

on is that the odor of neither the one nor the other is very
 in a house. We now begin to decorate in a quiet way for
 s. We have 84 shirts and 12 cotton coats, besides caps,
 es, combs and a few other useful articles to divide among
 young people and the chiefs of the country. We expect to
 the company with two large oxen and meal provided by the
 en. The oxen come from our own, at present, small herd,
 one of them has helped so long with the cart, the boys hate
 ar of his being killed, and I do not like to kill him, but have
 been able to find another in the country to serve the pur-

Our boys have begun to practice for the tug-of-war and
 games. Six will offer to do battle with any six men out-
 this station in a tug-of-war. For the reputation of "water
 n sakers," I hope they will win
 any express sorrow that we have ceased to do outside medi-
 work, and ask when the physician is coming to help us. I
 Sorry we cannot welcome the sick to such medical help as
 need, but one man cannot do everything that ought to be
 at a station like this. May God soon send the right man
 ke up this important branch of His work.
 ur work is encouraging in every department, and we are
 ying good health.

From Miss Maggie W. Melville.

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EAR FRIENDS — It seems impossible there remains only a few
 until Christmas. The other day I was sitting sewing, and
 of the young lads who has been here only a few months was
 ng near me sewing also a dress for his little brother. We
 e talking of Christmas, or, as he called it, *Ulima*, the year.
 said, "That is the day when you give away cloth and shirts
 everyone." I explained to him how our Father in His great
 gave us His son as a great gift and we give one another
 s that we may remember and show to others that loving gift.
 eemed a new idea to him, and I pray it may enter and take
 t in his young heart. He is one of those lads of whom Mrs.
 rie told you some time ago. Some three or four years ago a
 van of natives went into the far interior to trade for slaves
 as they bought them in prohibited territory they were
 tured and held for three years, I think, was the time. Mr.
 mpbell, one of the missionaries of the English Mission in that
 istrict, secured their release and sent them here for Mr. Currie
 end them to their respective homes. Since then four of the
 ng lads have returned here to school, and three at least give
 mise of becoming useful, earnest boys. The other seems to
 t with longing eyes on the village and the life there, caring