

Lyra Sept. 22^d 1845

My dear Brother Hill,

I thank you most sincerely for your kind Letters of the 18th and 20th inst. I do not wonder at all that all your Greek friends think it most likely that Mr. Neser stole the goods from our house, and it is almost the general opinion also here. He had certainly much greater facility to do it than any body else. Mrs. H. and myself too were at one time almost persuaded he had done it and yet he may be innocent, is most likely that he is innocent, many circumstances and his whole behaviour after the misfortune speak in his favour. Else he must be the greatest villain and the greatest hypocrite who ever lived. He has suffered from the Greeks and from his own countrymen a great deal about this business which has had this good effect that he has come to a deep knowledge and repentance of his former sins and disorders and also to the confession of them to me, so that it may become the means, under God's grace, to his eternal salvation. Under such circumstances I cannot

crush and kill him entirely, as some would
have it. Even the Police here do not suspect him.
God alone knows the heart and whether
he is sincere. To him he must stand or fall.
His deportment from now must show the
sincerity of his repentance. Many other
inquiries have been made here, but nothing
has come to light. We have also little
hope to be successful. We thank you
most sincerely for your sympathy and
your exertions in behalf of us. The
strong impulse of our exertions is and
must be that Mr M. may be proved
or guilty. He was greatly distressed that
search had been made at the house of his
mother in law and fears that it will lead
to dissensions within the family. yet he bears
all with resignation and considers it
a just punishment for his former crimes.
Concerning your inquiry whether the Green
Labeckism has at any time been attempted to be
found on our Shore here I have to reply:

A short time after the strong opposition
against our Schools in July 1836, I received
an official letter from the Mosmanch Scouphos
in which he required that according to Law
I should allow that the Greek Catechism (it
was not stated which one) be taught by a Greek
Priest in my School, as it would be done from
then also in the other Schools. To this letter I
made a reply stating that it had been a prin-
ciple of my School ^{from the beginning} that no particular catechism
be taught on the ground that the School is open
not only for Orthodox but also Catholic and
Protestant children and that it is entirely
approved by Protestant Christians, and begged
therefore that in other place be appointed,
either the Public Boys School or the Gymnasium
or the Greek Church where the catechism be taught
and then I would care that also the children
of my School regularly be sent there. I sent
myself to Athens, sent a copy of the statement
to the Government and another copy - which you
yourself translated - to Sir Edmund Lyons, Myon
this I was told, by Mr Price I believe, to return
quickly to Syria. No other reply I have since re-
ceived nor any other attempt has been made to
trouble me in this respect.

have received the Ancient Greek Testament
or Pliny and shall endeavor to sell them
there is little hope, nor have you appointed
price. Respecting the Griesbach edition
I write, according to your recommendation
Bible Society, I shall forward the letter to you by
an opportunity. I have prepared a Passage

Containing an
Important Statement
about the Catechism
in his Schools. -



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Charles J. H. Hill



Athens

10 copies of them for you, which I will also
with an early opportunity. I am sorry that
I intend to resign the Agency of the B. S. and cannot
understand the reason. We are very sorry
Miss Baldwin is so unwell, but hope that
we soon hear of her recovery. Please write us
about her again our united regards to her
Mr. H. and Mrs. Mapan. The
Misses and Minnie wish to be kindly remembered
Your affectionate
C. J. Hill