly
fond. They are very few indeed, even in the center
around which group my darlings on earth. I can
write long letters. & as we have now ships over from
China rather frequently, write often both via Hong-
Kong & Fuchow. Contributing to a mission means pro-
viding for the comfort of the missionary, & you can contribute
in no better way than by sending much in posting your
letters for us.

With Lucy Foster

Mrs. R. Johnson

Stamford Hill, London.

Yours affectionately
D. J. Belcher

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Napa, August 19th 1853.

My dear Brother

I should have much to send
over by the first opportunity, the
latest paper bearing on the Damp
of Tai-ping-tung this. We had
been told China would open June 15th.

I should also say all the Reports
of the China Mission R. & A.
Society Commencing with 1848 &
onward.

I am sure you will want
to have them as they are
quite untouched.

We hope to visit China
as soon as the motions are
arrived, as the best opportunity
will be afforded us by the ship
which brings them to the Bishop
over.

I hope to be able to write to-morrow
morning, when the "opportunity" is to leave.

As for money, please send on
the Oriental Bank of the
deposits long ago made so
that nothing is left for the
interest.

(Finished on board the
Providence) B.

Rev. M. C. Pike
H. P. Davis' (Page
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