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LETTER FROM MRS. WRIGHT.

COUVA, TRINIDAD, July 5th, 1884.

DEAR MRS. HARVIE,—

We have been in Trinidad now over six months; looking back, it does not seem long. Our interest in the work is increasing every day. Mr. Wright is always very busy; nearly every day he goes out to visit one or more of the schools or hospitals, or to hold services in the barracks. The coolies always welcome him with their smiles and salaams. When at home, he is constantly working away at the language, with which he is making good progress, as you will think, I am sure, when I tell you that already he is able to converse pretty well with the people, and conducts part of the Sabbath service in their language. Many of the coolie children are bright and intelligent; some of our boys read and write and do arithmetic quite as well as boys of the same age in Canada.

We are opening a new school on Providence Estate in connexion with the Esperanza school. Three estates, Providence, Phoenix Park, and Esperanza, are owned by W. F. Burnley, Esq., in England. This gentleman makes quite a liberal allowance monthly to the Esperanza school. Colonel Burnley—the son and heir of the proprietor—with his lady, was in Trinidad some months ago. They visited the school, in company with Mr. Wright and Mr. Kenny (the Attorney of these estates), and declared themselves highly pleased. The school received an honorable mention in the *Royal Gazette* of England shortly afterwards.

The opening of the new school will necessitate greater outlay. We cannot think of asking Mr. Burnley to do more, unless he should offer; so if the ladies in your society have a