

"It has more power than our idols," said one. "Perhaps it is an English God."

"No," said another. "The English God lives up in the heaven; perhaps he made this strange icon."

Ah! they were coming to the truth. They stayed and talked with the missionary for a long time about the "English God" and his dear Son, our Saviour. Before they left, one of them took up the idol; and, looking at it very earnestly, said, "This only an image. I mean to read this book you have given me. I want to see if these things are true. - *Sol.*

Trinidad.

LETTER FROM REV. J. MORTON.

For the Children's Record.

I hear an Indian girl singing under my window: -

"Water's cheap, but rum is dear; beer is muddy, water's clear.

This is part of a temperance chorus of which the boys and girls are very fond. Perhaps some of you may know it, others may not, I therefore enclose a copy.

No, WE WON'T DRINK RUM.

"Water's cheap, but rum is dear,
Beer is muddy, water's clear;
Rum makes rags, and water's wealth,
Rum brings sickness, water's health.
Then, don't, don't, don't drink,
Don't drink rum;
No we won't, won't, won't drink
We won't drink rum.

Bread is cheap, tobacco dear,
Beer is muddy, water's clear;
Rum makes rags as coal makes coke,
Tobacco only makes a smoke.
Then don't smoke, don't chew,
Don't smoke or chew,
No, we won't smoke, won't chew,
We won't smoke or chew.

Virtue's cheap but sin is dear,
Water's better far than beer;
Smoking's foolish, swearing's worse,
Then let us with this final verse
Say don't drink, don't smoke,
Don't, don't swear;
No, we won't drink, won't smoke,
We will never swear.

Water is this hot country is very precious. Our church has spouts all around it, but the water was allowed to run away. As we have very little rain for three or four months, I thought it was a great waste, when we had to cart water in the dry season, so I got an estate to cart some water-washed gravel for me, then I bought six barrels of cement, and told two of my catechists, who live near, that I wanted them to make a cistern out of the gravel and cement. They gave some hours to it every morning and attended to their studies and work all the same. It is an excellent cistern, capable of holding 1350 gallons. To-day we had some showers and we caught about 300 gallons of water in it. The names of the men who made it are Geoffrey Subaran and John Gane Shram.

J. MORTON.

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March 29th.—More showers have filled the cistern to overflowing, so the song is true "water's cheap."

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STORY OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Just before the missionaries went to the Sandwich Islands, the people had grown tired of their idols and thrown them all away, and made up their minds that they wouldn't have anything more to do with religion, but they would just have a good time. One of their gods was called Pele, and she was supposed to live in the big volcano, and everybody was very much afraid of her, and thought that if any man offended her she would strike them dead. But one day, after the wife of one of the chiefs had become a Christian, she