Letter Gives Details

Banda. Africa Inland Mission, Ni- after that. angara, Congo Belege under date of Aug. 14, 1937. The letter is from Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dix who are friends of Mr. Puckett and He did it because the spirit of dimissonaries in Africa. It contains some interesting facts about the life of the natives in the Congo his young brother, by her evil spirit. region. The letter is as follows:

I have often thought of writing up a few of the reasons why the natives would not be better if we left them alone. In America it is often said that they would be better if we left them alone. I well remember one Sunday morning in a Bible class in a large church at Plattesville, Wis. Almost every member of the class, if not everyone, felt that the natives we are working among would be better off if we left them alone. One man off if we left them alone. One man them sooner or later with their spoke up and said, "They are happy in their ignorance. Even their by 100 per cent of the people. They work is accompanied by a song. Why not let them remain happy?"

This is often heard even among ernments nor missionaries can re-Christian people. I will try and show why they are not better off left alone. Other well meaning friends often told us that we had spent five years out here, they their old belief. Using the Bible term they "Must be born again." They must become "new creatures in Christ Jesus." They must have their old beliefs they christ They reasoned that we had done our part ing faith in God thru Christ. They and advised us to remain at home must come to believe "that God is, and rear our family. We started our work but it is far from completed.

must come to believe "that God is, and is the rewarder of those that diligently seek him."

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These people certainly have no extent, but the natives often say, hope except in this life. Therefore "If the white man leaves it will they are of all people most miser-able. I will not tell of their re-ligious customs. I will tell of the

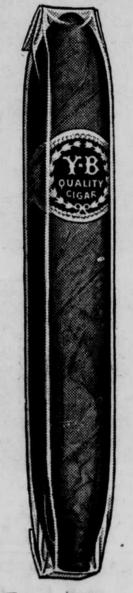
work to the rythm of a song. They my workmen had carried it in I carry their loads over a hot stony path to the rythm of a song. Song" has a very prominent place in their life but it does not always mean happiness; it is often used all that, but he was afraid that to cover a very heavy heart, or forget the weight of the load they are carrying. Yes, they appear happy, content and carefree, but their evil spirits. By giving each of them a piece they would think that he was a good fellow and he

One hundred per cent of the people believe that some among them have evil spirits, which dwell ing me to punish his wife for being me to punish his wife for being in their inward parts. They are untrue to him. I questioned him so positive that this is true that about it. He had been away for they declare that they can show about a week and while he was you the house in which this spirit away he dreamed that she was un-

miles from us until his death three wives. He said, "I have bought her, years ago, had according to official she is mine. Why shouldn't she be she is mine. the person that was causing the him, they had given up all hopes grief by their evil spirit. When of reducing it. They were divining the divining claimed it to be one to see who was the cause of it. After about half an hour I was asked her about it. If she denied successful in reducing it and saved having any knowledge of an evil his life. spirit, he sometimes tied her to a They

census 325 wives. One of my whipped until she reveals him. It Christian workmen had a sister must be true, how could I be way that was a wife of the chief. She out there and dream about her in tells of some of the things she witnessed. When a person that I did not punish his wife. was associated with the chief or the chief himself was sick, a crude was a native here with a strangumethod of divining was used to find lated hernia. I went down to see

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tree and opened her abdomen with his knife. If he could find a piece Of Native Life In The that looked like a thumb he would African Belgian Congo
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received by Fay A. Puckett from

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ion. The letter is as follows:

Several people were sometimes gathered together in a house and

The government is doing every-We read in God's word that if in thing in its power to suppress such this life only we have hope, we things as I have described, and they are of all men most miserable. have been successful to a very large

more apparent reasons which are the result of their spiritual darkness.

I will tell of the age of It is true that the native does his ceeded in killing a buffalo. After would escape in that way.

dwells; this house is like your thumb growing on the intestines. This evil spirit is the cause of all sickness, failure, grief, death; causes hunting and fishing to be fruitless, or anything undesirable. Chief Mboeli lived about five miles from us until his death three that manner unless it was true."

This evening I heard that there

They think the only way to cure measles is to give them to someone else. These are only a few of the things that the gospel can and does change. Our work is started, but far from finished. I wonder how many there are in America who say, "They would be better off if say, "They would be been we left them alone"

BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Mattie Soukup drove to Lincoln last Wednesday morning and returned that evening bringing her son, Francis, back so that he could spend the Thanksgiving with the home folks.

Leo Swanson of Lincoln, commissioner of public lands and buildings for the state of Nebraska, was in the city last Thursday night on his way to Keya Paha county on a business trip.

Miss Jane Mains, who is attending the state university at Lincoln, came up last Wednesday evening and spent Thanksgiving vacation with the home folks, returning to her school duties Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Devine and sister, Miss Grace Campbell, came down from Cheyene, Wyo., last Wednesday evening to spend Thanksgiving with relatives and old friends here. They left for home Sunday morning.

Miss Ruth Harris, who is attending Morningside college at Sioux City, Iowa, came home last Wednesday evening to spend the holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. Esther Cole Harris. She returned to her school duties Monday morning.

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