

when he was sixteen years of age. And being cruelly treated by relatives he resolved to go to Trinidad as a labourer, hoping to save money enough to enable him to return to India and obtain an education. When his term of service was over, he set out in a sail boat for Port of Spain to procure his free papers, but the boat was driven by adverse winds far out of its course, and, after enduring much privation and loss, he finally succeeded in returning to San Fernando, where he resumed his work as a labourer. Just at this time Mr. Grant first met him and spoke to him of Christ, and from being an interested hearer he soon became, as we have already stated, one of the first band of professing Christians. A year or two after he was made an elder of the then small congregation, and from that time forward has been earnest in labour for the evangelization of his countrymen. In 1878, yielding to a longing desire to see his mother, he resolved to go on a visit to India, but the ship in which he set sail was wrecked next day in the Gulf of Paria, and, though the lives of all were saved, he regarded the occurrence as the hand of Providence barring his way, and returned to his work in the mission. His mother joined him the following year, and soon became a Christian. In 1882, after the necessary course of study, he was ordained to the office of the ministry and has since been Dr. Grant's able co-adjutor in the oversight of the San Fernando district.

The Rev. Charles Ragbir, the second native minister, received his early training at the school in Princetown, and then went to the United States to study for the ministry. After finishing his theological course, he was employed at Couva, whence he was transferred to a part of the San Fernando field in which there were four preaching stations and a fine opening for mission work. There are many Roman Catholics in this district, and Mr. Ragbir tells of a great image of the Virgin, styled the Queen