

fourteen of them, often ten—never during the last three weeks less than five. I sincerely hope that they will continue. I am sure if you were to visit the school you would be pleased—some are making such good progress. Wanga, one I am specially fond of, is the son of the Chief of Ciyuka, a man of influence. Wanga is a bright boy, about twelve years of age. He is a born gentleman; came about a year and a half ago; can read nicely; has nearly finished John's Gospel, and is good at arithmetic. He has a quick temper, and sometimes we do not agree about things, but always keep good friends. I know he is trying to do what is right. About a month ago he was home on a visit, and his father came back with him to visit us. The father was telling Mr. Currie that Wanga could read very well, etc. He said, "I went into the house one night, and there was Wanga and some others he had gathered around, having family prayers." Not bad for a little boy in a village where no one knew the Lord Jesus. Pray for him that he may be a strong Christian; he will have influence—may it be used on the side of right.

I promised to send those patterns—will do so this mail if I can manage it. The photo I enclose is taken by Maggie, of Sanambelo, and his family. The old man has always been very friendly to the work here. Lumbo was the first boy to come to the school and live at the station. He is one of our most earnest workers, and one who goes with Ngulu on his preaching tours. Kunba I love as a brother; he was so good to me when I was alone.

*From Miss M. Melville.*

CISAMBA, W. C. A., 16th June, 1896.

Our house is getting on nicely. The roof will be finished this week, and the mudding is almost done. It will be very much pleasanter than it was, and, we hope, much more dry. How beautiful the weather is, and no fear of rain. The nights are quite cool, and we have on our flannels. We have a pleasant fire night and morning. It is five months to-morrow since we came over here. We have had quite a pleasant time, however, and both Mr. and Mrs. Currie have been very kind. The girls sometimes seem discouraging; they are apt to run round, and are lacking in desire to work well. A very bright girl has come to stay, we hope. Her sister is with us. Another one is very sorely tempted. She is engaged to a young man who has left the station and returned to his evil habits at the village. She at times will have nothing to do with him, and even spoke to Mr. Currie about paying back her engagement cloth, and to break it off, but yet she allows him to help her in the field,