

Kaimosi, B. E. Africa.
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My dear parents - After a three weeks absence, Elisha has returned. It was exceedingly lonely without him. Arthur Chilson was the only missionary on the station besides myself.

Rees' are coming in next week to stay. There is an abundance of rain now for making shamba, we had only about 3 weeks of dry weather this time.

Edgar came up from their camp yesterday - was here to dinner with us. It seemed so good to see him. We haven't seen Adelaide and Leona since December 23rd.

I am to have a little outing if all goes well. Elisha has to go to Fort Nandi again, and the Mayes' and Cary's who are his patients there insist that he shall bring me to see them. They will send soldiers and all the porters we can possibly need, they say, including 8 strong men for my chair.

I am busy trying to get my clothes ready. Mamma, I think thee would be amused and a little sorry for me, because of my plight for clothing since I have grown so fleshy. Some of my clothes cannot be made over at all, others can with some trouble, but the supply is very scarce. Perhaps I am too sensitive about my appearance, but I don't like my clothes to look like they "were picked before they were ripe" - does thee remember Charles' expression?

Mrs. Wendte sent us a gift - our share of which was forty dollars - and my good husband says I must have some clothes out of that amount, so I am going to write to Mombasa for samples, and see what I can get there.

We will probably go to Nandi in about 10 days from now.

Baby has a little helmet which she can wear on "safari" if she needs it, but the road is largely thro' forest, so it isn't so hot as it would be thro' open country.

Elisha is building a combination cook-house and store-house of brick, has been laying brick for three days - it's pretty hard work in the hot sun - he gets exceedingly tired.

Baby Doris is growing finely - and is more cunning every day. Her cute little ways delight us continually.

The mail-man is ready to start - so I must close.

Hastely, but very lovingly,

Virginia.