

Newark N.J. June 27

Dear Bro. Belden

Your letter was forwarded to me here - where my good wife has relatives she came to visit about the time of the Gen^d Assembly's sessions in New York. Going out with her the last week in May to "spend the Sabbath" with a friend at a farm 3 miles from Madison, - we were detained there three weeks by Mrs. H's serious illness (pneumonia) from which she did not recover sufficiently to be removed to her sister's here, till this week. Though still quite feeble she is now, I am thankful to say, slowly regaining strength.

This illness of hers - has changed all her plans for the summer - embraced in which was attendance

* as Boon-Itt will after a Seminary Course return to Siam as a Missionary to his countrymen.

upon the meetings of the I. M. U. at Binghampton - To give up meetings she prizes so highly - will prove a great disappointment but she could not bear the journey or the excitement and fatigue of them.

I do expect however myself to be there - if of course Mrs. D. shall be well enough to have me leave her as I trust will be the case.

Indeed I must leave her next week for a few days - to be present at the Commencement at Williams College where our Siamer protegee, Boon Itt graduates, the 26th inst. Having an appointment, - one of the orations, I mean, the other one, whom we brought home with us, Kawn - returned last winter & has been well received at Bangkok.

We were very happy to hear from you and of your latest gift from the "Lord of Life" - May he be spared - to

I have thought of bringing him with me - to be protected by the I. M. U. meetings.

rise up and call you "a dear mother" "blessed". To her, my wife desires to be most lovingly remembered, as do I, with assurance of much esteem.

Will be happy to throw all the light on your Collection of Siamer "Curio"; that my residence in Siam and a Month's visit to the Laos Country will allow me to do, - I have not sent on my name to any local Committee or even to any of you Officers of the I. M. U., it will hardly be necessary I suppose Rev. Mr. H. V. Noyes is expecting to be at the meetings - taking Binghampton on the way as he returns to his field at Canton.

Promising myself the pleasure of soon seeing you in propria persona I remain

Most fraternally yours
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