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"My peace I give unto you."—John 14 : 27 ; Is. 26 : 3 ; Ps. 119 : 165 ; Phil. 4 : 7.

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February—Outlook for Christ's Kingdom in Turkey.

THE MONTHLY LEAFLET.

All communications and letters from the missionaries intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor, Mrs. Sanders, 25 Mackay street, Montreal, P.Q.

Editorial Paragraphs.

All subscriptions expire with this issue. We have no doubt but that there will be a sufficient number of renewals and new subscriptions to continue publishing THE MONTHLY LEAFLET. We have been very much cheered and encouraged by the numerous expressions of appreciation and approval. One friend writes : "I was very glad to receive the Leaflets. Very many and humble looking are these same Leaflets, but they seem to have the power of binding us together and drawing forth our sympathies as fellow-workers, and thus month by month they grow in importance and become more dear and welcome."

*From Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Watson,
Hamilton, Ont.*

I would like to wish the kind friends of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick a very happy new year and a prosperous one in active missionary work. I did hope before this to write to many personally, but have to plead stress of duties that could not be laid aside. I arrived home October 5th, 1896, finding all well. My report of visit to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick has just been sent in, and I feel sure we will all feel nearer for having seen and heard of each other's work. I hold many pleasant memories of your kindness to me, and can only say we,

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would welcome any of you to Hamilton could you come. We would be delighted to see your delegates appointed to attend C.C.W.B.M. meetings in June. Indeed, I feel it would help you to some decision in regard to your work. You would then hear direct from us all.

From Mrs. (Rev.) W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, W. C. Africa.

Another double wedding among our young folk—Muenekany and Nacemba—Katumbeia and Siku. The latter were quite a matter of fact and Platonic during the whole affair, but the former caused us considerable amusement. Kanye, as we call him, was so fussy and nervous. He was anxious to have everything nice, and for a few days before the wedding was continually coming in to enquire about something or other. The last request was for "medicine to sprinkle about the house." For a moment I could not imagine what he wanted till it dawned on me that he meant perfume. "Yes," he said "that is what I want—to make the house smell nice." However, I had none, so he ran over to the Misses Melville, and they supplied him with a little. He and Lumbo had bought a bottle between them at the coast, but it had been spilled. I suggested flowers to him, but he had already been in the wood hunting for fragrant blossoms, and had quite a tasty bunch on the table in his sitting room. His house must have been a revelation to the wedding guests, especially to those from a distance. The clean white walls, freshly done for the occasion, the pictures, arranged with considerable taste, not in higgledy-piggledy fashion, as in some of the small boys' houses, the table covered with a pretty piece of trade-cloth, on which were arranged his Waterbury clock, books and flowers. Chairs were plentiful, most of them borrowed from his neighbors. And yet Kanye's house is not the exception. Most of the older ladies' houses are well worth a visit, especially when one considers how the villagers live. Already we see an improvement in the homes of some of the parents of our young people. Oh! if we could only know that these parents were improved for eternity. But their invariable excuse is that "it is too late" for them to become Christians. Is it not sad? And whose fault is it?

From Miss Margret Melville.

CISAMBA, W.C. Africa, Sept. 9th, 1896.

DEAR LOVED ONES,—Mrs. Currie and I are going to Kamukongo the day after to-morrow for a two weeks' visit, and

to become acquainted with Dr. Wellman and his wife. To-morrow we are to have two more weddings. Kanye, the Sunday-school Superintendent, is to marry Necemba. She is a good, strong girl for Christ, and exerts a great influence over the other girls. We will miss her on this side. There are some others, though, who are good girls. Musalo is a leader among the girls from her village. She became engaged to Sawimbu, who was here at the time in the class preparing for membership of the church. He became dissatisfied with work, and longed for the wicked village life. So he went often to sleep at the village without permission, drinking beer, dancing, etc. At last he left altogether, but Musalo would not go. It is now eight months, and he wants to hold her to her engagement. Mr. Currie and we have offered to help her pay the cloth given at the time. When her brother returns from the coast it will be settled. He and a friend of his (who is not considered good even amongst his own people) last week induced a younger brother to leave the station, and together they are using their influence in every way against us here, though to all appearance they are very nice and friendly. Musalo has resisted, but it is hard to be firm.

The girls who have not gone for to-morrow's brides are sitting round the table sewing; some of them have got quite large quilts sewn, and they seem to enjoy it. Three little girls sit on the floor looking at pictures. To-day the wood-boy and Wanga, our larger house boy, were all morning making starch from manioc, which is to be pared, scraped on a grater into water, then strained and allowed to settle; the water is poured off and the starch thoroughly dried. It is just as good as the "silver gloss," and is much cheaper. The natives also take the manioc, soak it for several days, roast it and consider it very good. A year ago to-morrow we started from the coast.

THURSDAY, Sept. 10th.

We just had letters from Miss Irwin and Miss Skinner, of the English Mission in the far interior. The latter has sent us a pair of birds, canaries I think. The men will probably bring them to-morrow. Mr. Smith, of the English Mission, is coming to remain here a while to teach the boys some work, carpentering, I think. He has been in very poor health in the interior, and probably will find the change beneficial.

We will be off for Kamundongo to-morrow early, as it is a nine or ten hours' ride, and we want to do it in one day. We have all been so well, and feel very thankful for it. How good it is to know that you are praying for us. We feel that it strengthens us to know it. Kindest regards to all friends.

