

pulse of a moment, for once when Mr. Currie was absent from the village, these boys being left in charge, gathered the younger ones each night for worship, as they had seen him do; and this without being requested to.

He reports the Christmas service as follows:

"About 150 attended. During the course of the day I distributed a quantity of the goods sent by the church of St. John, N. B., and the churches of Montreal and Toronto. The result was that we had a most enjoyable time, and the girls were led to see that they also were considered in the missionary work."

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Miss Minnie Clarke, from Guelph, reached Benguella last summer, and has gone to Bailundu for the present; where she is studying the language, and helping the ladies there; visiting the village people with them, and giving invitations to the Sunday services. She has been blessed with good health and the best of spirits, and gives promise of great usefulness. She says that she has only one wish for herself—that she might be *two* women instead of *one*! African atmosphere seems to have much the same influence on Christian hearts as Canadian air.

The Cowansville church has had the honor of giving the latest missionary. Miss Agnes Carter sailed in May, from Boston, in company with Rev. Mr. Fay and his wife, who have been in America for a few months seeking health, and are now returning to Kamondongo. She will be married to Mr. Lee, who has waited two years for her; they having been engaged before he left. Together they will go on to Chisamba, and be the first white family to live there. How welcome they will be to our brave pioneer, who has waited so long and so patiently for this companionship!

Miss Carter well sustains the high standard of the missionaries who have gone out from our churches, though younger than any others. With her musical gifts, her winsome personality, her amiability and courage, she will have great power over her black parishioners.

It is a noble group we have representing us in that far-away land—five of the children of our churches. Let their spirit stimulate every Christian to equal self-denial, and the work of the Lord will prosper in our hands. I said there are five, for like the little maid of the Conway churchyard, who persisted in saying "We are seven," though two were in heaven—so we still count as one of the number, the one whose influence still is working, while she is transferred from the division of the church that is still militant, to the one triumphant.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee have met twice during the year. Since there has been little new business to attend to, there was no need of more frequent meetings. The action of this society last June caused some friction with our sister society, the Woman's Board. Your com-