

At the present we are regretting very deeply the removal of ten of our number to India. On the 3rd when I left Port of Spain a returning immigrant ship was receiving over six hundred souls homeward bound. I believe their going to India will do good. The intense home prejudice is almost entirely uprooted in all who have been here ten years. This ship too had more true Christians on board than any that has gone before. One family we will sorely miss, they were so kind, intelligent, earnest and liberal. They embraced Christianity, ay and Christ too I believe, six years ago, and their annual contribution ever since has averaged about \$80. They were shop-keepers. He (Benny, the head of the family) swept the church in his district, trimmed the lamps, supplied the oil, weeded and ornamented the grounds in addition to the 5s. stg. which were weekly laid on the plate. I grieve at their removal. I was training the eldest son for the mission work. He is well up in Hindi, in English too in all its ordinary branches, has made good progress in geometry and in algebra (branches in which Miss Copeland, his teacher, is proficient), and reads Caesar in Latin freely. They go because they yearned to see their native land once more, but as the children were born here, I think it probable they will return, and that their son, my dear boy Joseph, will yet be a power for good amongst us. I believe he is a child of God, desirous above all things to work for Christ, hence he will be useful wherever he may go.

I have your report, and if I can find a few earnest souls amongst the ladies at Demerara, I will try to organize a W. F. M. S. It is vain to start such if two or three cannot be found, and I fear friends at home little know how unfavourable tropical life is to the development of the higher life. When we see the number of young men of Christian parentage, some of whom bear with them certificates of Church membership, who turn their back on the Church, disregard God's holy day, and make haste in their wickedness, you are almost compelled to doubt whether there is such a thing as conversion at all. Had they lived at home, and died at home, there might be little or no anxiety in regard to their spiritual condition, but outward relations having changed, their real nature shows itself. I could cite examples humiliating in the extreme. Be it remembered, however, that some continue faithful.

You will all deeply regret with ourselves the removal by death of Miss Archibald, teacher at Couva. She proved an excellent worker. Why from a position of so much usefulness was she taken away? What we know not now we may know hereafter. In Thy light, O Lord, we shall see light, and whatever may be our