

Havelock, the Christian soldier who died during the Indian mutiny in 1857, left Trinidad. His excellency was here only about six months, and has left for Natal. A local paper referring to his departure says:

"What is regretted is not so much the loss of the Governor as the loss of the man. High principled, strictly upright and fearlessly truthful, shunning every attempt at dissimulation, acting solely on his own convictions and opinions, and fully accepting the responsibility of so doing, Sir Arthur has won the good opinions of all who knew him intimately, not excepting even some of those who were opposed to his policy."

Hard times have led some of our patrons to reduce the amount of their annual grant to our schools. To prevent the closing of two of our schools, we applied to the Governor to take them over, and he did as we sought. From 1st January they will be Government schools, but we will have certain privileges which will enable us to give the usual religious instruction.

I quote the closing sentence of a letter dated 30th Sept. which will be gratifying to you as it is to us, as it expresses the Governor's estimate of our Mission work.

"In conclusion I beg to ask you to accept the assurance of my earnest hope that every blessing will continue to attend your excellent work in this Island."

Our new Governor Sir William Robinson has arrived and bears an excellent reputation for administrative ability.

Tho' in the middle of the wet season we have very little rain and unusual heat, much sickness and poverty.

As a family we are in our usual health. The members of the Missions families are well, with the exception of Mr. MacLeod who tho' feeble continues to labour. I do not feel that we have any special grounds for discouragement. We all regret so much to hear of Dr. McGregor's state of health.

EXTRACTS OF LETTER FROM MISS BLACK-ADAR.

Princetown, Trinidad.
Sep. 21st, 1885.

Dear Mrs. McColl:

It is long since I wrote to you, not that I have grown careless or lazy, but you know as we grow old in years, work seems to increase, and the time seems to go from us so quickly.

I have been very well this year, no fe-

ver as yet, I do hope that I will escape this time. All the mission families are well. The McLeods have gone to a small village a few miles from Princetown for quiet, and change of air.

We spent our vacation at Tunapuna with our friends the Mortons. Mrs. Morton kindly asked me to bring the three girls so we all went, enjoyed ourselves, climbed hills, explored rivers, and visited some old Spanish Towns. One almost expected some old Spanish don, to pace in a slow and stately manner, around what was once the place of arms. Only degenerate specimens of Spanish and African, went slipshod along the streets, where once I suppose, some grand old Spanish knight walked proudly along with his nose in the air, and his sword by his side. We saw beautiful cocoa estates, clear sparkling rivers, and some fine hill scenery.

We also attended a tea-meeting on Mr. Dickson's field, Arouca. Mr. Morton made an address, taking for his subject, "tongues." The people enjoyed it very much indeed.

Rev. Mr. Aitken, spoke about "dress." Mr. Hendrie gave some Hindu proverbs, which show, either that we English are a great stealing nation, or that all wise men think alike. Some of these proverbs we use every day. Mr. Wright of Couva, also addressed the meeting. Agnes Morton has a school of Coolies upon Orange Grove Estate, some 30 or 40 children attend. The day was very wet, yet the little Coolies came running up, some with only a rice bag, to protect them from the rain. Fanny, a young Hindoo woman, who does Bible works, also assists. I had the pleasure of seeing Miss Semple's S. School, and the Tunapuna S. School. Mr. Morton will soon build a new church. We also made a call upon the Hendries, Hindi missionaries at St. Joseph.

I heard the sad news that Mr. Christie is in very poor health in California.

The season has been very dry, and much sickness has been among the people. We had a funeral nearly every day for two weeks.

Lame Annie Mewa has now a class in Sunday School. She, and Jessie Campbell, with little Thomas Anajee, go every Sunday afternoon with our worthy elder Charles Andrew, to teach, sing, read, and talk to the people who live in the villages of Mt. Stuart and Palmyra.

Our school has 126 pupils, Annie Mewa, and Jessie Campbell assist me now. We have already made over three hundred dollars in government result fees by the