

we can employ. So the work of building up our village is not hindered, in as far as native help is concerned, and the place is beginning to assume a settled appearance. . . .

"Our Umbundu hymn-book has just been printed and is now in use. It contains thirty-four hymns, some of which have but lately been translated, the others being our old ones revised. We are glad to have this printed book, as hitherto hardly any two books have been alike, so many errors having been made in copying. The books of Romans and First Corinthians have also just been printed and are bound together. The other books in use in the order translated, are John, Mark, Matthew, Psalms (the first fifty), and the Acts. These, with a primer, and a small book containing the Gospel story, are the only text-books for our schools, and better we could not have; as thus, in their everyday reading, the boys and girls are studying the Scriptures. . . .

"We hear that a lady physician from the United States is under appointment to this mission. It is not yet decided at which station she will be located, and we only wish we could all have her, or that there were two or three others coming; but we shall be very glad of the one. . . . If possible I shall give you an account of the annual meeting in my next letter."

MISS MELVILLE writes:—"We have quite a village at our station, with our houses and those of the boys and girls. Several of the older boys are building for themselves (they expect to take to themselves wives before very long); this will make room for other boys to take their places. We have the girls on our side of the stream; we have seven houses for them, and have fixed up our storehouse and pig house. As for our schools, we have 46 boys and 30 girls attending; they are from six to twenty-five years of age; we have had our six months of school since we came; the boys and girls are learning well, they are so eager to learn, and trying hard; some of them can commit a whole page to memory with very little effort. They sing well, and of course know the hymns without the book; we always have a hymn at school.

"Our Sunday service is well attended, the school-room generally full to overflowing. The girls' Sunday school, led by Miss Johnston, will show an average of 40 for the past six months.

"In the afternoon the boys hold preaching services at the different villages; four of them preach at as many villages; their meetings are well attended; the boys and girls from the village go with them. This is a work we wish and hope to enlarge, so that all the villages north, south, east and west of us may be visited on the Lord's Day by boys from here, who shall preach to the people

the words of life. We have boys in training who will very soon be able, we trust, to meet this need. Each evening the girls meet in our house for prayer; there are usually 28 or 30 of them. We have some singing, after which either Miss Johnston or myself read a portion of Scripture, and one of the girls leads in prayer; we have six girls who take part in prayer, and their prayers are so earnest and simple, they ask believing, they shall receive an answer, and they remember everyone; if anyone is sick or away, they are never forgotten. One of our boys has been away for five months in the interior, and yet he is always remembered. What a help it must be for a boy like that to know that he is so often remembered before the throne of grace? The boys meet for prayers with Mr. Currie.

"On Wednesday afternoon we all meet for prayer just after school, and it is a nice sight to see the boys coming to meeting in the afternoon, when they are so anxious to get on with their building. Miss Johnston joins in much love to all the friends."

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