

the Communion, so that I feel encouraged in these converts.

Two who attended our School are now very attentive and earnest, in Church and Sabbath-School, but while christians in faith and I may say in practice, they delay seeking Baptism."

The mission families are well—with some exception. Mr. Morton is well and Mrs. M. much improved in health. Mr. Grant, indisposed just at the date of writing, from cold, thought to be temporary. Mrs. Grant well, and Geddes nearly restored from fever, which has followed him at intervals for some time.

Let them all be remembered at a throne of grace!

### The San Fernando Coolie Church.

Under the general head of Foreign Missions, we have not given prominence to the Appeal of our Missionaries in Trinidad, for a place of public worship. We hold that the first claim on us is the fulfilment of our pledges, and that we should first make provision to meet regular income of all missionaries, professors and supplemented ministers. But do we feel indifferent respecting this movement in which both our missionaries to the Coolies' shew so deep an interest, or are we doubtful of the ability of the church to meet the case? We are sure that no one in direct communication with the brethren making this request can feel otherwise than hearty in wishing them full and speedy success. Thus they write:—

"We have succeeded" says Mr. Grant, of date Nov. 7, quite beyond our expectations in collections for the new church. The Estates pay every fortnight. We, each visit one every Saturday when payment is made. On some we have received as low as \$6.00, but on Saturday, last on an Estate of ordinary size I received \$38.28, a sum larger by \$15 than any previously had given. The sums were placed in my hands just by Coolies as they received their pay. We are going to be much more successful than we expected. Anticipating a hearty response from home, we have put the masons to work and in a few days the foundations will be completed."

"The Church" says Mr. Morton "is to go on, and if I am able I will do as much for it as Mr. Grant, whether it is the will of your Board that we be associated here, (*i. e.* San Fernando) or not. The land is paid for, and the Coolies will do something more yet. Friends of the mission throughout the church will surely come to our aid, when the poor heathen Coolies and our handful of converts have done so well. I believe this Church is a necessity to our success and that any material delay now will prove injurious."

If then the movement be necessary, can the church furnish the \$1000? If that sum were required to carry a contested election, how long would it take to raise it in Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown or St. John's, N. F. How long a time would require to raise it in Picton, Summerside or Dalhousie? and yet an extra of One Thousand Dollars is a burden to the great Presbyterian Body of these Lower Provinces! We confess to a feeling of disappointment that the response is so exceeding tardy. We have received Georgie Taylor's Dollar as the first offering. We have received from the first Sabbath-School, Chalmers, \$25. We have received the first \$20 from an individual, Dr. Hattie; but there are 50 men who could give ten dollars each, and yet deduct nothing from what they give to the regular funds and feel none the poorer; and there are many more who could give five and ones. We trust the Bermuda boat will not sail in January without carrying at least the first quarter of the thousand dollars. As the December packet will not leave for some days after this number will be published, surely the \$50 on hand will be more than doubled before that date. The quotation under the head of *Dayspring* is as appropriate here as there. "*Bis dat qui cito dat.*"

### Rév. Tiyo Soga.

This excellent man, one of the African Missionaries of the United Presbyterian Church, has passed away from a life of great toil and usefulness to the rest of Heaven.