

Stanley Pool - Leopoldville
 Congo Independent State
 Africa - April - 26th 1893 -

Dear Fan - & Nellie -

I do not know when we shall have opportunity to write you again as on Monday, ^{with} God willing, we mean to start on the last journey to reach our field - We have waited here two months and have had a very pleasant time for all that sickness has come to us and trials innumerable have been ours, Matie has but just recovered from a severe attack of fever - she turned inside of two months - She wrote you and Nellie each a long letter and mailed it the first of this month - and having accomplished that she took the fever again - The doctor here says it is Continued fever - My knowledge consists of knowing only 3 fevers that can be called Continued fevers - viz Typhus, Enteric, and Relapsing - I know this is not either of the first two so must put it down to Relapsing - Certainly "it do relapse" I am in hopes now that Matie will stay clear of fevers - I think she is acclimated now - they say it is a good thing to have the fevers when you first come out. I presume my turn will come next - So far I have fared well - I am suffering with "Prickly heat" just now but one can stand that better than fever - I have been helping Dr Sims with his Medical duties - once or twice when he was away I took the charge of the Pharmacy or dispensary rather - and since the first of this month I have vaccinated 480 natives how is that? Today I vaccinated 107 -

The babies cry and all the natives talk at once and they crowd around you so that you can hardly breathe - The Dr charges them 5 rods - About ($7\frac{1}{2}$ cents) each so you see he makes a little money in this way but it is the only medical work he charges for - he told me to keep the rods - the first day but I told him to give them to the Church - So I have been enabled to help in this way - We vaccinate in three places on the arm and generally all three places take. When the natives come to be vaccinated they bring with them a man or woman whose arm is in good condition and the arm is treated to a thorough washing and the scabs taken off and then the vaccine begins to run - I only used 3 men to day to vaccinate 107. The doctor has been away all week attending a young white man who is dying with Haematuric fever - There seems to be no help for him. His kidneys have failed to act and Repticusus has set in. There are no premonitory symptoms by which one can tell when Haematuric fever is coming. Any fever may turn into Haematuric fever with out one moment's notice and on the other hand one may never get it. The treatment is a heavy purge to begin with - generally Calomel & Jalape, followed by hypodermic injections of Hydrobromate of Quinine. Dr. Sims has had 13 attacks of the haematuric fever and still lives - I mean to follow his treatment and am going to have Matie make me a little satchel to hold just what I want for that peculiar fever.

You have indeed, great cause to be thankful dear
 Sister that God did spare to you your children -
 I was just thinking how odd it will seem to you
 to be reading this You will not get it much before
 the middle of June. You wrote in your letter that
 the doctor said it would be Summer before Dr Witt
 regained what he lost - I pray God that when you
 read this Dr Witt will have proved that the doctor
 knew aright. Tell Dr Witt that Monkeys and
 Elephants and Hippopotami and Lions and
 Leopards live near and at where we are going
 but I don't think the Gorilla does - I am not sure -
 I have seen the Hippopotamus - we see them ^{one}
 in a while right out in the river here - Today
 Matic & I saw where they had waded through
 the grass leaving a track, looking much as if
 one had dragged a big tree through. The grass
 around here is from ten to fifteen feet high
 think of that. Where it starts at the ground it
 is a large as your thumb - Tell Dr Witt
 (and the rest) not to forget us and when we come
 back we will bring them lots of Curiosities to
 look at. Bows & Arrows, spears, knives, cloth and
 battle axes &c &c - By the way did Nellie get her
 sample of cloth sent by Mr Sheppard? - It is
 truly wonderful what nice things the natives
 make - where we are going. Yes we hope that
 the rail road around the falls will be finished
 by the time we are ready to return.