

*From Rev. W. T. Currie.*

CITYUKA, August 23th, 1899.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS, — We believe with you that, there is no more abundant cause to rejoice, and thank God for the steady growth of interest among the ladies of our churches, in the work of the Society, and feel sure that much more will be done in the future. We are as earnest, faithful and able women in our churches as are to be found in Canada or out of it, for that matter, and when their minds and hearts are enlisted there is scarcely a limit to what they can do under the blessing of God.

The financial department now seems to be in very nice shape, and we hope to be able to keep in touch with our own friends and fellow workers young and old, and let them know when our gifts reach here, and how they are used.

All the plans for the additional workers, so far as known to me, seem wise, and calculated for the best interests of the work here. The officers of our Society and our many friends have expressed sincere gratitude for their wholesome counsel and generous help. If now we all work together in mutual love, with strength and earnest prayer, we will certainly see days of blessing long hence.

I think we have reported three men of standing and influence in this country, besides the chief here, who have recently destroyed their idols and fetiches, and expressed a desire to know about Christ and obey the Good Words. I am rejoiced to be able to say that Sanambelo, chief of a village at Umba, father of the first Bibeian boy who came to us, and one of the wisest and best old men in our district, has put a stop to drinking strong beer in his village, refused to pound meal for the women connected with heathen ceremonies, declined meat offered to the spirits; arranged with his people to finish their week's work on Saturday in order that all may attend service on Sunday, and thrown aside all fetich worship. For nearly a month past one of the boys from the Station has gone daily, morning and evening, to conduct worship for the old man and his people. We do not say these people are converted, but that they have accepted Christ, but they have become young pupils in the Master's school.

I might tell many touching little stories of the efforts to know the truth and follow Christ put forth by people whom we have not yet ventured to call Christians, though they may be members of Christ's fold for all that. We think it best for the present, to wait, watch, pray and work. In time it will be beyond question who are on the Lord's side. Pray for us, and for the people here.