

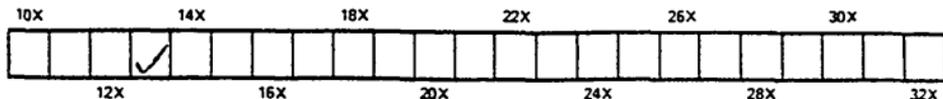
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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

Love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous."—I. Peter 3:8, Rom. 12:10-16;
13:1-2; I. Peter 2:17.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

One—Land yet to be possessed.

Two—Young peoples' work.

THE MONTHLY LEAFLET.

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

Notice.—C. C. W. B. M. Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in Paris, Ontario, on Thursday and Friday, June 2nd and 3rd. Every effort is being made by the executive to prepare a good programme. We hope the auxiliaries will respond by praying for the success of the meeting and by sending good contributions, so that we may have a large and enthusiastic gathering. Fuller particulars will be given soon by letter to each auxiliary.

MARY L. FREELAND,

Sec. C. C. W. B. M.

From Miss Maggie W. Melville.

CISAMBA, Feb. 21, 1898.

DEAR FRIENDS,—You can imagine our joy last evening when one of Mr. Currie's boys called over to our boy to bring a letter to get the letters. Not only because the mail had come, but because it was several days earlier than usual. Our news was good from the home land and told of the great meetings of the W. C. T. U. in Toronto. You cannot realize how we enjoy attending such gatherings, and, of course, would have enjoyed attending them.

We were in school to-day, and it was almost time to dismiss, when down came the rain, pouring as it can in Africa. Mr.

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Currie was very kind to send us cloaks, so that we were not the worse. In two months the rainy season will be over, and we will then have beautiful, bright weather, with cool nights and an occasional frost. All our bananas will be cut down and left only withered leaves. We expect a caravan to come in tomorrow with some goods we need badly, for our flour is almost empty, but more is at hand. On the journey one of the boys who were with the caravan wrote a letter and sent it to Mr. Currie by carriers who were returning from the coast. He told how some young lads from Ciyuka, where the school-house has been built by the chief, had learned to sing some of the hymns on the journey. One of the station boys who is acting as head man is a lad who, some time ago, left the station and went back to his village life. The good seed, however, has taken root, and he again returned to the station, and has since been living as becometh those who profess His name. He has married one of the girls, Musalo, who, you will remember, refused to follow him to the village when he left. We feel so that he has proven by his life that he really desires to follow the Master. One cannot count the result of these Christian meetings, reading and explaining the Gospel night after night to the members of the caravan as they sit around their camp fire. It has become an established fact, and the men seem to expect it, that some one goes with them on their journey to the coast to preach and explain to them. The preachers still continue their work among the villages, week by week preaching to those who lack the love of Jesus, who put all their trust in fetish ceremonies and witchcraft, but is it possible that the truth has been preached to them and none of that seed has taken root? We do not think so, for our Father is mighty to save.

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

CISAMBA, Feb. 22, 1888.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—The day before yesterday I came home from Kamundongo, where I had spent two weeks, and it is needless to say, had a very enjoyable visit. We do not travel much in the rainy season, if possible, but, as one of the auditors of the mission treasurer's books, I was obliged to go, and fortunate to have fine weather both when going and returning. Auditing is a tedious business (probably the reason why I was appointed!) but when it was finished I did nothing but read, eat, sleep and converse with our friends. One day I found home the kid of one of our goats which had died. There was no means of feeding it at Kamundongo (where all our goats are) and as one of our cows gives a fair quantity of milk, one of the boys carried it home. It is amusing to see how the

ture follows Mr. Currie—it takes no notice whatever of me. A caravan arrived to-day. We are thankful to have some flour (white flour, as our cook says.) We are getting tired of cornmeal. We are out of butter, but have lard and suet. I hear that the rinderpest is rapidly approaching; it has reached Mossamedes, a seaport south of Benguela, also the Umbi country, two months' ride from Bailundu, south. Carriers are extremely scarce. The natives have such a liking for trading just now, and rubber fetches such a good price at the coast, that they are not in need of cloth and have no need to seek employment as carriers. However, nearly all the men, including some of our boys, expect to start next week for the coast.

