

Arouca.....	35	24
Europe.....	34	24
Caroni.....	36	25
Orange Grove.....	25	15

Total... 173      114

With great thankfulness would I refer to the regular contributions and special donations received from friends of our mission in Trinidad, in Scotland, and in Canada, as shown by the subjoined accounts.

For services rendered as trustee to the estate of the late Wm. Cuthbert—a friend of ourselves and of our work from our first coming to Trinidad—I received £51, 10s., and from the Colonial Government for translating the Indian Immigrants Marriage Ordinance £20. These sums I have paid into the credit of the Mission. To Mrs. Cuthbert we are indebted for a baby organ for Tunapuna, and to Mrs. John Y. Payzant, of Dartmouth, for a table organ which we carry from school to school to teach the children singing. Respectfully submitted.

#### Resignation of Rev. T. Christie.

*To the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.*

I have now the painful duty to perform of laying before you the statement regarding my health:

As you already know I was laid aside from work during the whole of December 1891 and half of January of the year now closed. The physician who attended me said that there was no organic disease present but that my sickness was the result of overwork. I may here say, that I did not feel then and do not feel now that I had done more than was absolutely necessary to properly carry on my work.

His orders as to treatment were observed and I began gradually to regain my strength, but during the whole year I have suffered from a pain in my left side which became more when I was fatigued or when suffering from the effect of any slight cold. As my strength was increasing and I was gaining in weight I thought that by working as carefully as possible the pain and weakness might pass away.

In the spring I consulted a second physician who agreed with the first that there was nothing more than weakness troubling me. As the pain became somewhat worse in November, I consulted Dr. Pasley, a physician of extensive experience in the Island and one who has always

evinced great interest in the work of our mission. He examined me carefully and told me that there was something wrong at the apex of the left lung, but he said he could not speak positively as to the seriousness of the trouble without another examination, and told me to come back in a few weeks. In about four weeks I returned to him when he again examined me and told me that he found what he considered unmistakable signs of the formation of tubercle. He also told me that he had found that the climate of Trinidad was very unfavourable for one who had any tendency to Tubercular Consumption and that he very strongly recommended me as soon as the weather became warm enough at home to leave Trinidad, and gave me every hope that in a more bracing climate I might regain my health.

At Dr. Pasley's request I also consulted Dr. Arnold of Port of Spain. After examination he stated that there was consolidation at the apex of the left lung, but as the general symptoms which accompany tubercle were not present, he would not say that there was any development of Tubercle but that he found that my whole system was in a feeble condition and that I was unfit for work. Both of these physicians consider that the disease is not a recent development, but has existed since the sickness in December 1881.

In answer to my question he said that he agreed with Dr. Pasley that if Tubercle were present I should leave Trinidad. I have consulted with others and have thought seriously and deeply over the matter. I have felt my strength declining almost ever since I returned in 1879, but considered it to be the natural result of the depressing climate. I have sought to work with wisdom and not to over-fatigue myself. I have had no acute disease of any sort which might lead to any trouble of the kind which at present exists in my lung and I feel that it is simply the result of the constant drain of strength which is continually going on here.

For this reason I have little hope that Dr. Pasley's opinion will prove to be unfounded and as I believe that it will be more to the satisfaction of the Board and better for the interests of the work in Couva that the matter be not left in suspense, I see no course open to me but to ask the Board that in the month of June I may be relieved of the charge of the work in Couva and be allowed to return to Canada.

This change has not been sought by me. Dr. Pasley's decision was totally unexpected and if I can have strength to