

"I find it, then, most convenient to imagine you able to tell my friends much that I would like to say to them. First of all, I am in perfect health, and feel like a labourer of a Saturday evening returning home with his week's work done, his week's wages in his pocket, and glad that to-morrow is the Sabbath.

"Just about three years ago, while lecturing in New England, the message came from under the sea bidding me hasten and take the commission to relieve Emin Pasha at Wadelai; but as people generally do with faithful pack-horses, numbers of little trifles, odds and ends, are piled on over and above the proper burden. Twenty various little commissions were added to the principal one, each requiring due care and thought. Well, looking back over what has been accomplished, I see no reason for any heart's discontent. We can say we shirked no task, and that good will, aided by steady effort, enabled us to complete every little job as well as the circumstances permitted.

"Over and above the happy ending of the appointed duties, we have not been unfortunate in geographical discoveries. The Aruwimi is now known from its source to its bourne. The great Congo forest, covering as large an area as France and the Iberian peninsula, we can now certify to be an absolute fact. The Mountains of the Moon, this time beyond the least doubt, have been located; and Ruwenzori, the Cloud King, robed in eternal snow, has been seen, and its flanks explored and some of its shoulders ascended, the Gordon Bennett and Mackinnon cones being but giant sentries warding off approach to the inner area of the Cloud King. On the south-east of the range the connection between the Albert Edward Nyanza and the Albert Nyanza has been discovered, and the extent of the former lake is now known for the first time. Range after range of