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My Dear Sir George,

There is one piece of news
which I am very glad
indeed to be able to
communicate to your
Excellency. The ~~lost~~

Manuscript (Vimundsen's
on the Nama Hottentot
Language) has at last
been found again, and
is now on its way from

H. E. Hamburg to this place.
Sir George Grey K. C. B. This
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This Discovery is a great relief to my mind and also to my mother's, by whose inquiries the hidden treasure has at last been recovered.

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I had also a letter from Professor Hofer at Greifswald (10 August) expressing his best thanks for the very bounteous supply of Cape wine, to taste which, he says, there was plenty of opportunity during the year, in which he officiated as Rector of the University. His guests seem to have
done

done justice to the excellent quality of the wine. And in parting with his precious little Unicum, it makes him glad, he says, to think that it will form part of your Excellency's rare collection.

I keep this letter together with other manuscripts to be forwarded to you, whenever a safe direct opportunity may offer. #

I have, however, not received any additional manuscripts since I wrote last to you. But

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But I had a letter from the Revd. J. Rath, Rhenish Missionary, containing the promise of some of his Damara Manuscripts. He says that it will always give him pleasure, if by any act of his he can shew his sense of gratitude for your Excellency's personal kindness to himself, and for the aid which you have given to their Mission work in general.

I have also received a promise of future contributions from

from the Revd. Mr. Stewart, the Scotch Independent Missionary Pioneer for the Zambezi. He has just gone to Natal in the Waldensian, together with Mrs. Livingstone and Miss Mackenzie, - to wait there for Dr. Livingstone's little ship, which left Glasgow 2nd August. They will probably reach Kongone mouth at the very beginning of the year.

May I draw your attention to a short notice of my father's book in the West

Westminster Review for October, at the head of the article on "Contemporary Literature". I think you will also peruse with interest another article in the same number, on "The Apocalypse", which gives on the whole the true historical view of that book. I find it there stated that even Dr. Arnold allowed the book of Daniel to be written in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes.

My "Comparative Grammar" proceeds slower than I

I wish; - but I have not been very well the last fortnight. We had a great deal of unhealthy Wloof-wind, and, feeling stronger I was perhaps at the beginning not sufficiently cautious. The loneliness, to which this condemns me, makes me feel the more, what a kind friend I had in your Excellency. It is true that the melancholy thoughts engendered by a very natural anxiety regarding my uncertain future

future, and my broken state
of health, are in no way
wholesome, but they can
sometimes not be avoided.

How it will gladden me to
hear even only of your
safe arrival in New Zealand,
and these news we may now
very soon expect to receive.

Believe me,

my dear Sir George,
your Excellency's
most faithfully

W. H. J. Bleek

Enclosed in the "Museum"