

We could wish that the same amount of money brought in as good a return in every place. I am trying to get time to have a woman's meeting there. I have them weekly at two of our stations and fortnightly at two others. We feel sure they are increasing the interest among the women. My Bible woman relieves me occasionally by taking a meeting entirely herself; she is quite capable and very much respected. We sew; sing native hymns, learning the words; and spend a good deal of time in Scripture instruction and prayer. We have rented a cottage near and taken in four of our Christian girls for special preparation as the future wives of our helpers. I superintend them in every way. A respectable Creole woman who assists in the school has hourly charge of them. We hope a great deal from this new movement; it is required as much for their protection as for their education, in most cases. You will understand this from reading my enclosure. The parents are in very many cases unwilling to give their girls. They are worth just so much money in the matrimonial market; we could get smaller ones more easily, but are not prepared to take many yet. I expect great help from my daughter in this undertaking; if spared she will be with us in a few months.

Mr. Morton will write as to the expenditure of the remainder of your money for last year. We are in fair health and were never more eager in our work. The night cometh, slowly it may be, but surely. I think we are both too eager; our minds seem to wear out the body; but the old proverb comes in here, *we don't want to rust out*. Perhaps you will advise a happy medium; so do I, but never attain it. We feel very much encouraged in our work; we have had a long and trying warfare with heathenism in this field; we can speak confidently of progress in the last year or two. It was not hindered perceptibly by our visit home; this we take to be a hopeful feature in the case. We do so much wish to be spared a few years longer if it be God's holy will.

There is much to make us cheerful and thankful. Our children are all well and doing well. The Lord was very tender with us in regard to the two younger ones. All through an unhealthy wet season they did not miss one day at school—all the time we were in Canada.

Miss Blackadder has no doubt written you about her work in Tacarigua. She noticed a marked improvement in the attitude of the people towards our work, while her return was the signal