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DR. LIVINGSTONE'S LETTER:

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Letter No. 2, is written to Lord Clarendon, and is dated Ujiji, Nov. 1, 1871. It is brief, and, in part, consists of expressions of gratitude from the writer to the British Government, and to personal friends for the interest they had manifested in organizing, and dispatching from England, the expedition in search of him. The remainder of the letter is chiefly devoted to a description of the character of the East African Moslems, who, from the Doctor's account, are hard cases, being notorious for their cowardice, treachery, untruthfulness, and the low grade of their morality. "The man Musa, who reported, at Zanzibar, the account of Livingstone's death, was one of this class. They are of mixed blood—Arabian and Negro, and are said to possess the vices of both races, but the virtues of neither. The Dr. says that when he turned his face west they all deserted him, their only complaint being "the Mazitu," although they were twenty days distant from the Mazitu, and had been assured by him that he would not go near them. He ascribes all his troubles to these low-class Moslems of Zanzibar, very few of whom, even of the better class, can be trusted. The Sultan of Zanzibar himself will not trust them to attend to his pecuniary matters, preferring natives from India, and when the natives are asked why this is the case, they acknowledge that if he trusted them, instead of getting money he would only have a crop of lies. Owing to their very low status the Mahommedans have never attempted to spread their faith among the Zanzibarians; and the conclusion reached, says the Doctor, by an inquiry among all classes of natives is, that the efforts of other religionists have only resulted in the propagation of the "domestic bug and syphilis;" any one familiar with the "secondary symptoms" can see abundant evidence thereof in the bleared eyes and skin diseases common among the people, compared with whom "the English lower classes are gentlemen."

Letter No. 3, is the same date, same place, and written to the same gentleman as the preceding. In this the writer says he has ascertained that the watershed of the Nile is a broad upland, between ten and twelve degrees south latitude, from 4,000 to 5,000 feet above the level of the sea, and 700 miles long from west to east. Upon it, at several points, stand mountains between 6,000 and 7,000 feet high. The springs rising on this watershed are so numerous that it would take a man most of his lifetime to count them, and they are the primary sources of the great rivers that flow to the north in the great Nile valley. In passing over sixty miles the Doctor waded, calf to waist deep, through thirty-two of these springs, each one requiring from twenty minutes to an hour and a quarter to cross the streams and the spongy soil bordering them. The prevailing winds on the watershed are from the south-east. The remainder of this letter is devoted chiefly to matters pertaining to the Nile watershed, and the mistakes made by other explorers in relation thereto, the substance of which has already appeared in the telegrams.

Towards the close of the letter, the Doctor expresses his unqualified belief that the Manyema are certainly cannibals; but they eat only enemies killed in battle, to which they seem instigated by revenge, and they do not like a stranger to see them at these disgusting orgies. The Doctor says that some intelligent men told him the meat was not nice, and that it made those who ate of it dream of the dead. Women never participate in these feasts. Markets are held among these people, which are largely attended by women dressed in their best. They are light colored, have straight noses, well shaped heads, perfect forms, and small hands and feet, and one of their chief enjoyments seems to be to laugh, haggle with and cheat each other.

A tribe called the Babuss, or Bakoons, near Lomani, cultivate coffee, and drink it, highly scented with vanilla. The men are fine, tall, strapping fellows, devoid of the prognathous jaws, barndoor mouths, and lark heels of the negroes of the west coast. They are clever iron and copper smiths, and expert in making ornaments from these metals. Their great defect is their utter ignorance of everything beyond their own surroundings. They were terrified at the firing of guns, and offered ivory for the "charm" by which lightning was drawn down. These are no great chiefs among the Manyema, yet all are independent. The people everywhere are industrious, cultivate the soil largely, and are very honest. This is the only country in Africa visited by the Dr. in which cotton was not grown, spun and woven, the clothing worn by the people is that which, in Madagascar, is called "lambas," or grass cloth, and is made from the leaves of the "muale" palm. The Manyema are very honest. They call the good spirit above "Ngulu," or the Great One, and the spirit of evil, who resides in the deep, "Mulambu." A hot fountain near Bambarre is supposed to belong to this being, the author of death by drowning and other misfortunes.

The fourth letter is to Earl Granville, and is dated Ujiji, Nov. 14, 1871, most of it being a narration of the way in which the unfortunate writer was swindled by the slaves whom he hired to accompany him on his journeyings, showing that he had fallen among a set of heartless thieves, and was unable to help himself.

The traveller relates a massacre which occurred while he was on the banks of the Lualaba, on the 13th of the June preceding. The people of Dugumbe, a chief who was a friend of Livingstone, had built their huts on the right bank of the river, near a market place called Nyaunge. They became disgusted with a slave trader at Ujiji, who, to get canoes cheap, had "mixed blood" with the Bagenya, a people on the left bank of the Lualaba, and they resolved to make an assult on them when the market people were assembled, which they did every fourth day, to the number of two or three thousand at a time. On the 13th of June, while thus congregated, most of them women, the people of Dugumbe, without any warning or giving any intimation of their purpose, commenced firing on them, causing a panic, and before the people of Dugumbe ceased, about five hundred of the market people and those on the left bank of the river were shot and drowned. This was the most horrible massacre that the Doctor ever saw in Africa, and sickened and disgusted with the sight he started back for Ujiji, passing again through Bambarre on his way thither.

When halfway to the latter place he relates another circumstance illustrative of native life and manners in the interior of Africa. At the point above indicated was a village where, the Doctor says, he saw young men compelled to carry ivory for a trader. When they reached this village they laid down the ivory, saying, "we have helped you so far without pay, let the men of other villages do so much." "No, no," said the trader, "take up the ivory." They did so, carried it for a short distance, and then threw it into the dense vegetation on each side of the path. When the trader reached his next stage he sent back men to demand the ivory, and when the elders denied that they were fired upon, and five of them killed, and eleven women and children, and twenty-five goats captured. The men of the village then talked the matter over, and the young men finally showed where they had thrown the ivory; but when it was found the trader said three tusks were missing, and because of that he carried away his captives—the women, children and goats. The Manyema men, enraged at this, waylaid the party while passing through a dense forest, tried to set it on fire, and to spear some of their enemies, and in the melee, one or two were killed, the Doctor, among others, having a very narrow escape.

Letter No. 5, to Dr. Kirk, is brief and, like the former part of the preceding one, is a recital of the way in which the unfortunate traveller was victimized and swindled by his attendants.

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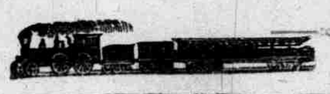

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