

improved. The nightly attacks of coughing have left him and his strength is increased. We pray God that it may continue. Humanly speaking, the Mission needs him. Conva, as you know, is vacant. We are anxiously expecting to hear that a missionary is coming for that field. Our own district is large enough for two, but could be worked by one with efficient native aid. That we have not got at present. Our educated young men are in such demand, and, as a matter of course, are not all fitted for school work, much less for the important work of a catechist. Still, if Mr. Morton's health is only spared we could work along pretty well with the money assistance you have given us this year.

The work is progressing. A schoolhouse near Arima is just finished, and the school opened this week. The teacher is one who learned to read his own language at your school at Red Hill, and has been teaching there for the past year. It is rather remarkable that your school at Red Hill, unimportant as it might appear if judged by the small building or the number of children present at any one time, has provided us with three teachers already. Alfred and George, who could read English before, and were baptized elsewhere, but had been living in entire neglect of religion, were drawn in, taught their own language, and stirred up to think about their souls. Wajid Ali, a Moham-medan boy, is the third. He is now teaching the school, and will probably be baptized in time. This is rather remarkable—perhaps I should say very much so—and we feel thankful for such a result in such a short time. We need good East Indian teachers very much. Quite a number of our young men have been drawn off to supply other islands with teachers and interpreters. We are proud to send them, but would often prefer to keep them. The schools have just had three weeks' holidays. We arranged it so that they would be closed while we are down here. Thank you for the leaflets; I like them much. It is a good idea putting items of news on the first page.

SEP. 18—Mr. Morton got down all right yesterday after a good tossing in the "Ant." We are hoping great things from this change. We long to be at work again. The weather has been exceptionally hot, and an acute form of dysentery has been epidemic in Port of Spain. We think, with many others, that it may be attributed to the want of attention to sanitary arrangements. In July 96 people died of it in Port of Spain, in August 46. Four deaths only have occurred in San Fernando, and there have been very few cases in the country parts, confined, too, to one locality. The Lord has been very gracious to the Mission