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Brazzaville, Jan 1, 1933.

Dear Margaret,

This is the only paper I have with me, as my main supply is across the Congo in Leopoldville. So excuse the misleading formality.

Happy New Year! And many more of them! Most of the town seems to have celebrated and danced until early morning. The Governor General's reception and dance, which I attended, closed respectably at midnight.

This is a town of contrasts. A dinner or luncheon as guest of the Governor or one of the other officials is most elaborate and excellent, but a meal at the hotel makes one almost sick. To room at the hotel is impossible, and the Governor has given me a rest-house with one servant. About half the time I am invited out, probably ^{partly} in account of the knowledge of the conditions at the little hotel, and the other half ^{of the time} I eat at the hotel. I have luncheon and dinner engagements to-morrow and next day, and then, ^(on Tue 3d day) I go back to the A.B.C. Hotel (sounds simple, doesn't it?) in Leopoldville, "Leo" for short.

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I am arranging for an invitation to Dr. Kumbles
to survey French Equatorial Africa and sketching
out a plan. It is hard to do so without
any chance to talk things over with him, as
I have long been without information.

The water in this town is not only for an
hour or so, morning and evening, very pleasant!
And the great Congo River with its limitless
volume flows swiftly by.

The day I arrived the Governor General and
Madame Alfassa called for me in their touring car
and took me for a ride down the Congo
River along the upper part of the Rapids. The
road is high above the river and the
view of the opposite shore is pleasing.

A Mr. Ross, American, came to see me
in Leopoldville, and invited me to dinner for next
Thursday. It will be good to hear American
spoken. He is Secretary of the Protestant Missions
organization of the Congo. He seems very pleasant.

I shall be glad to be on the water
again on January 8th. It is tiring to be
incessantly struggling with French, even when the
victims are most helpful.

Dr. Kitchen sent a word of New Year's Greetings!
With much, much love,

Wilbur.