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My dear Pappa

We get into Aden

this evening at 8 o'clock. I

expect to arrive at Bombay

next Sunday. I have too

soon either. The Red Sea

has been worse than was

pleasant and a general

condition of impiness and

border is in order.

at the end of the day

There was some excitement
at Suez. We were going
slow having got out of
the canal and were going
to pick up vegetables from
some sailing boats. There
was a fresh breeze and
one of the boats overtook
the main and ran slap
into us, breaking her mast
and nearly upsetting so
that one of the boatmen was
balanced and fell into the

deep. There was a great
shouting, the ship was stopped,
half a dozen lifeboats were
flung into the water and
eventually the man was
fished up none the worse
except for the loss of his
temper. No other in-
cidents remain to be told
the time being chiefly
spent in trying to sleep.
I have read several

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of Dorothy's books inclu-
ding Illumination which
I consider one of the best
tales of life & character
ever written.

I shall have a day or
two to spare on arriving
but have not settled yet
whether to go straight to
Allah or break journey at
Bombay. Love to all
y^r loving mother
Elizabeth