From Miss H. J. Melville.

CISAMBA, W. C. Africa,
Sept. 15th, 1896.

Thanks for your nice long letter. It was so full of news. Maggie has gone to Kamundongo with Mrs. Currie. I hope she will have a nice visit. I have had a touch of fever ever since she went away. Not enough to put me to bed, but enough to make me unfit for work and miserable. I wanted to do house-cleaning too, as Mrs. Sanders is to return with them, but I cannot do it, and I would rather she would come and find things as they are than find me in bed. Last night I could not lead prayers. I hate to give up, as the girls feel so badly. One of them read, but they think if I am up and able to do it I am all right. Two or three times a day when I am up, and going round, they will be in asking, "How do you feel now?" "When is Ondona Maggie coming home?" "A week yet." They shake their heads and say, "It makes pity to see you alone." But I am all right now. The girls are round the table again, and every minute or so I have a question from one or another to answer. They are a merry lot, but they make me very anxious at times. We do so long to see them strong women in Christ Jesus, but we can only pray and work for them, trying in every way to influence them for good.

Sept. 21st.—To-morrow we are expecting Mrs. Currie and Maggie home, Mrs. Sanders and Marshall. So I wanted the house in shape, and, as a result, am so tired that I scarcely know what to do. A caravan came in on Saturday. We have been looking forward for such a long time for these carriers that you can understand our disappointment when we found that, by some blunder again, our long expected box is still at the coast. This is the third caravan without our load. Oh, dear, I was so disappointed I could have cried. Maggie's photographs, supplies, butter and other things which we need, still at the coast. I am afraid that Lucy's plum pudding, which I was counting on for my birthday, will be spoiled. Perhaps we think too much of this world's affairs, but I feel, though we have no seeds to plant in our garden (they are at the coast), still we have a loving Father who ever directs the giving out of our loads. We may need the more than two months waiting for some good purpose. May we learn the lesson He means to teach us. We are so slow to learn His lessons. He needs to teach them over and over again. Now, good-bye. We do so enjoy getting letters from friends in the home land—they help us so much.

From Miss Margret M. Melville.

AMERICAN MISSION,
(Via Lisbon) Benguella,
West Central Africa.

CISAMBA, Oct. 19th, 1896.

OUR DEAR CANADIAN FRIENDS,—We wish you all a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," for this will reach you just about the holiday time. How different will be the celebration, the weather, the people, and yet we all in Canada and in Cisamba alike will praise our Father for His wondrous gift. We will have it warm and probably raining for at least a portion of the day. You will have snow and ice. and the frosty air will be joyful with the jingle of the sleigh bells. We may have, as we had last year, a great many people, but how few know much of that great gift or have received Him as their own. While in America throngs of people have taken upon themselves His name and accepted the first and greatest Christmas gift. May the many not forget the few that day.

Yesterday we celebrated the Lord's death by the communion of the Lord's Supper. We had a good gathering of church members, several, however, being absent at the coast. The Deacons occupied a seat at the extreme right of the platform, with Lumbo, one of the evangelists. Ngulu, the pastor, was a little nearer the centre. The boys, who are members, were on two seats just below the platform, the girls to the extreme left of the platform. But those were not all, for eight missionaries also occupied the space between the girls and boys. Dr. Wellman, who, three months ago, arrived at Kamundongo, came over to Cisamba for a short visit. So he, along with three members of the English Mission, who happened to be here, and ourselves completed the eight. How our hearts went up in thankfulness for those young people who came to partake of the bread and wine as symbols of the broken body and shed blood of Christ. The villagers come, look and wonder what these things mean. They are so much amused because the boys serve the girls with food, this being so contrary to their custom. We, for the first time, used the Communion set so kindly sent by the ladies of Canada. We think them very beautiful, and feel that they are better suited for that purpose than those which we have been using.

The church is growing slowly but steadily in numbers, and what is more important in knowledge of God their Father. Pray earnestly for the members that they may be kept steadfast.

From Rev. W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, Oct. 20th, 1896.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—I received this month an empty envelope from you, but what its original contents were I am at a loss to tell.

The beautiful Communion set came to hand by last caravan. It stood upon the table of the Lord when the little church gathered round last Sunday to break bread. From the bowl we expect to baptise a young man and a young girl next Sunday, both from our schools, and the girl is soon to be married to a young man who will be baptised on his return from the coast. God bless these young people and all of you who are helping to lead them to Christ and teach them how to walk with their Lord.

I see by the reports sent me that you have raised three hundred dollars for the Memorial Hospital. We rejoice to know this, and you will be pleased to learn that the two hundred dollars from this end of the line will be ready when wanted.

Can you find us a good Christian physician to take charge of the medical department? We do not want any more foreign preachers for the present, but we do want a good physician. Our young men can make known the simple story of the Gospel just as effectively and at a small fraction of what it would cost to send foreign preachers around among the villages, but they cannot discover hidden diseases and apply to them their proper remedies, and for the sake of the work it is time some of them began to learn.

The officers of the church will send to you later an expression of their thanks for the Communion set. In the meantime please accept mine.

From Mrs. Moodie, 185 Mance St., Montreal.

Mrs. Moodie, Literature Superintendent, would like to call attention to the Leaflet, "What You Owe and How to Pay It," 50c per hundred. If well circulated it cannot fail of doing good. A few years ago it was distributed in one church with the result of a large increase in the offerings to the Lord and a light-hearted treasurer. Try it, friends.

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