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My dear Odels - Brother + friend - You must not think for a moment that, because I have not written, you were forgotten. We have thought of and spoken of you so very, very often that your ears must have burned - You see we kept looking for you - You did not write. We are so thankful that you are out on the Lord's side. Only God is good to answer to such as have a clean heart. We thank Him for answers to prayer. We are still in London and may possibly remain here another month. You see the short dry season comes in either December or January, a very hard matter to find out positively. If it occurs in January it would be better and less expensive for us to wait here than at Matadi - So rather than go in November we ought to wait till December - But we mean while before we were positive as to when the dry season would occur we purchased our tickets and then engaged our passages to Matadi - Just now we are trying to get them transferred to the Dec sailing, with not little success however. It looks now as if we would have to pay November 6th - or be half of each passage money. We say we cannot afford - The whole matter has been taken out of our hands, however, and surely we trust God - We are so glad, so thankful that we have this trust in God, were it not for that we would know what we would do. But we must wait.

We are so pleased with the tenor and Christian spirit of your ² last letter. Although you are kept from going with us still you see God's hand in it all that is right I would rather do nothing at all - be nothing at all. Than to do any thing or be any thing contrary to God's will and I know now that you feel the same way - The highest work we can do is God's work. So it is His will, not our will that we want done - We ought to trust God that we could see an answer to prayer just as quickly when He says No as when He says Yes - We feel from your letter that you are on the right track and pray God that you may see more and more of Jesus and less and less of self. God's Spirit is never with man unless man is in accord with God's will - We want, and must say with Moses - (Exodus - 23:21-22) If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. The greatest enemy we have is self - We forget God. We depend on self - we fail - O that we might lose self in Jesus - We are absolutely nothing - We belong to Jesus and we should never think of having other will than His will - Yes dear brother we want your prayers - We need them - We want the prayers of home folks - God will not leave us while you are praying for us - We thank you for the help your letter gave us. Truly you are right - "Nothing can harm us nothing can befal us except it be for the good of the soul." You may believe this. Not a sparrow shall fall without our notice and we are of more value than many sparrows - We have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. N. Guinness lecture in Africa - and in India