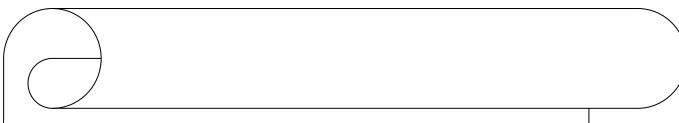
The blue bottle mystery



London, 9 may 1884

Dear friend,

I have just found an old manuscript in a London shop. It was written by a monk $^{(1)}$.

To my surprise, it is about an extraordinary experiment: it suggests it is possible to perform⁽²⁾ (make again) one of the Bible's miracles, turning water into wine, except that here we are dealing with a blue liquid.

But someone seems to have deliberately tried to mask the protocol for ever with black ink.

Find enclosed a copy of the original manuscript that should help you carry out the experiment and find the missing element.

$$3 \text{ KOH} + C_6 \mathcal{H}_{12} \mathcal{O}_6 \rightarrow \dots$$

- Take 5 grams of potassium hydroxide (2)
- Mix the powder with 150 ml of water
- Add a few drops of methylene blue

PS: dear friend, being an amateur chemist, I'm looking forward to perform⁽³⁾ this experiment. Would you please send me the whole⁽⁴⁾ protocol as soon as you decipher⁽⁴⁾ it?

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(1) Monk: moine	(4) whole: complet
(2) potassium hydroxide: potasse	(5) Decípher : découvrir, trouver, déchiffrer
(3) Perform: reproduíre (une expérience)	

