

represented by the Hon. Mr. Robertson, also presented Dr. Grant with an address, accompanied by some two hundred dollars, which they had put into the hands of two of their number for the purchase of a horse and harness, with a view to facilitate his labors in his widespread field.

But deeply interesting as was the meeting on Saturday evening, my chief interest centred in the Sunday service, especially in the morning gathering of the Hindustani people. This first day of Dr. Grant's second twenty-five years had been set apart for the annual celebration of the Lord's Supper, and from an early hour, about 8 o'clock, the East Indians, many of whom had come in on Saturday from the most remote districts of the San Fernando field, assembled in the church for prayer and praise, and continued with short intervals, till noon.

When I entered, about 9 o'clock, the service preparatory to the communion was in progress. The church was packed, and many were sitting in the windows or standing outside. At this service the people were almost exclusively East Indians who understand or speak, little, if any, English. Baboo Lal Bihari conducted the devotional exercises, and Dr. Morton preached, while Dr. Grant and Mr. Fraser were enjoying the rare treat of listening to a sermon.

As I was sitting beside them on the platform, but unable to understand a word that was said, I had a fine opportunity for observing the attention and interest with which the people listened, and I am bound to say that no congregation in Canada could have excelled them in the attentive way in which they bore themselves throughout the sermon. Nothing could much more aptly describe the scene than Luke's account of the attention given by the multitudes in the temple to the preacher's Master, "the people all hung upon Him." (Revised Ver.) I only saw one Eutychus, and though like him of old, seated in the window, he was able to maintain his balance, so that no physical harm came to him.

I was sorry that I could not remain for communion, as I had to preach at 11 o'clock for Rev. Mr. Wilson, who was from home through ill-health; but I was able to stay long enough to see that the seats appropriated to communicants were filled by members of the church to an extent which would compare most favorably with the average of our churches at home. As nearly as I could make out, there were from 130 to 150 seated at the table, all of whom, so far as they had found the Saviour, have been brought to the knowledge of the truth during the twenty-five years of Dr. Grant's labors amongst them.

As I looked into their faces, recalling how, just before Dr. Grant came to Trinidad, I had been intimately associated with him in visiting the congregation in P. E. Island; and considering that all this work had been done since that

time, and thinking of the great change which so many of them must have experienced, I felt as I have often felt before, but perhaps never so keenly as then, that Mission work has compensations which are full of the richest satisfaction to those whose hearts are thoroughly enlisted in it. The number of stars in their crown would often seem to be greater. The splendor with which many of them shine, is not less bright and cheering. Besides, the converts of missionaries, so far as they have had a genuine Christian experience, owe their illumination, transformation, and everything else most worth prizing, under God, to their missionary, and so they often shew, in a very striking way, how strongly they feel bound to their spiritual shepherd.

To the rich compensations of Mission work, few, I imagine, could bear more impressive testimony than your two senior missionaries in Trinidad, both of whom have been spared to receive such warm congratulations from their own converts, as well as from so many others.

In the afternoon I had the privilege of preaching to the Sunday-school children of Dr. Grant's congregation, when there were about two hundred present; and in the evening to English-speaking East Indians to the number of nearly three hundred.

Of these services I will say nothing beyond the fact that I embraced the opportunity of urging those who had received the Gospel themselves to do their utmost to extend its influence as rapidly as possible among their unevangelized countrymen in Trinidad, assuring them that no line of Christian activity would be more suitable for themselves, more useful to their fellow-countrymen, more advantageous to the colony, more gratifying to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, or more dutiful to the Master.

On the evening of Monday, the 25th, the congregation had a social for the entertainment of their own members and adherents, which passed off most pleasantly and successfully.

Upon the whole, the semi-jubilee of Dr. Grant, like that of Dr. Morton, celebrated three years ago, will be long remembered by those connected with the Canadian mission and their friends. I believe it will be remembered, not only for the number, warmth, and cordiality, of the congratulations heaped upon the missionaries and their families, but also for the stimulus which it has given, and will give, to the work in the fields more immediately concerned, and among the East Indians generally. If this should be the case, I am sure that the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which has been honored to commence and carry on this work, will share to the full the joy of their missionaries, and of those who are privileged to see for themselves the magnitude and value of the work which their missionaries, teachers and other agents are doing.