

## MISSION STUDIES.

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### SUMMARY OF THE WORK IN TRINIDAD.

*The numbers of the heathen from the East coming to our Western shores, makes it the plain duty of Christians in America to do everything possible to win them to Christ, and it is pleasant to know that our Trinidad Mission is proving a centre from which the light of the Gospel is being carried to them in the islands of the West Indian groups.*

Those who have labored so faithfully in it from its commencement, little more than 25 years ago, have much reason for thankfulness for the great measure of success with which the Lord crowned their efforts hitherto, as also for the encouraging prospects for still greater extension and usefulness.

I close this humble sketch of the Mission by a brief summary of its present condition. As formerly stated, the work is carried on from four centres, at each of which is an ordained missionary from Nova Scotia. These are the Rev. Dr. Morton, at Tunapuna, the Rev. Dr. Grant, and also Rev. Lal Bihari, at San Fernando, Rev. Mr. McRae, at Princetown, and the Rev. Mr. Thompson, at Couva. Four lady missionaries are employed as teachers, and to these may well be added the names of Mrs. and Miss Morton and Mrs. Grant, to whose zealous labors much of the success of the Mission is justly attributed. Fifty catechists are regularly employed, many of whom are being trained for the ministry in the new college. There are, in the different congregations, nearly six hundred communicants and many baptized adherents, and between four and five thousand children are receiving Christian instruction in the Sabbath and day schools.

The climate of Trinidad is trying to natives of our northern land, and all the missionaries have, during the past year, suffered a good deal from fever. It is matter for deep regret, that, owing to ill health, Mr. Coffin has been obliged to resign his position, and that, for the same reason, both Mrs. and Miss Morton have been obliged, for a season, to leave the island and seek, by rest and change of climate, renewed strength for their arduous labors. Four of the divinity students have also this year been taken away by death, but, though these trials and bereavements have been severely felt, the progress of the Mission, as a whole, has been most satisfactory, and we may feel assured that the Lord will continue to bless the faithful sowing of the Gospel seed, of which we have given a brief record, till it yield a rich harvest to His praise and glory.