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Dear Mr. Thompson

Enclosed is your letter -  
to remind you -

Enclosed also a rough map  
& notes other side of it to in  
some way answer yr. inquiries

I had not forgotten the matter.  
I intended to call. & will  
yet do so if I can but  
have been ill (influenza)

I am going out of town shortly  
I hope these few particulars will  
be some help - Don't please  
trouble to acknowledge this  
Yr. faithfully B.W. Walker





Backwaters of the Nile - The Teso Country  
Glass straight & curved ornaments are from Patillo  
(see map over). All boys have lower lip pieces at age 6 or 7  
I wear a bit of stick in the hole till able to procure an ornament.  
They buy old jam bottles - split them in the fire & pick out the  
most suitable bits of glass to grind into shape. It takes many days  
work to grind on a large wet stone to smooth & taper the glass.  
Longer the better straight or curved - a nick is rubbed at the  
thick end to take a little ring of brass serving to keep the glass from  
slipping out of the lip hole - pushed thro' the hole from the inside.  
These wear as other ornaments all they can get. Beads of many lbs  
weight, armlets & wristlets of iron or coiled wire for men - brass for girls.  
Round waists belts made of iron cylinders strung together - several  
inch belts worn together these are worn by girls same sort as the men wear.  
P. 199 p. 65 of "On the backwaters of the Nile by R. S. L. Kitchen (Fishes & mammals)"  
see also Johnston's "Uganda Protectorate"

The stone lip ornaments were from Masaba on the  
Western slopes of Mt. Elgon. (as stated on card)

I have the sets of beads & iron ornaments - girdles  
& ankle rings - as worn by the natives of the  
Bukedi Country. The 2 photos (sent) on card show  
the ornaments and the wearing of the lip stones at  
Masaba Mt. Elgon.

The red patch on map other side of this shows the region where the  
glass & stone lip ornaments come from. The people  
are quite friendly now - & peaceful now.

B. W. Walker  
C. Dawson Pl. W.





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LONDON. W.

19 March 1913.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the lip studs which you have kindly loaned for the Historical Medical Museum, Mr. Wellcome is very desirous of obtaining some further particulars about them, and would be greatly obliged if you could furnish him with the following details:-

1. Particulars of the tribes by which they are used;
2. Measurements of their crania, height, type, characteristics, industries and anything pertaining to their history;
3. Where these tribes live, and whether they form one large tribe or of the same type;
4. What part of Uganda they inhabit;
5. Whether they are wild or peaceful and friendly;
6. What other ornaments they wear, what forms of bracelets, beads, etc., and of what materials and shape.

I must apologise for troubling you with these queries, but we are desirous of obtaining the information in connection with our archaeological work.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Dr. B. W. Walker.

*The Photos sent show this well but I have some more Photos besides*  
*not known*  
*tall*  
*the lowest class in Uganda*  
*Protectorate I believe*  
*Some at Patiko - & others live*  
*Stones on West slopes of Mt. Elgon -*  
*book "Uganda Protectorate"*  
*He does not mention Patiko*  
*but Hitching 200 in his*  
*on the Backwater*  
*lots there & pictures too.*  
*the Nile*  
*father (Munim)*

*E. S. Thompson*