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Monthly Leaflet by one and all becoming subscribers.

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From Mrs Moodie. 185 Mance St , Montreal.

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From Miss Helen J. Melville.

CISAMBA, Aug. 18, 1895.

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DEAR ONES AT HOME:

Another month and as usual loving letters from you, how welcome they always are. We are well and happy in our work. When I look around on the loved ones here I feel I have been well repaid for all the little I gave up to come. Oh if I could give you an idea of our happy young people-happy in the love of Jesus How kind our loving Father is to us, and He is send ing Maggie out here. I cannot tell you how I feel when I think that all being well I shall soon see her. The dear girl. I have 13 no fear of the journey after she reaches the coast. I have little news, except that we have a real new baby, Ngulu's wife is the mother of a son, two weeks old, all are well, for which we are glad—especially as there was no native ceremony about it. They have named it for Mrs. Currie "Kole," Mr. Currie's native name Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Currie and I went over to some of the villages, inviting the people to the services. We were well received, and several little girls have come to the school. Do pray for these children, they are engaged to be married when so young that our greatest hope for ultimate good is in the chil dren. The walls of the school house is finished and they are by busy with the roof, it is going to be a nice building, there is a large meeting room and two school rooms. I hope to have one in for Sunday school, I have the little girls, and it is difficult to keep their attention with so many around.

Lovingly yours. HELEN J. MELVILLE.

From Miss Margaret Melville.

BAILUNDU, Sept. 25, 1895.

As we are both using the same paper you will know that we are together. Helen is looking well, but does not eat as heartily Just before starting inland Mrs Kamerman, of the as I do Dutch house where we boarded, took our pictures. The first day after riding some distance to the top of a high hill the men stood still and pointed to the sea, which stretched far away, this was our farewell look at that dear ocean. This is the spring tim and the flowers are very beautiful, I counted eighteen varieties as I passed quickly along in the tepoia. We camped both Sundays and Mr. Fay had service in the morning and prayers in the evening always just before dark, the boys joined so heartily and sang so sweetly. Mr Fay was so kind and thoughtful, no one could have been more kind than he was. Part of the journey I did not feel at all well and I lay quiet, getting out to walk only when the men came to a very difficult part of the road. Mrs. Fay having some knowledge of medicine prescribed for me and in less than week I was quite better.

MAGGIE MELVILLE

From Mrs. Annie Read.

SAKANJIMBA, W. C Africa, Sept. 25, 1895.

DEAR MRS. MOODIE: This is merely by way of acknowledging your very welcome letter of July that came this mail. I will reply better next I was glad to hear of Board meeting. The Misses Melville and Mrs. Currie will be here this Saturday on their way to Cisamba. The Misses Melville will be our guests over . Sunday. Thank you for Mrs. Powter's paper. It is excellent. I wish some of the folks would come and cater for us for the next six weeks. Gardens bare, corned beef just out, lot of imported ham arrived in a spoiled condition, chickens hard to buy just now and rather lean and small anyway, goats and pigs not easy to get and dear, tinned meats on hand for emergency, but quite too expensive for common use, tinned fruits likewise and potatoes all done (for this season). Provisions largely as follows: beans, cornmeal, sweet potatoes, another edible tuber called olonamba, yams (a few), rice, tapioca, sago, dried apples and apricots (very sparingly), eggs ("native eggs" we call them colloquially, which means not guaranteed fresh laid), and of course bread. Seriously matters are not at all bad, and the vegetables will come ere long, though no seeds are in yet. Only it is hard to know how to provide appetizing meals just now. You will be starting

Mission Band now. Give them my greetings. Please tell them their quilt is daily installed as "comforter" on the twins bed. Yours with love.

Annie Read.

From Miss Emily McCallum.

GIRLS' AMERICAN SCHOOL, SMYRNA, Turkey, Nov. 12, 1895. 11

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My Dear Mrs. Sanders:

Your letter asking for an account of little Galene has just been received and I will try and tell you all I can about her.

