

As regards the work among the women and girls, there is a promising outlook. At present, the gatherings on Sunday are chiefly of men and boys, but the women have their field work to do and their meal to pound, and we can hardly expect them at once to act upon our advice, that it would be better to do Sunday's work on Saturday or leave it until Monday. Quite a number of them, however, do attend on Sundays, but irregularly. They are friendly towards us, coming freely through the week to sell their corn and other produce, or merely to visit us and see the children. They listen with respect and attention when we speak to them of the truth, but it is hard to say how much they take away with them. However, the words are not our words, and we have God's promise that his word shall accomplish its work. Another thing that keeps the women away just now is a series of beer-drinks in the villages round about. These are chiefly attended by the women and children and the younger men. These gatherings are the fashion at this season, when the corn is fully ripe. The people assemble from far and near wearing their best cloth and ornaments, and spend the time in dancing, singing, drinking beer and conversing. The bad effects of all this are quickly seen, particularly in the women, who, at such times, seem to lose all their modesty and self-respect. This habit of beer drinking is a very great hindrance to the progress of the gospel.

The work here, in its beginnings, is very encouraging, and it is a great pleasure and privilege to share in it. In later letters I shall hope to go more into detail in regard to the work that is being done and the various features of the life.

Sincerely yours, ANNIE READ.

### *Communion Set.*

At the Quebec Provincial Branch Meeting held in Montreal on October 1st, it was proposed and resolved: "That the members of the Auxiliaries be asked to contribute five cents each towards a sum to purchase a Communion Set for the little church at the Canadian station, Cisamba, West Central Africa." Further resolved: "That the Ontario and Manitoba Auxiliaries be asked to contribute and in like manner.

The Rev. Charles E. Swett quotes prices as follows:

Flagon (2 quarts) .....	\$5 70 each.
Plates (10 in.) .....	1 90 "
Goblets .... .	1 67 "
Bowl .....	3 33 "

Any number of pieces desired may be purchased. This is a