

Amoyna Oct. 1821.

Dear Brethren, In a letter which we received some
months ago from Mr. Dwight he told us we
might expect you in this part of the world
this fall. Several circumstances lead me to
fear that you will not be here so soon as
he anticipated. Still I do not despair of see-
-ing you one day or other to the con-
-fort and the vexations, the fears & hopes,
the labors and trials of a mission in this
country. In former letters to you and to
Dr. Worcester & Mr. Everts we have suggested
freely such ideas as occurred to us which
we thought might be useful to you in re-
-spect to books, furniture, studies &c. In respect
to languages I wish to say now that the longer
I remain in Amoyna the more sensibly I
feel the importance of knowing the French
for a person who is coming to make this
place his home. Next to French perhaps
the Greek. If you study either of these lan-
-guages before you leave America or on
your passage it will be a useful exercise
to commit passages of scripture to mem-
-ory, in the language you are learning. —
were not the funds of the board so much em-
-barrassed I should urge more earnestly that
one of you at least should come out as quick
as possible. We do want exceedingly to see you
here. And aside from our feelings on the sub-
-ject I cannot but ^{think} ~~feel~~ that a great and exten-
-sive field for useful exertions is opened before
us. Here permit me to suggest that if you
come to Amoyna & especially if you bring

Female Helpers with you, as I trust you will,
you will probably have occasions soon to com-
=mence teaching children. Some elementary
books therefore in English, & other languages
will be of use. Say 6 copies of Venneroni's Italian
Grammar, of Graglia's Italian Dictionary,
of some good French Grammar & Dictionary
say Nugent's (for the pronunciation you will
find Gardi's very useful) Murray's Gram-
=mar abridg'd - spelling book's &c. &c.

Perhaps the Board will consider the present
state of Turkey as an objection to sending a
mission immediately to Smyrna. If so I
hope one of you at least will soon find your
way to Malta. There is probably no point
place in this part of the world which would
be more favorable in respect to learning
languages. An acquaintance & a residence of
a few months with the Missionaries there
will be of great use. Dear Brethren hasten to
our help, I beseech you, for while you linger
not only Jews & Mahometans but even the
members of Christian ^{Churches,} & Christian ministers
too are dying by multitudes without
having ever seen the word of God in
their own language. Come then and
risk even your lives if necessary to put
into their hands this guide to eternal
life. I hope indeed that you will be on your
passage before this reaches Boston. Come
firmly expecting to do a great deal of good,
but not expecting to see much of it ac-
=complished immediately.

You may feel some apprehensions about coming into this country at such a time as this. But let me assure that horrid as the scenes are which have transpired and are still transpiring around us, we are very quiet & to all human appearance perfectly safe. Business is going on rapidly. It is generally & confidently believed that things are tending gradually to their former state. For myself I feel the most entire confidence that after an interruption of a few months we shall be able to resume and prosecute our plans. Men of the world are not alarmed nor discouraged. Not only single men come into the country to travel or to trade, but it is only a short time since a merchant arrived from England with his wife and a family of children. He left England well aware of the state of things here.

Shall the love of money carry men where the love of Jesus and the love of souls will not carry them? — If the churches will not support you, come still and we will unite and labor for our own support. ~~But~~ we may even then have part of our time left for missionary labor. — At any rate I hope missionaries established in *Supra* would find it convenient to do a little toward their own support by teaching children, in case it should be thought best for them to do so.

Dear Brethren pray for us, and in his own time may the Lord send you to us and prepare us to discharge our duty faithfully.

Your affectionate brother
Pliny Fisk

P. S. Since coming to And I have received
one good, encouraging letter from Mr. Binns
another from Mr. Goodell with a P. O. by Mr. Temple
Botts these letters were answered long ago. I
have heard nothing from you since.
Hope you will bring your next letters your-
-selves; should be very glad to see you here
tomorrow? —

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