

MR. CURRIE.

Mr. Currie has spent the year of his sojourn on this side the sea to good advantage. His health is greatly improved. He has spent six or seven months of zealous medical study in the Medical Training School in New York, doing city mission work in connection with it. As he says, he has learned much that will help him in his work among the natives, but is not willing to be looked upon as a medical man, responsible for the health of the white missionaries. There still is need of a medical missionary for our station.

SELF-HELP DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Currie has collected several hundred dollars, which he has expended in materials to use at the mission. By means of these he will teach the boys to make brick, saw timber, do blacksmith work, and work up the iron ore that abounds in the neighborhood, as well as to cultivate their gardens to the best advantage. This will enable many lads to earn their own living while studying at the mission school, relieving the mission of expense, and enabling a larger number to receive the influence of life under the eye of the missionaries.

But in too many cases such gifts to special objects appeal more quickly to people, and money given to those objects is withdrawn from the usual contributions to current expenses. It must never be forgotten that the greatest necessity is to meet the personal expenses of the missionaries. We authorized Mr. Currie to collect for this Self-Help Department; and much of the money has come from sources outside of our churches.

Mr. Currie is also taking back an oil-light stereopticon and slides, to picture Bible scenes. This was the gift of Mr. Learmont, of Montreal.

The fidelity and Christian intelligence of the lads at Cisamba is very touching, as shown in the letters they have written to Mr. Currie during his absence from them. They are in a hurry for his return, to lead them through the villages to tell the Gospel story.

MR. AND MRS. LEE.

Their latest letter was the one bearing the sad news of Miss Clarke's death, and said little about themselves. They have not escaped the fever, but they have recovered from their attack, and were in good health at last accounts. A beautiful babe came to their home a few months ago, but did not stay long with them.

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