

and after graduating, taught for several years in Acton, Durham and for two years in Windsor, where her brother's family reside. Having given her heart to Christ at an early age, she joined the Olivet Congregational Church, Toronto, and became a teacher in our school. She took an active part in the work of the Junior Endeavor Society, which her sister had organized before leaving for Africa. During her residence in Windsor, when teaching in the public school, she had a number of colored children in her class. Her heart was especially drawn towards them as she thought of her sister in far-off Africa, surrounded by the little dark-skinned natives. While there Maggie was president of the Presbyterian Young People's Society, which presented her with a beautiful Bible on her leaving for Cisimba. And now a word as to what led Maggie to take up this work. She received a letter from Helen, which related an incident of a little boy wandering around the station inquiring for some one to teach him to read, but all too busy. The thought of this little fellow, so anxious to learn and no one to teach him, so touched Maggie's sympathies, that she decided to offer herself for missionary work in the far-off field. Owing to Miss Johnston's marriage to Mr. Currie, an opening soon occurred, and Maggie was appointed by the American Board to take her place. As we have seen, her previous life had been a practical training, in every way fitting her for the work of teaching in "the Dark Continent." With a little more than two months to prepare for her long journey and residence in such a different country, we find her busy ordering and purchasing household goods and clothing. Maggie was to live with her sister, so took some furniture which Helen had been unable to obtain, thus making their adobe house more complete and home-like. In June, 1895, she visited the Woman's Board meetings held in Zion Church, Toronto. I think the memory of those meetings is still fresh with most of us. The Board adopted her as their second missionary in place of Miss Johnston. Returning to Windsor for a short time, Maggie again came to Toronto in July that she might go from the old friends and the church she loved so much. On Tuesday evening, July 9th, a meeting was held in Olivet Church, which the friends from the other churches gathered to bid her farewell. On Thursday, the 11th (her birthday, you will remember), a little group gathered on the wharf to bid her good speed. The journey was taken alone, and not unattended dangers. She spent a good part of the time in studying the Umbundu language. Maggie was met at Benguella by Mr. Fay. A joyful meeting took place about the middle of September at Bialundu, Miss Melville and Mrs. Currie having