

that a grant could be made for the school house in addition to the ordinary estimates for the year.

### NATIVE PASTORS IN TRINIDAD.

In connection with the appeal for a missionary for Couva there has been suggested the idea of appointing a native to that position.

The Foreign Mission Committee, the Mission Council of Trinidad, and the Presbytery of Trinidad, are of one opinion on the matter, and are fully convinced in view of all the circumstances, that the appointment of a missionary from home is the most economical, the best for the mission now, and the best for its future, in short as Mr. Grant puts it, "It appears to be imperative."

One general reason for this, apart from special reasons in the present vacant field, is the following: If natives were gradually appointed in the room of our home missionaries, and supported from home, the mission would continue a mission, wrought by native agency but dependent upon the Foreign Mission Board for appointments and for funds. Whereas if from time to time, a part of the field were set off by itself as a separate congregation with the privilege of calling its own pastor on condition of supporting him, or perhaps receiving for a time a small supplement, the mission would in course of time develop into a self sustaining, self governing native church just like our own at home. These native pastors would have a seat in Presbytery, and in all matters affecting the government and working of the church would occupy the same position as our ministers at home, and the missionaries in the field. The only difference would be that they would not have a voice or vote in the disposal of monies sent from the Foreign Mission Fund for carrying on the work in the various parts of the field. This would be left entirely with the missionaries whom we ourselves appoint.

Mr. Morton writes, "you may quote me freely as in favor of native pastors being settled over native congregations, consolidating a native church, but as opposed to their being appointed in the same way and to the same general position as evangelists from home." This plan has, after long experience in different fields, by different missionary societies, been found the best fitted to establish and develop a self working, self supporting, native church.

The F. M. Committee is still looking for a man for Couva. The planters in that field contribute nearly a thousand dollars a year to the mission, partly because they see the good that it does to their Coolie laborers, and partly because the missionary holds a service on Sabbath evening for the Scotch overseers, and thus we are enabled to have a missionary in the field working amongst the Indians and supported to a large extent by the planters. If there be not soon an appointment made there may be a risk of losing that sum which is now paid annually to the mission.

Mr. Morton and Mr. Grant have both been many years in the field. Hard work and the care of their different fields has told upon their strength, and as one of them has well said, what would Mr. McRae do alone if their strength were to fail them, with the care of the whole mission upon his shoulders.

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Mr. David Hind of Connecticut has recently given one million dollars to the American Missionary Association. When the rich began to realize that their millions and the poor that their mites are all the Lord's then will there be a more plenteous flow into His treasury, and the glad tidings will be spread all the more speedily to the ends of the earth.