Clusuva is more than pleased with the C. E. pin, kindly sent him by the Woodstock Society. (How would it do if each Society that supports a boy did likewise?) Several other boys referred to me last night and asked the meaning of those letters. Currie overheard some of them saying, "Well, those white people show us many kindnesses; they treat us as if we were people and not animals." There was no jealousy shown; they began to take it as a compliment to all. We have often discussed the advisability of starting a C. E. Society among our African people, and it will doubtless come in time. One difficulty is the name of the Society. The word "endeavor" is not easy to translate. To explain it as simply "try" in Umbundu does not convey the idea of earnest effort to these young fellows, who think no one has a right to become a church member who does not by word and example strive to lead others to the Saviour. I do not mean that all our young Christians are faultless by any means. The tempter is just as busy here as at home, and with more pliable natures to work upon, and, we trust, yet to be the Cisamba Band of Christian Endeavorers in working order—"throwing out the life-line."

From Rev. W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, Feb. 14th, 1898.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—My dear wife went to Kamundongo a few days ago; and evidently, judging that I would be lonely, she sent me a motherless kid goat to nurse. I was at a loss to know how to feed the youngster. He would not eat, nor drink milk. I shoved his head in the bowl, then put my finger in the milk, and gave it to the kid to suck, but he was not to be cheated in that way. At last I hunted up a feeding-bottle and gave him that four times a day. He seems to like his milk as well as any baby I ever saw. Now he follows me wherever I go. He runs to the carpenter shop, and, jumping on

one of the benches, undertakes to run the whole shop. I follow me to the dispensary and examines the bottles of medicine after a fashion of his own. He sees me to the store that in tearing the cloth I do not fail to give good measure. he misses me at any time, his loud ma—a—a is enough to break the slumbers of the heaviest sleeper on the station. In every way he claims so much attention that I am determined after ten days' experience to send for my wife quickly that she may take care of the baby.

My old friend, the Chief Hosi (mentioned by Dr. Johnston in his book), has been with us most of his time since Christmas. He says he has accepted Christ, and means to obey His teachings. He attends the class under my wife, trying to learn to read and write. No boy on the station goes earlier in the morning prayer nor more regularly to evening. He has got away four wives; torn down one spirit house, and talks of going to remove the remaining one in a few days. He has built a school-house at his own expense, and has just now six boys and two girls here at the station attending school. If this man proves to be a true Christian, he will be the first converted chief among the Onembundu people. At least this much is true, he is not here for what he gets from us. He pays for his medicine. He buys any cloth he wants from us. He generally sends us a quarter of beef when he kills an ox; and has built a very pleasant house and furnished with table, chairs and a spring bed, so that we may be comfortable when we go to visit him. May the Lord grant that he will prove a strong man of God, for then no one can tell what the extent of his influence for good will be. Pray for him and us.

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

CISAMBA, Feb. 21, 1898

MY DEAR MRS. LAY,—Your kind, cheery, newsy letter was very welcome and was read and re-read. Dear me! there goes that bugle, which means I must stop writing and go to evening prayers—no great trial by any means, but I wish they had sounded the call quite so soon, as there is little “peace about the house” when once the lads and lasses have crowded into the large kitchen. It is only half-past six, seven o'clock being the usual time. Later—Prayers are over. Mr. Currie is writing in his study, and I have come back to the dining room. I wish you could peep in. You would scarcely be able to see me—standing a crowd of boys and some of the girls behind my chair around the table, all chattering, very much interested in watching the pen “make the words.” The girls, or young women rather, as only married ones live on our side, want medicine for their

