

Cairo, Dec. 04 1851

Reverend & Dear Sir!

The first thing you want at seeing Dr. Krapf's letter nearly half destroyed by fire is no doubt an explanation of how it became so. During my stay with Mr. Badger at Aden I had put most of the letters I carried with me from Rabbay Empia on a table in my room when some evening just before I left the room for tea rather a low light was placed on the table by one of Mr. Badger's servants. Some time afterwards when we were still sitting at table another servant came & startled us by saying that there was fire in my room. We immediately went & saw to our great sorrow some of the letters nearly destroyed, others half so & others only slightly injured. The wind which blew in through the lattice window must have raised some loose papers & brought them in contact with the light & thus having caught fire seized also the letters and even the tablecloth. It was a mercy that the fire was still timely discovered before it had made progress to the house itself & even on the letters being partly destroyed in such a way, we, as Christians and children of the omniscient & ever careful father in heaven, we must look as a providence, St. Matth. 10, 30.

A duplicate of your kind letter, dated July 7/51, reached me at Aden, but the original together with the two other letters mentioned in yours had already been forwarded to Rabbay Empia by Captain Haines when I arrived at Aden (on Nov. 4).

Together with me two of those mechanics (Kaiser & Metzler) whom Dr. Krapf had brought to East Africa came to Cairo on their way home. Their constitution was found far too weak to stand the climate. Mr Badger very kindly gave me a letter of introduction to Captain Manness of the Government Steam Packet Victoria which availed so much with him that I and my two poor sick companions got a free passage from Aden to Suez. At Suez I hired camels & donkeys of my own & thus crossed the Desert with half the expenses I should have had in going on with the Transit Company. On account of this being unwell known, I procured (not for myself but only for them) 2 Tickets for the Right of Admission to the Station-Houses & thus our lovely journey far surpassed those I made in the wilds of East Africa in ease & comfort.

And now my dear Sir I have the great satisfaction & pleasure to inform you, that the kind & affectionate wishes you gave me in your last, have been fulfilled in my having already found the "good wife from the Lord" you mention in your letters. So deeply am I convinced of both that she is the good wife & from the Lord that I must deem all further description of her unnecessary & thus I have no doubt it will be to you if you are told that the person I refer to is Mrs Tyler who has been known to you for several years as the friend & cohelper of my kind friend, Mrs. Lieder in the Cairo Girl School. Our marriage D.V. ((Deus Vult)) will take place

early in January next when we shall have left to us sufficient time for sailing down to Mombas with the favourable Monsoon.

Another letter of my own will soon follow this when I hope to give you some particulars referring to the latest part of my stay at Rabbay Empia and to my proceeding to Cairo.

Recommending myself & my dear future wife to your kind sympathy & prayers

I remain dear Sir

Yours firmly & respectfully

J. Rebmann