

TRINIDAD MISSION.

By letter from Rev. K. J. Grant we learn that Rev. Mr. Morton and he have recently enjoyed the privilege of receiving five Coolies, who were baptized at San Fernando, on Sabbath, 29th August. They were Robert Frost and his wife, James Sikh and his wife, and Thomas Vishnu.

This intelligence came to the Board in a letter from Mr. Grant, who says :

"The last mentioned has been with us four months. He came to San Fernando in the same ship as Aziz, in May, 1870. He was indentured for five years but finding him a respectable scholar in his own language, and on the whole very hopeful, I secured him a free paper.

He lives with us, is faithful, studious, anxious to be engaged on Sabbath in reading the Scriptures to his countrymen. He is now aiding in the San Fernando school.

He lived in the Punjaub until 14 years of age, then with his father removed to Calcutta. He is now about 19 years of age. Vishnu gives promise of being a valuable professor. We could not desire to have two more faithful, agreeable lads in the house than Aziz and Vishnu.

The other four proved faithful servants, have now comfortable houses for themselves, and will be able to aid financially, but not having enjoyed the advantages of early training, they will be less useful as christian workers.

The Coolies have already paid over \$220 for our new Church, and Mr. Frost—Mr. Brumley's attorney, said to me unsolicited, 'I will give you Five Pounds, Stg., to start a subscription,' and we intend to accept the generous offer.

A Coolie church in San Fernando is a necessity, and we will have it, I am sure, by and by."

POSITION OF THE TRINIDAD MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Mr. Morton has, from the commencement of his work among the Coolies, resided in Iere Village, on premises which belong to the Synod, being given over without charge by the Board of Missions of the U. P. Synod of the United States.

Rev. Mr. Grant has resided in San Fernando, the chief town in that part of the Island which is the seat of our mission. During the past summer, however, Mr. Morton, under medical advice removed, on Mrs. Morton's account, with his family to San Fernando. During residence there Mrs. Morton's health has very decidedly improved, and Mr. Morton has been able to carry on his work as usual, or with slight change, at and around Iere, and at the same time to give material aid in cooperating with Mr. Grant in and around San Fernando.

The two Brethren have not only worked happily together, but have experienced a growing conviction that San Fernando is the most efficient centre for mission effort, and in fact the key to the possession of the surrounding settlements. They have, after full consideration, felt it to be their duty to communicate their impressions to the Board, and to invite their early and earnest consideration of the question of the wisdom and desirableness of concentrating their efforts.

The Board have come to no final decision. They seek fuller information, and this will be furnished. Board and Missionaries have the one aim, to occupy the places and to adopt plans of action which seem best adapted to bring the Coolie people under christian influences. They would wish to mark the leadings of Providence, and to follow them. In our missionaries the whole church feel that they can repose the fullest confidence, and in this as in every other movement let us seek in prayer that they may be guided aright. When they agree on a recommendation on a matter of locality, and continue of the same mind, their views must command most favourable consideration. Thankful for success granted, we trust that in this matter also the missionaries and Board may be led to a wise decision, and thereby the Lord's cause advanced.

Address to Rev. J. W. MacKenzie.

Rev. J. W. Mackenzie spent the Sabbath previous to his departure at Green Hill, his native place, and assisted at the Communion in Salem Church. At the close of the solemn service before the people dispersed, the