

OUR NEEDS.

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Give us more missionaries and we will  
take the whole country for Christ.

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#### NEEDS OF OUR CONGO MISSION.

REV. W. M. MORRISON.

It is generally an easy matter to enumerate one's wants and needs, whether they be real or imaginary. It shall be the purpose in this letter to mention only those needs which we, as a mission, known to be only too real, and which we, therefore, feel it our duty as well as our privilege, to lay before the church and those who have the interest of Zion at heart, trusting that this simple statement of our real wants will bring to us in due time all that is necessary for carrying on the great and wonderfully successful work which the Lord has opened up before us here.

But before speaking of our present needs it will be becoming to make mention of our wants which have been already supplied, and for which we are so thankful, not only to the church at large and to Sunday schools and to individuals, but to our heavenly Father, who, himself, has promised to supply all our needs.

First, among the supplied needs we must mention the steamer. The Sunday schools have, indeed, done nobly, and all praise is due them for the interest and sacrifice they have given in sending to us the S. N. Lapsley. Praise is due to Dr. Snyder, and all others in the homeland who assisted him in drawing up the plans and specifications, as well as to the builders, Messrs. Wm. R. Trigg & Co., of Richmond. But special honor is due to Rev. L. C. Vass, who has most heroically undertaken the rebuilding of the steamer at Stanley Pool. We are



"WILL YOU HAVE A CUP OF TEA—AT LUEBO?"

[This picture gives a glimpse of Luebo life. On the veranda are seen Mr. Morrison and Mrs. Snyder. The latter has just prepared tea.]

all prepared to give Mr. Vass and the Lapsley a royal welcome when they arrive at Luebo, which we hope will now be in a few days.

Next among the supplied needs we shall mention the printing press. The greater part of the money for the purchase of this was given by the Patapsco Sunday school, of Baltimore, and smaller sums were added by others interested in our educational work. We cannot thank these good friends too much. Our first school book has been printed, others are in course of preparation. Also catechisms, instruction books for evangelists, and last, but most important of all, translations from the Bible. No one can estimate the importance of the press in our educational work. Already the interest in the schools has greatly increased.

Then, too, through the generosity of

good friends at Charlottesville, Va., we have a brick press. Our houses heretofore have all been built of sticks plastered between with mud, comfortable enough in their way, but not so substantial and lasting as the brick. Our first building is to be the one most needed, a church. Our present church is just at this writing being enlarged for the third time in the past three years. It has a seating capacity of 400, but we have now an average attendance Sundays of 600, and this is on the increase all the while. Our new church, with a seating capacity of 1,000, or possibly more, will be a great blessing, and we all, especially the native Christians, sincerely thank these good friends for their liberality.

And then we must not fail to give the Lord thanksgiving for his almost miraculous supplying of our temporal wants during the past two years in which our