

and orderly, an attendance full and regular, and the contributions general and liberal.

Intelligent Hindoos have an impression that their children will embrace Christianity, but they trust that this calamity will be averted during their life time. To the Babu one said a short time ago, "let my eyes be closed first and then you will get my children."

A Bramhin well known to LalBehari is one of the Pundits, attentively listened as the word was preached one evening on an estate. Later the preacher and the pundit met, and when the former enquired of the latter what he was doing, he replied: "I am here fooling these people—going to hell myself and leading them there too", and with these words he withdrew a Christian book from his kapra, well thumbed, and said, "I believe this book is true and that salvation is by Jesus Christ, but by reading to the people their own shastras, making puja, telling fortunes, I get my food. We meet scores of cases of intellectual conviction, whilst the heart remains in its natural alienation, and so it will be until the spirit be poured upon us from on high.

In reading the book of Ezra this morning I was particularly impressed with the ready, cheerful, generous spirit that moved, Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes in their treatment of the Children of the Captivity. Is not that divine influence that wrought on them still powerful to work on us. We need nothing so much as the spirit from on high.

Yours sincerely,
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LETTER FROM MR. MACRAE.

Rev. W. L. MacRae our missionary at Princetown, Trinidad, in writing to the *Witness* says:—

"In visiting a new country or town, one is impressed at first with almost everything that is unfamiliar, which after a while—on becoming familiar—cease to attract attention. That which has made perhaps the most lasting impression upon me, is the intense heat. When our brother missionaries so kindly came to Port of Spain to meet us I was impressed—and I hope they will pardon the expression—with their complexion. But just then the thought occurred to me, how great an honor it was to become brown in the Master's service.

Another tendency of tropical heat is to cause dulness and inactivity—hence to be "at ease in Zion." Not long ago I heard an earnest Christian brother pray, "Lord deliver us from climatic influences," to which I can say a hearty Amen; for it requires greater earnestness and zeal to live out and out for Christ here than in a cool climate—apart altogether from the surrounding influences. Hence it is that men of great influence and intellectual power are not tropical productions. Notwithstanding this the climate is much better than we expected to find it, and I feel sure that the longer we stay here, the better we shall like it. It is the continual heat, or rather the want of change of season, that one feels most, yet when we sit by an open window in the months of January and February, and look out on the fields, which as a writer describes them, "only require to be tickled with the hoe to laugh with plenty," and read of terrific snow storms with blizzards, we are made to feel that nature has made an abundant compensation for the lack of a bracing winter in the many charms of a perpetual summer.

To those whose hearts are in the foreign field, but are shrinking from coming to Couva on the ground of the unhealthiness of the place, I would say that I see no reason why a man who enjoys good health at home may not enjoy equally good health in Couva—with ordinary care. The golden opportunities for doing good make it a more inviting field than any congregation in Canada.

THE WORK.

I was more than pleased to learn on coming here, that it was admitted by all who knew anything about it—even our enemies being judges—that the Canadian mission is a grand success. The nature of the work and the difficulties surmounted require to be known in order that it may be properly estimated. The idea exists that all the missionary requires to do is to tell the heathen—an eager listening crowd—about the Saviour, and they will at once forsake their idolatry and become Christians. It is true that the simple story of Jesus and his love is the grand means used to reach the heathen, but it is not true that they so readily abandon their superstitions and idolatry. Generally months and even years of personal dealing and individual teaching of line upon line and precept upon precept are