

and call the boys, who killed it. It was about four feet long and as large around as my arm. It had eaten six little chickens, stung the mother and two chickens, killing them. The day before a snake, very much the same, only a little smaller, was killed at one of the boys' chicken houses. It had stung and killed one of his hens.

*From Rev. W. T. Currie.*

CISAMBA, Oct. 15th, 1897.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—We propose to let Dr. Ross arrange for the building and equipment of the Memorial Hospital, as it will be under his care, if sent next spring to this station. We hope to make doors and windows in our carpenter shop during the wet season, so as to be ready to build next dry season after the arrival of the Doctor. We are sure our friends in Canada will all see the wisdom of such a delay and not consider that valuable time is thereby being lost. Our young evangelists have also finished a tour through our large parish. They have visited not only the Bihean villages, but also a number—Valuimbe along the Kukema River, and Ovimbangala villages along the Kuanza River. With scarce an exception, they have been well received. Their reports have been very encouraging, and indicate that the people are beginning to understand the Gospel message. As for the young men they are learning to note the providence of God in caring for His servants. This week two of them went into a district only once visited before. The people received them gladly, and in the evening gave them plenty to eat. In the morning they expressed sorrow at not being able to offer the same, because they had no Ombelela (relish) for the mush. The boys went for a walk in the bush. They were about to return when one suggested that they go a little further. A few yards ahead one of them aimlessly broke a stick by the path and disturbed a wounded hare, which they soon bagged and carried back to their host. They went to some villages and preached, and on their return at mid-day the hare, nicely cooked, was served to them with plenty of mush, and their host was more than pleased to be invited to share with them. "Now," said one of the young men, "What was it made us go a little further when we thought to turn back? What was it made us break that stick and disturb the wounded hare if God did not intend us to take it for food?" As Abraham saw the ram caught by the horns and ready for the sacrifice, so these boys saw the wounded hare ready to make their dinner. The young men are also beginning to mark the unfolding of the great work before them. One day, after wandering about, they came upon an Ovimbangala village with a good number of people. They explained their mission, and asked permission to speak, but the