

Letter to Thomas S. Livingstone, 28 November 1860

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My Dear Tom visited the Makololo lately I saw Secpone and Marike women formerly the wives of Sebituane used to feed you with honey & milk brought back to my recollection the time you were with us at Linyanti and other things by what is called the of ideas. You will notice ideas spring up in the mind you do not want there - one has no to prevent that but we have to change the current of our thoughts something else, and we are commanded think of whatsoever is pure & good

& lovely &c. Watch your heart and remember the Lord sees it.

In the last six months we have travelled 1400 miles partly on foot & partly canoes. We found Sekeletu labouring a skin disease which is believed be leprosy and as it was believed to be the effect of witchcraft

[0002] very influential men were put to death the crime. We tried to cure it and were when obliged to leave. Of course told him we didnt believe a word the witchcraft but unfortunately the put to death were the sons of chiefs who tried to kill Sebituane it was believed that the children to secure the chieftainship by same means their fathers failed in. Makololo are perishing - the fever affects as well as Europeans and all very anxious that we should come live with them - for then they could to the Highlands. We went up a part of them near Tabacheu & hoar frost and a little ice in a . Down in the valley of the Zambesi was roasting - the ground 137° Fah^t the thermometer in the hand & shaded 102°. We used to sleep at the brink of the because there it was cooler - the was 84° or 86° We are now on way down to the sea to meet a ship Lord bless you[...] [David Livingstone]