

gation is Sanumbelo. He is the father of Lumbo and Ekumba, two of our best Christian lads. The dear old man evidently understands pretty well the road to eternal life and longs to walk therein. But those trials again. Sanumbelo says: "Yes, I like my children to come to school and like them to accept the words, but as for me. . . Oh, well I am an old man you know," and therewith endeavours to excuse himself; feeling, I am sure, at the same time that the excuse is paltry. He comes every Sunday and often hears his own sons praying for his conversion.

Oh that the Lord would so fill us missionaries with the Holy Spirit that our power would be such as to compel these people to accept the truth! It is possible. Some day it will be; but how long, O Lord, how long? However we will work on and pray on and trust on, until the glorious Pentecostal day dawns, or until the Lord sees fit to call us from this our labor of honour.

I could write for hours on facts of interest to you concerning this people but time forbids. I will endeavour to answer the letter from Miss Richardson on behalf of the C. E. Society by next month's mail.

With kindest regards from both Mrs. Lee and myself to yourself, the members of your Bible class, the Christian Endeavor Society, Calvary Church and all our friends in Canada,

I remain, yours fraternally,
WILBERFORCE LEE.

Oct. 20th.

P.S.—Many thanks for the books and papers which you have sent. We much enjoyed reading them.

I have received a letter from the Capitao Mar, thanking me for arresting that deserter, and saying that the fellow has caused much trouble, both to the Fort and to the natives. The soldiers brought the letter and conveyed the prisoner back to the Fort, so now our villages need fear no more depredations from him.

W. L.

LOCAL CHURCH ORGANS. — Both the Western and Concord churches, Toronto, have begun to issue monthly church papers, four pages, of the size of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT. And they are well filled too! We delight to see such enterprises.

DEFINITIONS WANTED.

Dear Mr. Editor.—As the subject of church union is now thoroughly engaging the attention of the Christian world, and we in Canada are taking our part therein, it is needful — unless we intend to play with the question — to take the old cynic Chelsea's advice and to clear our mind of cant. It is of equal importance that we should find ourselves redeemed from our vain manner of life handed down from our fathers, and look at facts fairly in the face. Especially is this necessary when we come to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials, and in thus distinguishing we are, I suppose agreed "to take" (I am here quoting your own words, Mr. Editor) "to take the apostolic principles, as far as we can gather them from the Word, as our guide." You, therefore, exclude from ultimations in union negotiations that the apostles omitted in their teaching. So far, good. You then posit three apostolic principles, viz., established government by the members; independency as already existing in the synagogue; a converted membership. May I confess to utter confusion as to your meaning, and ask, not captiously, but seriously, what do you mean "by government by the members?" and indicate your apostolic authority. Where did the apostles "establish the churches independently after the synagogue rule? And what do you, as a paedobaptist, mean by a converted membership? There is much in the art of putting things, and to my mind you have put some vital principals in a very neat form for ecclesiastical and polemical purposes; in which judgment I may be, so far as your intent is concerned, very much mistaken. You will, however, serve a good purpose if you plainly put before us in scripture presentations the principles you say "the apostles *did* lay down." Above all things, in discussing this great question of union, wherein Congregationalists may fearlessly lead, it is required of us to build upon rock.

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SETTLEMENTS. — Barrie and Woodstock have made arrangements for settling pastors during the month. This adds, however, *Forest* to the list of vacant pulpits: and several of the smaller churches have been vacant for a good while.