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My Dear Mother

It is rather difficult

to write to you for never a word

have I recieved in answer to

my other letters - but here goes

and it will shew you at least

that you are not forgotten.

We are working hard at what

some can see at a glance

the importance of, while to

others we appear as following

after the glory of discovering

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Lakes, mountains, Jenny nettles

and puddock stools. In reference

to the latter I always remember a

story told me by the late D^r Phillip

with great glee - When a young

minister in Aberdeen he visited

an old woman in affliction

and began to talk very fine

to her on the duty of resignation

trusting hoping and all the

rest of it when the old woman

looked up into his face and

said "peer thing, ye ken naething

about it." this is what I say to

those who set themselves up to

judge another man's servant

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We hope our Good Master

may permit us to do some

good to our fellow men; And

that his great name may

be glorified in our lives &

by our deaths . Charles is
with me - suffers sometimes
from fever but thank
God I have escaped as
yet and I believe we have
found out the cure for that
complaint which has long been
the bane of Africa - We have
opened a large region and are
hoping that the church missionary
society will soon occupy it.

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We are hoping too that our work
will cut up a very large section
of the slave trade but our reasons
for so trusting are too long to
tell. May the Almighty bless
and keep you and grant you
all the blessings you need. My
love to Tom and all the rest.
I am unable to write to him at
present but hope he is getting on
with his learning and that he
will be fitted thereby for our
saviour's service in some way
which he may appoint
Ever Affectionately Yours
David Livingstone