

that he and his wife had remained at home. I supposed that it was only an attack of fever and that in a few days he would be all right again as he was a strong, healthy young man. But soon the sad intelligence came that he was dead. He died the same day the rest of the natives returned. Oh! I cannot tell you what a trial this has been to me. What bright hopes have been dashed to the ground in a moment. I was looking forward joyfully to the time when several distant, scattered villages, now heathen, would be transplanted to Bufo to receive the Word of Life; and the chief instrument in this was to be this same young man. He had already begun to gather them, for those who had moved there were principally his friends. He had been a very wild youth but the change that came over him since he renounced heathenism about a year ago was simply marvellous. I have seen few natives on whom the gospel seemed to have taken such a hold. Indeed this is just what might have been expected seeing he renounced heathenism at the time he did. All the rest of the natives at his village were opposed to the gospel, and the chief, his foster parent, especially so. Some of the nearest villages to him were holding a feast and others preparing for one so that nothing but the grace of Him "with whom nothing is impossible," could have induced him to take the step he did. But dark and trying as his death has been it has a bright side. On their return as they drew near the village they heard him singing, and when the teacher entered he said to him, "I feel very happy. I took the Good Word and now I know my heart has a tight hold of it. I am going to leave you and you must be kind to the strangers who have come to live here." He kept on singing and praying until he died.

OCTOBER 22ND.

We had a call from a man-of-war yesterday, and the captain kindly offered to mail letters for us so I embrace the opportunity of sending this. As you will see it was written at different times and very hurriedly.

With our united kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely

J. W. MACKENZIE.

Trinidad.

REV. J. W. McLEOD'S FIFTH REPORT.

PRINCESTOWN, Dec. 28, 85.

Since in the providence of God I am here at the close of another year I shall try to briefly report its' work.

1. My health has not been much worse than in 1884, save that I am unable to preach.

2. Although helpless thus in myself I have not been left helpless. Throughout the year each missionary gave one day in eight weeks which gave us every alternate Sabbath. Then Mr. Gibson, at the request of the council, was with us until his departure for Demerara. Mr. Henry Brown also was ever ready when health permitted to take a Wednesday or Sabbath evening service. Rev. S.H. Wilson and Thos. Thomson, Esq., of San Fernando, deserve our best thanks for aid. The intervening Sabbaths were largely filled in the Hindi service by Mr. Jos. Annagee, who faithfully labored during the past year in word and doctrine. Mr. C. C. Soodeen regularly on Sabbath afternoon conducted a service in Mount Stewart and Palmyra villages, alternately. Mr. Henry Jaraman, in Piparo; John Gobin, at Jordan Hill, and the other teachers, have willingly taken their share of Sabbath work. Jaraman may be said to be a pastor as well as teacher, in his district. The Sabbath School was conducted by Miss Blackadder. The teachers were, Mrs. McLeod, Miss Blackadder, Messrs. C. C. Soodeen, D. Mahabu, Williams, Brown, and Annie Mewa.

3. Owing to the loss of £25 for Jordan High School since 1884, through depression in sugar, we have been compelled to close St. Julien School and to appropriate its support for Jordan Hill, a most important school. By arranging for fees and keeping a Hindu monitor in the Government School, not far from our own, the loss was less felt. I have few changes to report in the other schools save that of a new teacher at Cedar Hill. Mr. Grant relieved me largely of the care of Cedar Hill, Jordan Hill, Mount Stewart, and Palmyra schools. Mr. Morton relieved me by occasionally visiting the farther schools.

4. Of a debt of \$325 on new church, and general work from 1884, we have paid