

*From Miss Helen J. Melville.*

CISAMBA STATION, May 21st, 1898.

MY DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—How quickly these months fly. It is hard to believe that it is the end of May. The dry season is now upon us; we have had no rain this month. We have been busy getting all the grass cleared away from our fences and a good wide piece cleared, so that there will be no danger of the fires reaching any of our outhouses. Sometimes the fires come with such a rush that one is afraid of them.

Last week the brick-making was begun for the season, for the new hospital, at least a temporary building and a new workshop. I wish you could see some of the tables that have been made in the shop; they are so nice with turned legs, such pretty wood. One feels very proud of them. There is the making of good workmen in our boys. They are also making beds for the hospital which are very nice.

We were so glad to receive a month ago the sheets and pillow slips, etc., sent by the ladies. Several pairs have been in use already. We do thank you for them. The quilts are also very acceptable. It is such a comfort to have a good supply of clean sheets on hand.

This is Saturday afternoon. The girls have been in asking for soap; we give them soap if they will wash their clothes. They are getting into the habit of washing on Saturday, but it is up-hill work. They think if they wash often their clothes will not wear well. The boys are much more willing to keep themselves clean than the girls; of course they have more clothes than the girls.

*From Miss Maggie W. Melville.*

CISAMBA, May 18th, 1898.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Two months have gone since I wrote to you and these two have been very similar to all other months, with here and there some little event to break the sameness. Every day has its duties. A short time ago we had two weeks' holidays, when we really sat and rested and read. This latter has to be done usually in very short snatches, when one is waiting for breakfast, or after dinner, while waiting for one o'clock when the school bell is rung. On Sunday afternoon, however, we usually have a long time for reading, for there is no special work appointed for that time. But almost always some of the girls come and visit us, bringing their babies with them. For our half-yearly order of groceries came in yesterday, I had it taken to store away this morning, marking the old remaining from the last order, so that it might be used first. Then there were