

*From Miss Margret M. Melville.*

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DEAR CANADIAN FRIENDS,—This month I am going to tell you of our pleasant time we had a week ago, when our friends from the other stations came together, here, to hold the annual meeting of the W. C. A. M. Those in the homeland do not know how to appreciate the visits of their friends. Think of almost a whole year passing without a white lady or rather an English lady being here. It is true two Portuguese women came for medical treatment but we had not even seen another white lady for six months and then we were visiting in Kamundongo. You, then can imagine our joy, when Mr and Mrs. Rea arrived with their four dear little children, and in an hour Mrs. Woodside came with her four children, followed the next day by Mr. Woodside and Dr. Mellman, and on Saturday by Mr. Sanders. Those in Bailundu were unable to come.

Well, the gentlemen held a session on Saturday morning and we were privileged to attend that of the afternoon, as at that session the reports were to be read. These were in some cases very interesting.

On Sunday our morning service was held as usual, with a very large congregation. For, as one old woman told me, "I came to see the white people, the visitors." Among those who were most prominent was the chief of Ciuka, where the school house is being erected. He came on Friday, "to attend the gathering." Mr. Currie preached, followed by Muenekanya. At Sunday school they were about 250, of whom 64 were in my class of little girls. Children here, are curious as well as those in America.

At the afternoon service, as is customary, the communion of the Lord's Supper was dispensed. Mr. Currie conducted the first part of the service. He said, "There is a young girl here who wishes to profess Christ, she was baptized when a child and now wishes to partake of the Lord's Supper with those of His children." Our girls looked in wonderment not knowing that Mabel Woodside was then to be given the right hand of fellowship and to publicly declare herself a member of Christ's family. After reading the Creed in Umbundu, which Mabel accepted, Mr. Currie spoke a few touching words in English and instead of giving, as usual, a text, he gave her a Bible as the guide of her life, and then engaged in prayer commending this child of the mission to our loving Heavenly Father's care. Afterwards some of the young people said, "They do the same to their own children as they do to us," They meant that we the white people must accept of Jesus as their Saviour and receive by