

MISSION STUDIES.

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PRINCESTOWN.

Princetown, to which Mr. and Mrs. Morton removed, in 1876, when the San Fernando district was divided, is said to be the prettiest little town in Trinidad. It is about eight miles from San Fernando, and was originally known as Mission Village, receiving its present name to commemorate a visit paid to it in 1889 by the two sons of the Prince of Wales. It is an excellent centre for work, there being large numbers of coolies employed on the neighboring estates. Schools had been established and evangelistic work carried on before Mr. Morton removed thither, but the work was now extended as rapidly as possible. Regular Sabbath services were held at Princetown, Jordan Hill, and Mount Stewart as principal stations, and every village and estate in the district was visited as often as time would permit.

When a new station is opened it is often difficult to induce the people to attend public worship. Mr. Morton's plan was to reach the place where the meeting was to be held before the appointed hour and go from house to house inviting the people to come and hear him, Mrs. Morton often accompanying him to try to get the women out also. They were sure to hear many excuses, or promises which were never kept, but if the plan resulted in the gathering in of a few more than would otherwise have been reached, they were not discouraged, but knowing that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation they laboured on in faith and patience, and soon at the different stations little bands of men and women were won for Christ.

When Dr. and Mrs. Morton removed to Tunapuna, in 1881, Princetown was transferred to the Rev. J. W. McLeod, a new missionary, who carried on the work energetically for four years,