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Leopoldville

Congo Belge.

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Dear Dr. Hiddlebreg -

It was very good of you to send me a book for my journey - and I certainly appreciate you thoughts you.  
As perhaps you know - my steamer packages were not put on board the Kronland through somebody's stupid mistake - but they were sent on another boat & I got the box here. Books are more than acceptable in the post of the word - We get mail only once a month - & the local paper contains nothing but advertisements.

I have had a very strenuous & exhausting journey  
which I'll tell you about on my return - but at least I  
am here & actually at work. At times, I think

that Leopoldville <sup>must</sup> ~~be~~ be on another planet. The

laboratory building is in the process of construction - but

the ground floor of 3 room is practically finished. There is no electricity at present - but the permanent equipment is fairly good. The director has charge of the negro hospital in which there are about 70 advanced cases of sleeping sickness undergoing the routine Atrope & Emetique treatment - 0.5 g Atrope on Monday - 0.1 g Emetique on Thursday. I was given 3 relapses to begin on - a most unfortunate type of case - but the next day, an early untreated patient arrived. 2.0 grams of A63 cleared the cervical lymph glands of trypanosomes within 21 hours - & I am now waiting to see when a relapse takes place. I hope to get ~~some~~<sup>more</sup> similar cases

from the nearest epidemic center - about 500 miles away! With best wishes - & renewed thanks for the book.

I am - Sincerely yours,  
Louise Pearce