

Mrs. Knight, returned missionary from China, spoke very touchingly and instructively of work in that land, its difficulties and encouragements.

Our plans for the new year all point to forward movement. Let us not be satisfied this year to raise less than \$3000; let us not allow one church however small, to drop from the roll of the denomination.

Invitations for our thirteenth meeting of the Board were received from Embro, Winnipeg, and Ottawa, the latter city (D. V.), be where the meetings will be held.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung, and benediction pronounced by the Pastor. The last, lingering good-byes said, and one of the best meetings of the Board was a thing of the past.

(Mrs.) J. MACULLUM, President.

From Rev. W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, March 21, 1898.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—We are not able to find carriers for our goods these days in this part of Bihe; hence we are working the Valuimbi on the other side of the Kukema River to get our goods from the coast. Last week we sent down 35 and in a few days expect to start as many more in charge of the Station boys. The medical work has occupied most of our time during the last month so that even the preaching had largely to be left to our native helpers. Some of the cases we had to treat were very serious indeed, and allowed us little time to rest by night or day. We had to bury a nephew of the Chief of Ciyuka the other day. His death was caused by a really serious accident that has happened at this Station. While trying to ride a half broken the beast took fright and ran into a small house, driving one of the sharp projecting rafters into his breast, and knocking him to the ground in such a way as to cause him internal injuries from which he died. We are all very sorry. The lad was a right manly boy and one of the finest looking blacks I have seen in Africa.

A very much larger number of natives now bring something to help pay for the medicines they get than ever did in the past, and it looks as if we were steadily moving to the line of self-support in the Medical Department. We plan to put up a new dispensing room in the dry season, and turn the building at present in use into a temporary hospital. It will have four light and fairly comfortable rooms. The cost of this will be met from the Hospital Fund, and a charge will be made for the use of the rooms so as to restore the money used, so that the whole Fund