

*From Miss Margaret Melville.*

BAILUNDU, Sept. 25, 1895.

As we are both using the same paper you will know that we are together. Helen is looking well, but does not eat as heartily as I do. Just before starting inland Mrs. Kamerman, of the Dutch house where we boarded, took our pictures. The first day after riding some distance to the top of a high hill the men stood still and pointed to the sea, which stretched far away, this was our farewell look at that dear ocean. This is the spring time and the flowers are very beautiful, I counted eighteen varieties as I passed quickly along in the tepoa. We camped both Sundays and Mr. Fay had service in the morning and prayers in the evening always just before dark, the boys joined so heartily and sang so sweetly. Mr. Fay was so kind and thoughtful, no one could have been more kind than he was. Part of the journey I did not feel at all well and I lay quiet, getting out to walk only when the men came to a very difficult part of the road. Mrs. Fay having some knowledge of medicine prescribed for me and in less than week I was quite better.

MAGGIE MELVILLE.

*From Mrs. Annie Read.*

SAKANJIMBA, W. C Africa, Sept. 25, 1895.

DEAR MRS. MOODIE:

This is merely by way of acknowledging your very welcome letter of July that came this mail. I will reply better next month. I was glad to hear of Board meeting. The Misses Melville and Mrs. Currie will be here this Saturday on their way to Cisamba. The Misses Melville will be our guests over Sunday. Thank you for Mrs. Powter's paper. It is excellent. I wish some of the folks would come and cater for us for the next six weeks. Gardens bare, corned beef just out, lot of imported ham arrived in a spoiled condition, chickens hard to buy just now and rather lean and small anyway, goats and pigs not easy to get and dear, tinned meats on hand for emergency, but quite too expensive for common use, tinned fruits likewise and potatoes all done (for this season). Provisions largely as follows: beans, cornmeal, sweet potatoes, another edible tuber called olonamba, yams (a few), rice, tapioca, sago, dried apples and apricots (very sparingly), eggs ("native eggs" we call them colloquially, which means not guaranteed fresh laid), and of course bread. Seriously matters are not at all bad, and the vegetables will come ere long, though no seeds are in yet. Only it is hard to know how to provide appetizing meals just now. You will be starting