

Luebo - Africa -

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Dear Mr Rowbotham -

It is Saturday afternoon and I have just gone through with that trying work of having the yard cleaned. Kamelombi has just gone. I set her to work taking away some old tin cans and such like rubbish and Kamelombi like she threw them into the cumby and so had all her work to do over again. The boat came in day before yesterday and of course we went down dreaming of game and biscuits and mail. It proved to be the Princess with no mail and five cases of goods one of which proved to be a lot of tin plates and some tin forks - very welcome indeed! - The other four cases were goods that came through your kindness and consisted of 1 case flour - 1 case biscuits - some game butter, lard and coffee - with a little salt. All from the S.A.B. The barter goods &c from Dr Sims can not be turned up nor the two sheets &c from you - The Boat brought the unpleasant news of a big fight on the lower Congo - at Munyanga - 1000 white men killed and three mortally wounded. The mails all in the water and the disturbance unquelled - Not at all pleasant to contemplate while one remembers that the majority of the carriers for the lower route are taken from

Munyanga - Things on the Station are in a flourishing condition. The new Chapel is on the way. The Bricks are partially a success some of them good, showing that bricks can be made here. All of them can be used and of course exceed far exceed sun dried brick.

We need more missionaries here - Mrs S. and Mrs A. find their hands more than full with the children and other house hold duties and I am afraid for my wife's health. Can't you stir up the churches and see to it that some one comes - The secular work far exceeds the spiritual work at present and that is not as it ought to be. I shall never be partner again to making a station of this kind - It is too large - Good work can not be done unless you call making a fine station, good work - I don't believe it is missionary work. We are having an afternoon service at Kasenga every Sunday now and a service with our people every night - God has given me an insight into the language I had not hoped to get for a year yet. I am hard at work on a dictionary and want to write a grammar next. It would be satisfactory to me if the Board should commission me to do this work but of course I can not ask

them to do this. We need at least three on  
 a station like this. Mr. A. totally ignores the  
 fact of an election and claims that the mission  
 as a mission no longer exists. One day it became  
 necessary to send one of our men over to the State  
 because he had brutally wounded one of the other  
 men. I went over with Mr. A. Later on in the  
 day he sent over a letter of inquiry and Mr.  
 A. sits down and answers the letter and  
 about an hour afterwards comes to me and  
 tells me of it and asked me if he had done  
 right I told him it was too late to ask me  
 and that further I considered it his duty  
 to come to me and talk such things over be-  
 fore writing to the State or any one else. He  
 held that his position as Treasurer gave him  
 the authority to do all business regardless of  
 the wishes of others. I told him that I thought he  
 was in error and further more I would not  
 be responsible in the least for the results of  
 that was the way he was going to do. Both he  
 and Mrs. A. are so like powder & a spark that  
 to say the least thing is to cause an explosion.  
 And only that I feel it incumbent on me to  
 "Keep the bond of unity in the spirit of peace" I  
 would often tell him what is what. The  
 devil is always around trying to stir up en-  
 -mity and so I take a great deal sometimes

to keep peace there is this about it - however I  
 can not do any thing while Mr. A. labors un-  
 der the impression that he has the ~~sole~~  
 right to write business letters concerning  
 the mission without consulting me. And  
 letters received by him in answer are never  
 shown to me. - By the way I must tell you  
 of a joke - he called me in to day to see  
 an egg laid by a rooster. and with all  
 earnestness began to argue with me as to  
 the fact that one of his roosters had laid  
 the egg. Only that Mrs. A. was around I  
 would have asked him in what part of the  
 anatomy of the rooster the egg was formed -  
 Mrs. S. wants me to tell you that we have  
 Mattie with us still and she is doing  
 well and promises to be a fine woman. Polly  
 is with us and David and the jiggers - besides  
 all these Mr. has <sup>and are</sup> been afflicted with a swarm  
 of loads they come into the house and sit under  
 the bed and in the corners and ring and  
 ring - we don't ring we generally hunt for a stick  
 and don't touch them - I assure you - the ants  
 keep us moving much as if we were on a  
 red hot stove. We shall be anxious to hear from you  
 and to know what you are doing. Shall we hear of your  
 taking Dr. Hirston's place in Nashville? - The State  
 has ordered the S. H. B. to vacate premises across the

miss and that means that the State is coming here. The S.A.B. will buy the Portuguese man's premises. I have written this in a hurry please ever look all errors as I shall not have time to rewrite it.

Mrs S. Sends love to your wife and the baby. and I will just be sending my love too - going so far it must hurt when it strikes L.

We are all well at present Mrs S. just out of bed - two fevers in two weeks - No medicine - ~~no~~ drugs Mrs wrong as to cases of drugs -

In haste but lovingly yours  
"In His Name"

Bud —

S. W. Fryder