

*From Dr. Massey.*

CISAMBA, June 5, 1900.

MY DEAR MR. HILL, Miss Maggie Melville left a week ago her home in Canada. We were sorry to part from her, but glad that she had been spared strength to return home. Last week in April she was taken ill with black water fever. Within a few days she was reduced almost to a skeleton. It was certainly an anxious time with us, but we were exceedingly fortunate in having a trained nurse. No mission station should be without one if she can possibly be obtained. Her recovery is wholly due to the skill and faithfulness of her sister. Dr. G. H. McKoutt, of New York, of the Phila. African League, is returning to America, and has kindly offered his services on the money. Miss Maggie Melville has regained considerable strength during her two weeks of convalescence. The day before she left, she was weighed and tipped the scale at ninety and a half pounds. Her weight before her illness was hundred and fifteen pounds. She expects to sail June 23rd on the steamer that brings Mrs. Moffatt and Mrs. Currie. Mrs. Moffatt accompanied her to the Coast.—*From The Indian Congregationalist.*

*From Dr. Mary Macallum Scott.*

MANEPPAI, JAFFNA, CEYLON, July 25, 1900.

MY DEAR FRIENDS, — Please accept our very grateful thanks for the help you are sending us for our work again this year. I hope to be able to write to you often and keep you informed of what we are doing. Our hospital—as some of you know—consists of two buildings. One an eight-roomed building with a central cross hall, which we use for our daily morning prayer meeting. The other, a long, low building with a hall all the way down the middle and rooms opening off each side. Both buildings are only one story high, with tiled roofs, cement floors, and whitewashed walls. The hospital was built to accommodate forty patients, but, if necessary we can make room twice that number. It is in our compound, but divided off by a bridge. Each room is furnished with a bed, a table and a cupboard or almyrah in which the patient is supposed to keep her belongings. We do not provide chairs, because the people usually prefer to sit on the floor. I fear you would be rather taken aback at our beds. You think of hospitals with pretty rows of iron beds with clean, white coverlets. Ours are made of boards, three and one-half feet wide, with legs and a head rest. We have no mattresses. Instead we have a country made grass mat, which costs about six cents.