

Dr Sir

I had the pleasure of a Letter from you several Months ago, inclosing Proposals for Mr Taylors Heb. Dictionary, which I would have answered sooner if a proper Conveyance had offered: I ordered a Subscription for Mr Taylors Book immediately after I received yours. It gave me great pleasure to see the Specimen of the Improvements which the Worthy Author is making on his first Proposals. All the Hebrew Dictionaries I have yet seen are very Deficient in giving any Rationale of the Hebrew Words, signifying things so widely different from one another: The Specimen you sent me of Mr Taylors Work was very satisfactory as to that point, so much wished for by all who Study that Language: Mr Taylors deserves the Thanks & Encouragement of the Publick, for his Labours in Sacred Literature: I made several trials to assist him with more Subscribers, but was not successful: The Study of the Hebrew has been too much neglected by the Ministers in this Country for many years, & any few of them who retain any taste for the Language, are not able to buy such high priced Books as Mr Taylors Work. Some few in better Circumstances have purchased Calapsums, lately published;

There is nothing of Importance in the Literary Way going on this Country. Mr Hutchisons Posthumous Work is now in the Press, & will be published this Season. I remember you told me in your Letter that Mr Gardner a Student here had got ten pounds from some Publick Fund, for carrying on his Studies. He came to me the other day telling me he had never heard any more of it. I suppose it must be owing to his not appointing some proper Person at London to receive the money for him, that it has not been sent to him: Your Friend Mr Laurence Hall has been in a bad state of Health, of late, but is now pretty well recovered - It will always give me great pleasure to hear of your Wellfare. I am Sir

with real esteem & sincere affections

Your most Humble Serv

Will: Leechman

Glasgow December 29th 1753

P.S. This comes by one of our Collegues here who goes to London about College Business, I believe he is not your acquaintance, Mr Rinal Professor of Church History.

Excuse me Benjamin.
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praefes, seu Sactor Collegii, Glasgouae, in Scotlandia.

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