

6. Epistolar

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Reverendissime Domine,

(24)

Quoties cogito, (cogito autem
quam sapissime;) quam sanctis,
si Deum ^{curam} spectem, quamque honorifi-
cis et amoris plenis, si me ~~homo-~~
^{ipsum} ~~rentem~~ respiciam, bis terque me
compellaueris litteris, toties me
summo opere pudet, Tuis cum desi-
deriis, tum adhortationibus in Missi-
onis Indica negotio me tanto tem-
poris intervallo non fecisse satis.
Sed ita me Dominus subinde in
vito meo curriculo edocuit, sine
ipso me nihil posse. Otiosum
foret, Tibi multiplices meos, sed
irritos, ea in re conatus et nixus,
curas hinc animo ^{meo} / natas, diurnas
nocturnasque, ac difficultates, num-
eras missioni avorum operatorum
^{in Indiam} ~~obicitas~~ ^{missionis} enarrare. Persuasissimam
enim tibi est, eam esse aquanimit-
atem Tuam, ^{christiterque} ut sine ulla Tua
indignatione his ambagibus super-
federe possim. Tandem per Dei
gratiam, ^{ut arbitror,} salva res est, evenitque
mihi suo modo illud, quod Christus
ait Joh. 16, 21: Mulier postquam peperit
puerulum, iam non meminit afflictionis
propter gaudium, quod homo sit
natus in mundum. Etenim sic meus
quoque dolor tandem evasit in gau-

Hec pichas et dextritas
iuvenes

(educator quidem

dium, postquam Dlus mihi tres pro-
batissimos ~~notos~~ ^{tuos} dedit, Marti-
num Prossum, Christianum Fredericum
Pressierum, et Christophorum
Theodosium Waltherum, in Aca-
demia nostra Otalensi ^{quidem} educatos,
sed ^{ante} Haffina ad opus Domini in
India orientali prosequendum
mense octobri anni superioris
1724 pleniter ordinatos.

Quoniam iam, Reveren-
dissime Archiepiscopo, hosce
tres modo nominatos ^{manus tuas} novos
Missionarios ^{denique} omnique
ut fas est, reverentia ^{manus tuas}
osculari cupientes, eadem benigni-
tate, qua eorum antecessores
paucos abhinc annis, per excep-
tus, ~~in~~ ^{per} illa epistola Tua
novissime d. 22. Mensis Iul.

(hand dubitare
me finant verbe
ille.

a. pr. ad me data ~~et dubitare~~
~~hand finit~~: "Tu tempus ne
perdas (: vere antea affrengi
~~autem~~ ^{ut} illa mea culpa, saltem
quantum sciam, ~~ut~~ ^{et} perditum
non esse momentum :) in eligenda
dis mittendisque in Angliam
viris ad hoc munus exequenda
du pareat: nostrum erit pro-
videre ut in illas oras, quae
par est, cura advehantur."

Verbis exprimere nequeo, quan-
topere me illa Tua consoletur
summa humanitas, immo felix
ille Tuus exquisitissimus et proprius
diuturnus, quo tanquam dignissimum
Præses Illustrissimæ Societatis de
propaganda cognitione Christi,
non Angliæ solum, sed orbi uni-
verso præluces, omnibusque
potentis exemplum præbeo singu-
lare atque eximium, quod, qui

/pro modato suo

/instinctu sancti spi-
ritus ple

imitari/ hudeant, nunquam deerunt
utri cordati de ecclesiæ salute
soliciti. [Vile est, quicquid re-
pensare Tibi pro tanto beneficio
homines possunt, ipse autem
Dominus, dum sub cælo agit,
clupens Tibi, et in cælis am-
plissima merces ^{Tua} erit. ~~merito~~

Ego vero ~~quidquam~~ ^{ut me} ~~obsecro~~ ^{obsecro} ~~Te~~ ^{Te} obsecro
Vr Eminentiſſime, tanquam homi-
nem, accensum quidem cupiditate
res ecclesiæ ^{aliquo modo} ~~saluandi~~ ^{venit} sed ubi res
tempus id postulat, nec sibi nec
aliis ullo pacto satisficientem
~~propterea~~ ^{non} ~~toleres~~ ^{toleres} ~~bonum~~ ^{bonum}
~~aut impare~~ ^{sed} porro clementer
foras, et imbecillitatem meam moliri-
mina Tua sapientia, modera-
tione, commiseratione, ^{aliqua} ~~coratione~~
^{etiam} ~~etiam~~ ^{Tua} ~~sed~~ ^{sed} ~~ducia~~ ^{ducia} plena sustineas.

Biblia Bohemica apud nos im-
pressa, de quibus ^{aliam} ~~prelo~~ ^{subiiciam}
me Tibi scribere memini, benevole
quæro una cum litteris hæc acci-
pias. Id nunc apud nos agitur ut
Polonica pari ratione edantur, quom-
odi V. D. prodierit, exemplum re-
pariter quam humilissime Tibi offerat
animo meditamus ~~non minus~~

Dominus, Te hoc anno
et pluribus sequentibus
ita valere subeat, ita ut ista
natura gratiaque corrumpere-
ret, ita ecclesia servet in-
colamem, ut in Te impleatur
omnes agnoscant illud
Is. 40, 31. Expectantes
Jehovam mutant utres,
aspiciunt pennas velut
apulae, currunt - neque
defatigantur, pergunt,
nec deficiunt; subtra-
hant rationem Te imple-
dum in altera vita. Vale
Reverendissime Pastor
ac Domine

tuus Eminentissimus subdistingui-
tus

Stat. d. 13.

Jan. 1725.

A. Fränke.

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