Galene's father was born in Philadelphia (one of the seven churches of Revelation). He was educated principally in Marso. van, which you know is called our "model missionary station," he also studied for a time in Athens. He is a very earnest Christian and one of our most faithful workers. graduated from college he at first took charge of the boys' school here, and it was while teaching here that he was married to Miss Rhodope Kambouropoulow, of Magnesia Rhodope was educated in the mission school in Magnesia, then under the care of Miss Cull, but now incorporated with our school. After completing her studies Miss Rhodone went to Constantinople to teach in Mr. Brooks' school. Miss Rhodope remained for more than a year in Constantinople, but shortly before I came out she was married. She is a very fine woman, rather reserved, but good and faithful and a lovely mother. have never seen better trained children than hers are four now-three girls-Galene, Enterpe and Vasilike, and one son George. Galene is the eldest and was born in Smynra. Not long after Mr. Philadelpheus was sent as a pastor to Isbarta, a town in our field. He afterwards went to another town, Baindir, not far from here. Then a very urgent call came from Ordow (a town on the Blsck Sea) for a Greek pastor, so Mr. P. was chosen to go and there he has labored ever since. The people there are very poor and rather ignorant, they speak a very peculiar dialect. Mr. P. has to be preacher and doctor and lawyer, and I don't know what. But though the people are ignorant they are very easily influenced and eager to hear the Gospel, and the first years there were years of great blessing. This interest aroused the jealousy of the orthodox Greeks and so they used all their influence against the Protestants, the church and schools were closed and have remained so for more than three years. I do not know when permission will be given to re-open. The people are just longing for the truth and so we pray that God may speedily remove the hindrances and the Gospel may again be freely preached.

Galene is about 11 years of age. She is a very attractive child, with rosy cheeks and beautiful brown eyes and hair. always pick her out from the others, because she looks so bright and intelligent. When she came to school a year ago she did not know any English, but she now talks very prettily and is reading in the Fourth Reader and has begun English Grammar. In her own language she is quite advanced, being in a class with girls much older than herself and studying in ancient Greek the Memorabilia of Xenophon. She is one of our most active Christian Endeavourers, always ready to take part in the meet ings, I am often surprised at the apt way in which she quotes Scripture. She has a very good influence over her little companions, two of them have come to believe on Christ through her words and example. She is very faithful in all her duties and perfectly trustworthy, I can always depend on her word and that means much higher praise in this country than it does at She is a great reader and having finished all the Greek books we have in the library she has now begun to read English She remembers whatever she reads and has no difficulty with any of her lessons, except with the amount of writing she has to do for the Greek master. Galene is withal a thorough child and enjoys games and fun as much as any one could. she goes on as beautifully as she has begun she will be a very choice woman and a very valuable worker. She will need five years more to complete the course-ordinary girls would require six, but Galene can easily do it in five. We have not a girl in school who is in every way so worthy as Galene and I feel like congratulating the society in having adopted such a lovely girl, I wish you could see her and hear her for yourselves. Do pray for her and for the school.

With kindest regards and warmest thanks to all the good friends, sincerely yours, EMILY MCCALLUM.

From Mrs. (Rev.) Fred. Macallum.

MARASH, Turkey, Nov. 13th, 1895.

MY DEAR MOTHER,—Things are quieter now than they were. Arrests are being made but the killing seems over for the present. As you may judge all this lawlessness in the city has not left the open country untouched, and we hear of caravans being plundered on all sides. Amongst others, you will be interested to hear, was the one which was bringing our boxes from the coast. Don't feel too bad about it, dear. There are things worse in this world than going shabby, and facing death or the last three weeks has made the loss of property seem com-

paratively insignificant. I don't know just what we will do, but we will be able to get through some way. I may later send to Smyrna for such things as we cannot do without. There will be plenty of ways of spending money this winter. We seem

rather like Jonahs. Famine follows us.

I think much these days of you, dear ones, at home, and grieve that we can do nothing to lighten the burden of anxiety under which you are laboring for us. But we can pray for you as you do for us. It has seemed to me many times this last week that one could not find a nobler cause in which to die that this is. Many martyrs have gone to receive their reward during the past three weeks. We have very little information from surrounding villages, but what we have points to the worst.

Your loving daughter, Mina.

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