

best I can, seeing it is not very easy to get along without eating even in the mission field.

This morning one of our boys, a cousin of the pastor, Ngulu died quite unexpectedly. This was a great shock to us especially as the sister of Ngulu died here last year. It is all a very great trial for the young man, but by the grace of God he keeps steadfast.

My old friend, the chief, Hunké, heard that Mrs. Currie was not very well, so yesterday he sent a young man 30 miles to the station to enquire about her health and to bring me about three kilos of rubber to help pay for her medicine. He said I was to work harder and get her better. I thanked the chief with all the grace I could, and doubtless the man thinks he did the very wisest thing in the world. I am sure this is a case where it was "better to give than to receive," though it might not have been in the case of a white man.

Mr. Smith and three of the older lads have arranged to go tomorrow to the Ombala of the above chief to put up the frame of a school-house. His young men have cut the timbers, and he plans to erect the building entirely at his own expense in order that we may send teachers and evangelists to instruct the young people and preach to them the truth as it is in Jesus.

When we were building the Clara Wilkes C. Memorial School some good missionaries said they did not know what we were going to do with such a big place. We are now profoundly thankful that it is not smaller, and we are already considering how we can improve the seating arrangements so as to make it hold in comfort more than it now does. At our Sunday-school we have sometimes over two hundred present.

In about a month the members of the mission expect to come here for the annual meeting. On that occasion I will be expected (as President) to preach the second sermon in English I have ever delivered in Africa. The very thought of it recalls to mind the remark of a lady in Hawkesbury concerning our students, "you young men ought to pay us for letting you practise on us." I think, however, it would please my hearers better to pay the members of the mission to let me do without practising on them.

Our ladies are all pure gold, and each in her own way is working hard for Christ and the spread of the gospel among the heathen about us. Give our greeting, please, to the friends at home, and especially those who are helping us by their prayers.

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