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& he came with the other teacher both in their best robes. they were accommodated with chairs, as also were the Soudani's sic, the rest of the company squatted on the sand. & had little fires in pots to warm themselves by, we were wrapped up in coats & rugs. & the performers kept themselves warm by banging each other at intervals with lighted palm branches

Our dog has hurt his foot & it feels hard & swollen, so he is being poulticed, he is as good as gold & does not make a bit of fuss when the scalding hot bread goes on, we tie him up in one of my old stockings & he looks so pathetic sitting with his paw held up.

Amice was delighted with her needle work case & cant<sup>sic</sup> believe I made

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it, Little Un also surprised by his snap shot album & very delighted. Amice has given me a native made basket with a lid, red & black & natural colour. very useful for all my sewing things here.

Thanks so much for the calendars. I have plenty now.
Tell Father I think Lady Godiva's innards ought to be very well lubricated now.

Bath just arrived, I must hurry.

Love to you both. also to
Pat. so glad M<sup>rs</sup> T. is so much better
Your affectionate
daughter
Myrtle.