

*From Rev. W. T. Currie.*

CISAMBA, April 21, 1897.

MRS. FRANCES A. SANDERS, Montreal, Que.

DEAR FRIEND,—We have been passing through a season of much illness, and are feeling not a little tired. At the station there have been two births and one death during the past two weeks, while Mr. Smith is just recovering from an attack of hæmaturic fever, and as he had four such fevers in the Lovat country before he came here it is necessary for him to go home to England. Ngulu, his cousin, their wives and little ones have left us to return to Bailundu. This is a great loss, as it takes from my side the lad who has been my constant companion since two weeks after I first arrived in Bailundu; but, looking to God, we press forward.

*From (Mrs.) Rev. W. T. Currie.*

CISAMBA, April 22, 1897.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—We are all well at this station except Mr. Smith, who is recovering from a dangerous fever. He must leave Africa as soon as possible and his departure puts a check on the carpentry department. There is a great deal of sickness among natives and Portuguese. At the Fort of Bihe several soldiers have been ill with a kind of land-scurvy. The captain sent three (two whites and one black) here for treatment. They left last week. A Portuguese trader arrived a few days ago in a very weak condition. He seems to be gaining strength again. We have also the child of one of the traders here under treatment. As for natives, they simply crowd around the dispensary door daily. Ngulu's leaving us is a loss, but we trust it will prove the building up again of Bailundu. The boys gave him a present when leaving, and are following him with their prayers. Kasala's death was a great blow to him. He is intensely anxious for the salvation of his relatives, and as the parents of his numerous nephews, nieces and cousins refuse to allow any more of the children to come so far as Cisamba, he thought the only thing to be done was for him to return to Bailundu, where he would be within easy distance of his native village, and so collect a number of young lads around him. We miss him, of course, but it is astonishing how quickly the other boys fill the gap; they seem to be put on their mettle, and in many respects can do work for which Ngulu was unfitted. The Sunday services are very encouraging, especially the Sunday school. We had over 200 present last Sunday; two additional classes had to be formed. We are now studying parts of Genesis at present. Salusuva has conducted the Sunday school in place of Muenekanye (who is absent with our caravan), and last Sunday he gave a splendid summary of the