

superintendence over the different Stations and Estates which he formerly and regularly visited. Mr. Grant also continued his work as formerly, but the two brethren had better opportunities for mutual consultation and joint action in their work than previously. The result was an invitation addressed to Mr. Morton by Mr. Grant after much thought and prayer that, provided the Board should approve, Mr. Morton should continue to reside in San Fernando, and that this town to a greater extent should become a centre from which mission work might be prosecuted among the Coolies to greater advantage. The proposal commended itself to the judgment of Mr. Morton, who had always regarded San Fernando as the proper Head Quarters for mission work in that part of the island. Without however deciding anything the brethren referred the matter to the Board for advice. The Board feeling that they had not sufficient local information to decide the question, and being desirous of farther light and of marking the leadings of Providence, sanctioned the arrangement as a temporary measure, leaving a final decision to be made at some future time. The following resolution was transmitted to the missionaries: "After consideration the Board agreed to the proposed arrangement as a temporary measure, but required further information before deciding on any permanent change in the location of the missionaries." With this answer both the missionaries were perfectly satisfied, and with the help of God have wrought together during the year with what results will now be briefly shewn. As all the information furnished respecting the year's work, has been fully published either in letters or in the Annual Reports. All that we aim at is the presentation of a condensed summary.

I. EDUCATION.

A most important work in the instruction of youth has been going on during the past year under direction and superintendence of the missionaries. Seven schools for the instruction of young Coolies and Creoles have been in operation, of which six have commenced since the beginning of 1871. Two hundred and seventy Coolie children and sixty-one Creoles have attended these, in all 331, with an average daily attendance of 131 Coolies and 28 Creoles, in all 159. The oldest of these schools is the mission school at Iere, the largest is the public school at San Fernando with its 120 scholars enrolled, its staff of teachers, and its government support and superintendence. It owes its existence however to our mission, and by educating the young Coolies is doing an important work alike for the State and for the Mission. The other schools are chiefly supported by the Proprietors of

Estates, who place them under control of the missionaries by whom they are superintended.

The schools of San Fernando, Marabella, Union and Picton, have been chiefly attended to by Mr. Grant; while those of Iere, Esperanza and Palmyra have had chiefly if not exclusively the attention of Mr. Morton.

In these schools the first fruits of the mission are being employed and made useful. Soodeen and Thomas W. Cockey, Joseph Amajee, are teachers in schools under Mr. Morton's charge, and Aziz Ahmud and Thomas Vishnu in those under Mr. Grant's inspection.

II. PREACHING THE GOSPEL.

Though the time and attention of our missionaries have been occupied, and especially of Mr. Grant, with the management of schools, yet they are not mere teachers. Mr. Morton, being able to address the Coolies in their own tongue, has been enabled to preach Christ during every Sabbath of the year, and several times on each Sabbath. At Iere he conducts an English and Coolie service. The Lothians, Palmyra and Malgretoute have a service on an average once a fortnight; while the San Fernando school often receives attention on the afternoon of the Lord's day. It will thus be seen that no minister in the Synod has a busier Sabbath than Mr. Morton.

Mr. Grant also preaches by the aid of Aziz Ahmud as Interpreter, and in reading the Scriptures in Hindustani gives brief explanations without an interpreter, in which he finds increasing familiarity. It may be added that during the past year the two brethren have supplied the pulpit of the U. P. Congregation in San Fernando.

For what they have both been enabled to do the whole church should feel profoundly thankful.

III. CONVERTS.

Last Report contained an account of the conversion of Aziz Ahmud, and of the reception of himself and Thomas W. Cockey as members of the Church. The following additions have been made during the year, Joseph Amajee, Benjamin Balaran, John Kanyapa, Margaret T. Kanyapa, and — Kantoo; who have all been publicly baptized, and seem to have retained their standing in grace. Truly this is the Lord's doing and wonderful in our eyes.

IV. CHURCH BUILDING.

Had an enthusiastic member of Synod last year stated his conviction that before we again assembled a church for Coolies to be occupied by our missionaries, should be finished and opened, he would have been certainly regarded as a fanatic or a false