

courage and sagacity, and was of much real service to the natives in counsel and in arbitration. The result is, that the people have come to hold him in very high esteem, and the mission has been put on a better footing in its relation to the people than ever before.

It has been a lonely year for Mr. Currie ; as also for Mr. Lee in their necessary separation. But it will not be long now, before they will be together again, if Providence enables them to carry out the present expectation.

Of his life at the coast, Mr. Lee writes :

"Our friends at home little realize how much they gain from Christian companionship. I never realized it until lately. Now, after six months of loneliness, so far as sympathetic companionship is concerned, I know the value of a Christian friend. During these six months I have only heard one voice offer prayer to God, and have only looked into two Christian faces. That voice and those faces belonged to native Africans, quite young, who looked to me for instruction and help, but never dream that they can help me. They have been six months in which I have been surrounded by a godless profligate people."

We cannot be too grateful that his health has been so good all along, in spite of the fact that it has been an unhealthy season.

So many petty wars have been prevailing, that it has been impossible to get carriers to take goods inland. But now the war-clouds have blown over, and the accumulations of over a year have been dispatched to their destination, to the great comfort of many missionaries. In fact all of his own outfit-goods have gone on to Chisamba, to await him ; and he does not know what he will do for house-keeping utensils when Miss Carter arrives. He says that he has one plated and one steel fork, and some other single things ; and thinks they will have to eat in Indian file, or pay fabulous sums at the Portuguese stores.

Mr. Lee is getting the "Umbundu" fairly well, so that he can teach his class of boys a good deal of Christian truth. This is his chief religious work at present ; though he has tried to use his influence on the white men at Benguella.

SPIRITUAL RESULTS.

When Mr. Currie went to the coast for his health, he had five boys around him receiving instruction. In January of this year he reported 26, whom he was teaching in Bible truth and general knowledge. Ten of these lads are over eighteen years of age, and will soon be the *native preachers*. This is satisfactory progress. Our missionaries have gained so much influence that they can gather 60 or 70 young people for their usual Sunday service. The first Sunday of the New Year, Mr. Currie's heart was gladdened by two of the lads openly and voluntarily confessing Christ before the people. It was not the im-

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