

In closing her letter, Mrs. Grant thanks the W. F. M. S. most heartily for their kindly remembrance of her work, and expresses the hope that the work of the Society may be abundantly prospered, and that the time may soon come when the Gospel will be accepted by all.

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Mrs. Morton, under date of June 1st, writes us in her usual happy manner from Gasparilla, Gulf of Paria. "We have turned aside," she says, "to rest awhile at our favourite island. No voice from the outside world disturbs the unbroken quiet we enjoy here. Three days in the week the mail steamer calls with mails, etc. Dr. Morton has managed to get two Sabbaths' rest, and I have had three. We return to our work on Saturday (D.V.). I have five of the girls with me, and the other three were left in safe hands. Miss Blackadder, who is not strong, came to us for a few days.

"Dr. Morton's health is very good indeed; but I do not feel as strong as usual this year. I have more mental strain and more responsibility than ever before. I teach my five girls every day in the intervals of bathing, sleeping and eating. Only one is sufficiently advanced to take a little grammar and geography, the rest are toiling on in the reading and writing of two languages, and in Scripture knowledge. They are very good, poor things, and help me a great deal by helping each other. Yesterday, at the Bible lesson, I said, 'What are you staying with Madame for?' Sarah Agnes promptly replied, 'To learn about Jesus.' That is, perhaps, the best answer that could be given. Another would be, 'To rescue us from our parents.'"

In commenting upon the early marriages of the coolie children, Mrs. Morton writes:—"The marriages of their children are the events of their lives to the parents. They seem to have no peace of mind till it is accomplished. Sometimes the desire is increased by the wish to make a show and have a prolonged revel; sometimes by the prospect of a money consideration. I have known them to refuse their daughters in marriage because the would-be son-in-law would not consent to live under the parents' roof and work for the common good; or they will give the girl, and if the young man does not come up to the mark, they will take her away until he pays up to their satisfaction."

Returning to the subject of her training school for young girls,