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Leicester
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My dear Chief.

I had a great pleasure & surprise yesterday at the Mission House when I went to meet the Board. The first persons I met in the waiting room were Mr. & Miss Whiting. We were so pleased to see each other. Mr. Whiting was not looking very well. He has recently undergone an operation as probably you may know & yesterday was the first time he had really been out. We spoke of you & he asked me how you were when I left. The Board also were interested to hear about Seavue and that the Hospital had been opened at long last!

I thought about you when I was in the Underground Railway. A fortnight ago when I went to

London I got hopelessly lost & could not find my way to the right train for quite a long time. I think the trapper gets worse every time I go.

I am so sorry to hear that the rains have failed in your country & that the crops are already spoiled. What will the poor cattle do through all the long dry months. I can't bear to see them dying with thirst by the wayside.

Last evening Miss Allison came to St Pancras station to see me. We had half an hour together before my train left. She was asking me about you all. While we stood against my train they brought some most beautiful horses on to the platform to put into the train standing

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opposite. The horses didn't at all like the crowds of people or the noise. Those inside the train were crying out loudly to those on the platform. When one beauty walked up Miss. Allison said "That one is just like the Chief's". She sends her greetings to you all.

At Easter I went to a place called Buxton to a Conference of Girls' Life Brigade officers and on the Sunday evening I gave an address & told them all about our girls in Sesame. They were most interested & when I was stopping having spoken for more than an hour they said Oh go on & tell us some more. They are ready to help me too in many ways when I return.

The Mission House Doctor exam-

4/ met me again yesterday & says I
am much better & can now begin
Deputation work. That is going
about the country speaking at
the Churches & telling them about
our work. So my peaceful
days are over!

and Manoko. Shape your mother & Bonyenile
& all your people are well. Will
you please give them all my
greetings. How are you? are
you feeling better than when
you wrote last. I do hope so.

This is a much longer letter
than you deserve but it but
as your favourite prophet
Zedekaiah says in his 4th
Chapter. "He that deserveth
nothing often gets the most".
So there you are.

With greetings
Yours very sincerely
J H Gilbert