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Dear Brother in Christ!

I received news from Mr. Angas about your happy arrival and the well-being of you and your dear family. Praise be to God for this!

Regarding the travel expenses of Brothers Schürmann and Teichelmann, which I expect daily, Angas mentioned that he might contact Lord Glenelg to have these costs covered by the government, as the mission is for the benefit of the colony. I don't know if Angas has already contacted the lord. However, if the government refuses to provide any funding, should we expect Angas to pay for the passage himself, or is the mission society able to contribute something, which would be highly desirable even in the worst case? You will discuss this with the committee members.

I would be very pleased if our small mission society could contribute something, but so far this has not been possible. I intend to print and circulate a call for participation in the work of the Lutheran Mission Society in Dresden and the local society with the help of the Lord, and to publish a mission newsletter on a monthly basis, but I have not yet been able to achieve this.

Firstly, I still do not have a Latin copy of the symbolic books, from which excerpts are to be translated and printed in this newsletter; secondly, I lack material from the field of mission, particularly from Halle, whose first and earlier news I particularly need.

Angas, to whom I mentioned this matter, approves of my plan, but does not wish to be specifically mentioned. I wrote to Dr. Steinkopf a few weeks ago, asking if he would like to join an Evangelical Lutheran mission society as a pastor. He replied that he had already founded an association that intends to distribute its contributions to all Protestant mission societies without distinction of denominations, loving and supporting anyone who embodies the spirit, mind, and image of Christ, regardless of whether they are Reformed, Episcopalian, Quaker, etc. I then told him that those who reject certain biblical teachings, for example, the Quakers could not possibly have the spirit and image of Christ, at least not pure and genuine, because they do not observe Christ's commandments, which involve baptism and the Lord's Supper. He also drew attention to our duty to uphold the truth revealed to us by grace, and said that the Lord would hold us accountable for this. I replied that it is our duty, according to our oath of office, to support the pure doctrine first and foremost, and only then, if no one else can preach it, to support churches and missions that deviate from the revealed truth. So far, he has not responded to me.

One thing is certain: Steinkopf is more of a benefactor to others than to the Lutheran mission. Bahn, whom you told would achieve nothing from his mission, has disappeared as a fraud and liar, having borrowed ten pounds from Steinkopf and six from another man about 14 days ago. Steinkopf shows him favor and introduces him as a good evangelist to others, even wanting to make him a teacher for the missionaries, but his faith and national affiliations reject him. Enough of this. May it open his eyes.

However, if the Lord wills, I intend to publish a treasury, of which I have the pleasure of sending the first monthly issue to the Dresden Mission Committee. Each man will send the continuation until the end of the year. Moreover, I hereby relinquish all claims to any surplus that may arise for the benefit of the Dresden mission. I simply ask that, if necessary, a gift be made to the local association - but only from the surplus of this treasury.

However, if - which I do not fear - the local mission society ever ceases to be Lutheran, its rights to the possible fruits of this work will also cease. Now, read this with your friends; make minor improvements if necessary, ask the Lord for His blessing on it, and perhaps ask the book dealer Tauchnitz in Leipzig if he would undertake the printing. Perhaps the mission society will take over the publishing or Tauchnitz will do it. It would be desirable, however, for this first issue to appear by Christmas, so that it can be in the hands of the teachers at the beginning of the year.

Angas has not yet applied for the travel expenses, as he told us yesterday evening when I inquired about it. He is overwhelmed with business, but he said he would do it eventually. However, if the government does not grant anything, he does not seem inclined to pay for them himself, which I do not expect him to do. May the Lord bless the society in this case so that it can pay for the passage.

I will send the reports from the local mission societies to Hamburg at the earliest opportunity by ship, to save on money.

With the warmest recommendations to the Committee and your wife
and family,
I am your brother in Christ.

I had already closed the package(?) when I noticed the letter from Markisen, who is sending the manuscript of 'New', which I received for forwarding to you.

N. S. Angas sends his warmest thanks to you and the Committee for your letter and recommends himself to you and Revd. Wermelskirch.

I am sending the reflections on the treasure chest up to and including February 4th, so that if one or another January reflection needs to be exchanged for a possibly better one, we will have material.