

I have arrived at the point. If you judge us worthy of being entrusted with another donation this year, will you give it to this school? If you do not object to your money being put into the building, it is better and simpler for us to use it in that way, and you will see that it is substantially the same thing, for if you said "No, we will pay the teacher," then we would let the Government allowance go for the building.

Partly owing to our absence in Barbados at the Christmas holidays, and partly to other causes, we did not get any share of an extra Government grant of £250 per annum, made at that time for Coolie Schools. Mr. Grant, in the San Fernando district, secured fifty-eight dollars a month, and Mr. Macrae, at Princetown, thirty-two. This is a yearly grant. Mr. Morton secured the last twelve dollars of this grant for the Couva district at a village called Chandanagon, where there was a pressing necessity for beginning at once.

We have a Roman Catholic Colonial Secretary for Trinidad now, and that denomination, strong and wealthy as it is here, is unusually active in trying to get hold of the schools of the country. Not that they trouble with opening up new schools; this is not their policy; nor have they as yet given us much trouble in connection with our schools. It is too hard work to keep Coolies in school for them to be very envious of our opportunities; they take the world easily, and prefer to leave the people in ignorance. They have just finished a chapel in Tunapuna village, where, if the Coolie church had not gone up, neither the Church of England nor they themselves would have entered in; they have sent in a petition to have the Tunapuna Government School handed over to them as an assisted school; this petition, with a counter one, helped on by Mr. Morton, has gone home to the Secretary of States for the Colonies, and meanwhile the building of the new Government School House is in suspension, though tenders had actually been advertised for. This is an additional reason for our entering in without delay when there is an important opening; in the case of assisted schools the first applicant gets the grant. A second will not be allowed within a certain distance. Want of money has kept the Protestant denominations out. To get the assistance you must have buildings. But we have often wondered at the Roman Catholics not going in for Coolie Schools. The reasons are, I believe, what I have referred to above—too much toil and not enough money in the undertaking; but we cannot tell at what moment their jealousy may be aroused and may set them to