

TRINIDAD.

Account of School at Red Hill.

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MRS. MORTON.—I did not expect when last writing you to be so long delayed in fulfilling my promise of writing again, but I was not very well for a few weeks about New Year, and after that Mr. Morton went to visit the converts in St. Lucia as you will see by the *Record*, and in his absence, as commander-in-chief, I had my hands and head both so full that I needed to run away to Princetown to refresh mind and body by a stay with our dear fellow-labourers—the Macraes—shortly after Mr. Morton's return. What a pleasant thing it is to rest when one is not ill but only weary! I am enjoying it to the full.

I told you something about your school at Red Hill when I wrote you in December. Soon after, we had the Christmas examination and treats. We were much pleased, that without any hint from us the pupils had scrubbed the floor and ornamented the walls with palm branches and flowers for the occasion. As they are mostly poor children the luns, candies, marbles and other small presents were a source of great delight to them. You will have seen by the report sent you lately that the average for the year was twenty-one. It may seem small but the amount of good accomplished is not small in proportion to the expense. The cost is now about six dollars a month, being two dollars rent for the house, and fifteen cents a day for the teacher. There is a Sabbath School and service immediately after on every Lord's Day, conducted by a helper, and, as I mentioned before, Mr. Morton and myself visit it fortnightly, when I teach the women and gather in all I can for a service in the schoolhouse. About fifteen boys and young men have learned to read the Bible in their own language, and the school has already provided us with two teachers in this way. Almost next door is a Hindu shop-keeper of considerable importance, with two grown-up sons who had been baptized in the Church of England and pretty well taught in the English language. When our school was opened they attended regularly and soon learned Hindi. Their minds seemed to open to religious influences, and one of them is now teaching at Orange Grove, and the other at your school. They are married to two sisters who received some instruction at Tunapuna, so that we now look upon them as our