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My Dear Sister Agnes

Your first letter
to me since I came back to Africa
dated 26 July /59 was waiting my
arrival here a few days ago. We
had been up the River to the Makololo
country - and tramped 600 miles
in three months. Then some 800 more
in canoes & on foot on our return
We were very glad to see our old
friends again but I was saddened
considerably by finding a party
of London missionaries had
perished as we suppose of Fever
at Linyanti. My regret was the
greater on remembering that we
were curing [^][at the time they were dying] very severe cases of the
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same complaint on our way up
and scarcely a day was lost after the
operation of the remedy. the patients
D^r Kirk & Charles resuming their
march on foot even at the very longest
2 days after the medicine operated. And
I found the proper medicines in my
waggon about 500 yards from the
spot where the missionaries perished.
the mode of using them too is mentioned
near the end of "Missionary Travels"
Our Tom was the first I ever tried
the powder on, at Lake Ngami in 1850
Agnes got it too and so did a party of
Englishmen one of whom died before
we arrived. The people had taken
kindly to M^r Helmore who was really
a good man & most devoted missionary
I grieve much over his departure
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but the Head of the church doeth all
things well. the chief was afflicted

with what is considered Leprosy,
and several of his most influential
headmen suffered death for bewitching
him. We were curing him when
obliged to leave, but time is requisite
for complete cure. I question if it
is real leprosy. the people are
the most interesting I know, and
I was sorely blamed for not bringing
M^{rs} L. as all believe that the
presence of one of M^r Moffat's family
would secure them from attack
by Mosilikatze. I hope that they
will not be left untaught though
this check has been given.
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We have not yet got our goods up the
country, as soon as we do, all the
Makololo will remove to the healthy highlands
We are to have a new ship. Verily
the one we got was a swindle, and
some folks are not pleased because
I say so. It entailed on me most un-
merciful toil - but "He that tholes
will overcome". Am glad to hear
good accounts of the children. Please
present my hearty thanks to my
friend D^r Loudon for his continued
kindness. Charles is pretty well
has had fever several times. I have
escaped any severe attack, but have
had little illnesses - Sorry to hear
that your health is so poor. My
love to Grandma & Janet - I
have written to Mother on every occas
ion of sending a mail - the letters
of the children are pretty fair -

I am &c Affect^y David Livingstone

I hear very good accounts of Sechele. He has a
Hanoverian missionary. Nine tribes are with him - schools
very large