

schools of Aronca and Tunapuna, which are sufficiently near, if they were anxious to avail themselves of them. The one near Tunapuna is on Macoya estate. The other, near Aronca, is at Red Hill, a small village. They are also centres of religious instruction, by which adults will be benefited. A number of them are always gathered around when the children sing the bhajans (native hymns), and when we visit them. They are taught in the afternoon, with a special view to benefit those who work until toward the evening hours, and only in Hindi, which is learned much more quickly than English. The average attendance at Red Hill has been about 26, at Macoya about 19. As to buildings, they are indeed very rough. Sometimes on an estate the manager kindly allows the use of one or two barrack rooms, or, if considered necessary, we erect a building, but in this case we could not get the use of a room, nor did Mr. Morton consider it wise to build one. We have permission from the coolies to use a shed belonging to themselves, a sort of summer house, very low, with mud walls on three sides and open on the other, a mud floor and a grass roof. It is not, as you will judge, either comfortable or convenient, but we will use it in the meantime, and perhaps later on the manager might allow us a room. Money is too hard to get to be lavishly spent. At Red Hill we have a native hut; much better, but too small. We got promises from the parents to pay the rent of it, one dollar a month, which they will probably fulfil. At present the expense for teachers is only four dollars a month for each, but there will be some change at Macoya before long, as the lad employed is only here for a time. I bought a bell for each, six shillings apiece, but at Macoya it is very hard to get the children in, and sometimes after the teacher brings them they ask to be allowed to go for a drink of water, and don't come back. You rightly read our reports. As you say, a report is sometimes inspiring—it is so to us; the details, looked at every day, seem insignificant; the results, when counted up yearly, are encouraging even to ourselves. I am shipping off a small box this week, containing among other things the photograph of Princetown Church and the map of Trinidad, about which I wrote you. On the map you will be able to see the position of your schools.