

do his work. I see no evidence in Trinidad to cause me to alter this opinion. Household arrangements and comforts are even more necessary here than in Canada. Because there is so much to worry and weary outside in carrying on the work; it seems all the more necessary to keep at home and prepare for the homecoming of the weary labourer when he has done with the work of the day. Will not the wife of the merchant help him as well by keeping at home as by going to the desk at the counting house? The same principle holds good as to the relation of the wife to a successful missionary.

Of course, this need not hinder our taking a lively interest in what is going on. It need not hinder our seeking to influence for good those who come about the house. Perhaps as much is done actually by letting it be known that the coolie women are always welcome at the mission house, as by going often to their homes. It might be possible to appear very humble in the houses of the people, and yet make them feel that they had no welcome to make themselves free with us in our own homes. We go to their houses, of course, whenever we can, and there we see a good deal of misery and shiftlessness. We may  *speak*  to them about these things without influencing them much for the better; but if we can bring them to see the arrangements of our homes, if we can show them how a little care and taste make home comfortable and its inmates clean and happy, do we not do more in this way? I humbly think so.

The work in our field goes on steadily. There are evidences on the side of success. The gospel must be successful. It is ours to labour on and patiently wait for the forth-putting of the power of Him who is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

Some of the converts have lately troubled our hearts, and given cause to the heathen to blaspheme; but even in these the evidences of sorrow and repentance have been so open and real as to well nigh do away with the ill result of their folly. Around us is a great dark mass of heathenism; arrogant in its conceit; impressions are made slowly. You will remember that I mentioned, over a year ago, a young Brahmin who seemed to be seeking after the light. To this day he is unbaptized. At times he has seemed not far from the kingdom, but at other times he has drifted far away.