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The institution of which mention was made in a former issue of the *Maritime* and for which Mr. Grant has been receiving contributions, is simply, and only, for the training of native laborers for the work of our mission in Trinidad, it is in no sense for the higher education of Asiatics. The Government of Trinidad makes provision for that and if still higher is needed it must come from that source. It is not the work of the special mission of the Church in her efforts to obey Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature", to furnish higher education for the people whom she seeks to evangelize.

There are three stages in Mission work, or rather three phases of its development. (1.) The Christianizing of the people. (2.) Organizing into congregations with native pastors. (3.) Self support. The last two should go side by side. When all this is done the work is completed and the Home Church is free to withdraw and enter new fields, leaving a native Christian church to work out its own destiny. The aim should be to reach this point as speedily as possible, for the longer a native church remains dependent upon the Home church the less efficient does it become. Children should not be long carried in arms.

The aim of the missionaries in Trinidad is to train as best they may native laborers to carry on the work, and to develop as best they can self support. The Christian Indian population is making progress in material wealth and intelligence. Most of this is due directly or indirectly to the work of our mission and it is hoped that their development will show itself, as in many cases it has already done, in a proportionate progress in giving for the evangelization of their country men.

The point mentioned by Mr. Morton in his letter on another page, viz., the appointment of an Indian, Mr. C. C. Soodeen on the New Education Board of Trinidad, is another of the stages that marks the progress of the Indian people there, and an earnest of yet greater attention by the government in the future to the development of the Indian population.

The estimated population of the New Hebrides and the Indian population of Trinidad is estimated at about the same figure, viz., 60,000. The former expects to have by the end of this year twenty missionaries which will with native helpers pretty effectively supply the whole group. It is expected that at the close of the present year we will have five missionaries in Trinidad, or one to every twelve thousand Indians. The latter, however, increase so rapidly by immigration from India as well as by natural increase that they will probably ere long number eighty or one hundred thousand.

**CORRECTION.**—In the August *MARITIME* was an article entitled "Pansy, and who she is," in which it was stated that she is the wife of a Methodist minister. The statement was copied from a leading religious weekly which gave a history of her life, but was incorrect. Rev. W. H. Ness, of Port-au-Prince writes that she is the wife of a Presbyterian minister. Mr. Ness says "I am in a position to say that he is a Presbyterian since he was a neighbour of mine for three years in Pennsylvania and preached at my induction. He is a very fine man and very popular among his people, but on account of his wife's health had to resign and go South. He was a great Sabbath School worker, and