

pointed, that I am afraid I have left your kind communication too long unanswered. A notice of three hundred dollars paid into our account by Mr. Morrison, stirred us up to our duty, viz: to thank your Society for again remembering us, and to tell you a little about our work. We visited Red Hill again yesterday. It happens remarkably often that we are caught in heavy rain when we go there, and yesterday was no exception. It threatened in the morning, but as there was a man there very ill whom we desired to see, we set out. We stopped in at Miss Blackadder's by the way and found her with a heavy cold; she takes a cold very easily of late. Her work has been unusually encouraging; she has still the difficulty of getting the children to attend regularly, but the evening class and meetings for worship under her direction have all been better attended, and a good deal of interest is manifest among the young men of the neighbourhood. We passed on to Arouca school; examined the children in their Bible study for the week and waited for a heavy shower to pass, but before we reached the little thatched school-house at Red Hill it became a regular down-pour. I could not, therefore, get round among the houses as usual, but four women came in, and I gave them a long talk about good things and a lesson from Scripture pictures, with which I always go armed. One of the women was Chando; it is not likely that she will go back to her husband; I think you know that they quarrelled and separated, and she may yet come to me, but it would not be wise for us to take her until it is quite clear that she will not go back to the man she married. As the marriage was in Mahommedan fashion it was not legal, and, therefore, would not prevent her from being married in the church, should she at some future day desire it. I was told yesterday that she was forced into the arrangement; the parents do not rest so long as they have a child of either sex unmarried, especially a girl, and hence arises one of the many reasons why we wish to take a few girls under our protection as they come to the age considered to be the limit for spinsters, thirteen or fourteen. We have five now with us and are well satisfied with their conduct and progress; they are not at all untractable, but jealous and quarrelsome among themselves.

I am cheered by the prospect of having my daughter soon with us, and she will, I am sure, take it almost entirely out of