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We are sure that all our readers will sympathize deeply with Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie in their trial. Between the prospect of their having Jesuit priests as their neighbors, the enmity to the gospel yet manifested by the natives of Mali, the sickness, the loss of their little one, and no friend near except those lately won from heathenism, and the prospect of having to send away their children in a little time, not to get them back after they have completed their education but to meet them seldom again in this life, these things make up a burden that to the eye of sense seems heavy indeed. But He whom they serve and trust will fulfil His promise. "As thy day so shall thy strength be." May we not hear in fancy coming from that lonely island the cry to the church at home "Brethren pray for us."

Miss Semple's many friends will be glad to learn that her health is re-established. She is to return to Trinidad immediately to take charge of the school at Princetown. Miss Semple has proved herself a most efficient laborer, having done excellent work during the four years that she

was in the mission, and now that her health is restored she is most anxious to return to the work to which she is so much attached.

Rev. W. L. Macrae writes from Princes town, Trinidad, under date March 31st: "We had two marriages to-day in Princetown, which caused quite an excitement, viz.: C. C. Soodeen, our catechist, and Rupandyal, one of our school teachers. They married two of the girls which Miss Blackadder brought up. The name of the one Soodeen married was Jessie Campbell, called after Miss Jessie Campbell of Halifax," now Mrs. Dr. McLeod of Torburne, Pictou Co

The Mission Council in Trinidad is anxious to extend the work of the mission in that island and throughout the group. There are yet two districts in Trinidad which they have not been able to overtake, viz.: *Cedros* and *Chaguanos*. The district of *Cedros* lies about 30 miles by steamer from San Fernando, is the South West point of Trinidad, and has a population of about 4000. *Chaguanos* district lies on the Railway between Caroni and Couva, and has a population of nearly 4000 immigrants from India, or as they are so often called Coolies.

Mr. Morton, secretary of the Mission Council, writes:

"One principal reason why these fields have not been pressed on the attention of your Board, has been the State of your funds. Now we feel it our duty to press for the appointment of Soodeen and to bring forward Cedros also, lest the responsibility of delay rest in any way upon us. These fields are now open to us and if we can take them up we will co-operate with our work all the important districts of the Island, except one to the West of Port of Spain.

Our Indian population is now estimated at 60,000."