ives or their babies; others want to know if I cannot help
em with their catechism lesson; the young men and boys do
want anything in particular, just to look on. The best
iter among our young folk finds it no very easy task to write
ters, so that the faster I write the more exclamations of
iration. I have just given them some illustrated papers to
ep them quiet. They are always interested in hearing the
est news from Oputu (white man's country.) One boy has
st come from the coast; he and another went down in charge
a caravan, their duty being to hold a service every evening
th the carriers and look after them generally, giving medicine
case of serious sickness. The coast is very unhealthy, both
r whites and natives. Scarcely a caravan while there escapes
thout one or more cases of dysentery or fever. Last Friday I
me home from Kamundongo, where I had spent two weeks,
giving gone there to help audit the mission books. It is a tire-
me business, comparing and examining vouchers, drafts,
voices, freights and customs of every load for every member of
e mission. Once the auditing was over, I enjoyed my stay,
though feeling all the time as if I ought to be home where
ere is so much to do. My presentiment was true, for Mr.
rrie had a trying time with the sick. One man, a young
ortuguese trader, came, suffering from a third attack of
amaturic fever (he was here last year for the same trouble,
d Mr. Currie had told him to leave the country.) This third
ack was the worst of all. He was delirious, and when
e fever abated his temperature fell to 95°, having previously
en 107°. Mr. Currie despaired of his life, but the young
low rallied, and had gone to his village, almost well, by the
me I came back. To-day another Portuguese trader came,
reatened with the same dangerous fever. So it goes, as soon
one patient is better and the room (an addition built at end of
spensary), fumigated and washed, &c., another comes. The
tives are fairly well at present. A few have influenza and
ver, but not seriously. We had a splendid congregation yes-
rday, and nearly all remained for Sunday-school. My old
oman seemed very glad to have me back again—indeed, it is
orth being away sometimes to have such a welcome home.
he girls and young men and boys, even the children, rushed
own to our house to greet "Ondona" until before evening was
er I was more tired saying "Kalunga, Kalunga," in response
an by the long day's journey in the tepoia under the hot sun.

22nd.—The rest of the carriers of our latest caravan came
this morning. We are glad to have some flour and sugar.
accharin is miserable stuff, we think. Miss Melville and I
have been tearing cloth for the carriers all morning, so that Mr.

Currie can pay them at once. He is here, there and everywhere dosing the sick folk, looking after the boys' work in carpenter shop and elsewhere, visiting with some chiefs and old men who of course, come to visit at the busiest time, examining loads to see if all be correct; some men want to buy cattle, others bring rubber for various things, &c., &c., so that by dinner time he will be, as he is usually, a very tired man.

I have mentioned that some natives wish to buy cattle. You may, perhaps, wonder why we sell them. But the rinderpest is said to be rapidly approaching, and so Mr. Currie is glad to get rid of as many as he can. We shall reserve the cart oxen and a cow or two as long as we can. The natives buy cattle usually to pay a fine or two which they may owe. It sometimes takes very little to raise a fine. Some one may fall sick, and some one else is sure to be accused of causing the sickness. Then comes a long discussion and the inevitable fine. Often they buy cattle to pay their native doctor's bill, at other times to make a present to some chief. A physician here would have a splendid opportunity to study native medicines, for there is no denying that the native doctors are often successful in curing many serious diseases. The woods contain many medicinal plants. Of course they resort to most ridiculous proceedings in our eyes in order to cure people—pound them on the head to drive the evil spirit out &c. A mild treatment is to make the patient wear a small turtle around the neck. A favorite "remedy" for bronchitis is a pea nut attached to a string and worn around the neck. Sometimes a head of a chicken is thought to be efficacious! A branch of a certain tree stuck over the door is said to cure a baby of crying too much! Indeed, there are several "remedies" for curing cry-babies—poor little mites, it is truly a case of "the survival of the fittest." One wonders sometimes how any children live to attain to adult age.

Mr. Currie remembers you very well, especially, perhaps, for the kind, intelligent interest you have always taken in the work of this station. He sends his kind regards. We are all very grateful for your sympathy and prayers. We feel they are heard and answered by our loving Father in heaven.

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