

small but the others were two of my largest boys.

Our work for the year closed with a public examination of all the schools. There were, in all, six schools represented, four of Mr. Morton's and two of Mr. Hendrie's. The Tacarigua school house which is the largest building Mr. Morton has for a gathering of the kind would not hold them all, so they gathered together at the Sugar House on Orange Grove Estate. This is a very large building but as you may suppose not very elegant. It took some time to clean it. The cobwebs had to be cleared away and a floor laid. When that was done the doors were decorated with palm leaves, wreaths of flowers were hung up and flags were suspended from the beams. The examination began at two o'clock. There were a large number present. His Excellency, the Governor of Trinidad and his Lady, were with us by special invitation. The children numbered 270. It was a pleasing sight to see so many. As the Governor entered they all sang "God save the Queen." Mr. Morton then gave an opening address. He spoke of the time when, years before, he had come to Tunapuna, and remarked that the children now assembled were then attending no school. The children were examined in reading (both English and Hindustani), spelling, writing, mental arithmetic, and catechism. They sang an English and a Hindustani hymn very nicely. When the examination was over the Governor and Lady Robinson presented the prizes to those who had made over 400 attendances. This pleased them very much. The Governor then gave an address in which he expressed himself very much pleased with what he had seen and promised that the Coolie Mission would receive encouragement from the Queen's representative in Trinidad. After the Governor was gone those of the children who had not yet received any rewards were attended to and all received a treat. They went home thinking Christmas a happy time.

May the God of peace dwell with you and bless you more abundantly and teach us all to be faithful and cheerful workers in His vineyard. Yours faithfully,

AMY B. HILTON.

Those who intend to go to heaven with a cheap religion are likely to fail of heaven.

A New Church for Couva.

(For the Maritime Presbyterian.)

Mr. Wright, at the meeting of the Mission Council, reported that about \$900 had been subscribed in Trinidad towards a new church in Couva—that the subscriptions were taken up by himself and some of the Scotch gentlemen in the community—that the church is intended both for the English speaking congregation (Scotch) and for the Indians; and that such was the heartiness shown by the Scotch Presbyterians that he anticipated that the building would be carried forward without any heavy call on the Church at home.

K. J. GRANT, Sec.

Progress at Princetown, Trinidad.

BY REV. JOHN MORTON.

TUNAPUNA, Jan. 4, 1886.

Five years have passed since I dispensed the Communion at Princetown before handing over the district to Rev. J. W. Macleod. On the 21st Dec. it fell to my turn to take the same service there, and it was pleasant to note the signs of progress. We met then, a band of about twenty members, in a confined school room; now about seventy in a commodious and comfortable church. Everything was orderly as in a home congregation. The Session met to receive new members. The Elders (all East Indians) served the elements, took the collection, counted and entered it in the Church Book. Throughout the whole service the people listened most attentively, and our Communion was solemn and affecting. (When ordained over my first charge in Nova Scotia I found only 60 members and no Elders.)

Though most of the people are poor and times have been unusually dull, this congregation contributed within a fraction of £70 stg. during the year—nearly \$5.00 per member. A few weeks before, one member called and asked to see the collection book. He took a note of the amount he and his wife had fallen into arrears by being absent, or otherwise, and on the following Sunday all was placed on the plate with his usual weekly amount.

Before the church services I examined some classes of the Sunday School on the International lessons for the quarter, it being Review Day, and prizes were given to quite a number who passed the tests successfully.