

Please to tell Bessie
to send me some stamps of
different countries.

Venice. St. Lazaro. 10th Jan. 1883

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I was very glad to receive a letter from you and to know about your safe arrival at home. One of my best remembrances is your kind visit to us, and I always think of you and of your family with much pleasure. One of my wishes is to visit America and see many of my friends, who kindly remember me; but in the condition I am, this wish is one of the impossibilities; and therefore my friends shall always find me at St. Lazaro, where my duty obliges my superiors to keep me as they keep Mrs. Eastman's cat, unless I die.

Many many thanks for Swedenborg,

two books, "Divine Love, & Heaven & Hell". I read a little of both, but couldn't understand well the ideas of the authors.

I suppose one mustn't take material-ly what the author asserts, but give his assertion a mystic explanation.

They are insufficient to give an idea of the doctrines upon which a church is founded, and I think they must be taken as books written by a pious man. I should like to know something about your doctrines, sacraments, and ceremonies.

In regard of the view I sent you, I am sorry it is rather spoilt; my friend in London, to whom I had ad-

dressed it, that he should forward it to you safely, told me that he wanted to unroll it, but he saw the paper was stuck on it. Of course it must be damaged, and I wish I could have it to restore it again. I don't think it is worth to keep it so. — You ask me a copy of the Armenian-English primers; I am sorry I don't understand what ~~it~~ is a primer. Do you mean the Armenian Liturgy? But, as I remember, you took several copies. Please to make me understand, and I will send you immediately.

Of Mr. Bunney I knew nothing but his death. He had written to me, two days before his death, to go and see his large paint-

ing of St. Mark's, and I went; but his wife came to tell me that he was a little unwell, and was sorry that he couldn't take me himself to see the picture. Therefore his wife took me down stairs, and I admired his work of two years' labours. Two days after I read his death in the newspaper. Every body in Venice who knew him, was very sorry, because he was much liked and admired. Afterwards I was told that his daughter who was in England, came to Venice. I know nothing more, because I am not acquainted with his wife. They say that he left no fortune to his poor family, which is very sad. He was a very good artist, and left several good paintings. Our winter is very mild this year; however I suffer, and cannot do without a fire. Last year I was in India just now. We have no snow, but in general the weather isn't fine. In February I am going to Padua for a month, where they have to make an operation upon my left eye, which does not see at all. — Please to present my kind regards to Madame, and my love to the children. And to remember me to Mr. Moor and to my dear little Bessie. Believe me ever

A very happy 83

yours sincerely
C. J. & Meuviuscup

I wanted to ask you a pleasure, to send me an abécédaire, what is in use in America for new learning children. And looking in the Dictionary, I see it is called in English a primer. But we haven't any such book in English and Armenian, unless you understand the grammar I published two years ago. If it is so, I will gladly send you a copy. And you will oblige me if you be kind to send me a primer for Armenian scholars, in which the pronounciation too should be explained, if possible, or at least a good primer, to be able to make a good one for Armenians who learn English.



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