

## TRINIDAD.

Every year our Mission in Trinidad seems to be more and more successful. Do you know how this is, children? Let me tell you. When the missionaries went there some years ago both young and old knew nothing of Jesus. The old people had been taught to worship idols when they were children, and it was very hard to get them to worship Jesus. But the missionaries got schools established and gathered the children and taught them to read the Bible, and now as these children grow up many of them become Christians because they have been taught Christianity when they were children. They are far more easily won to Christ than their fathers were. Thus you see that the work which you do in supporting mission schools is of very great service. Will you not pray more earnestly that your gifts may be blessed to these little folks in the mission schools.

## OUR INDIANS.

You know children that many years ago the only people who lived in our country all the way from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, were Indians. Then our forefathers came and took the land and settled on it, pushing the Indians farther and farther back towards the West. A few years ago they had all great prairies of the North-West for a hunting ground and there roamed vast herds of buffalo and animals of other kind in plenty. These the Indian killed, making food of the flesh and clothing of the skins. Now the white people are settling on their prairies, the buffalo are getting few, the Indians have not much country and often not much food.

What do you think the Presbyterian church to which you belong is trying to do for these Indians. It is trying to teach them how to do work here and how to get to heaven. If these poor heathen Indians have lost their hunting grounds the least we can do is to teach them a better way of living. We have missionaries and schools among these tribes in the North-West and part of what you give for mis-

sions helps to send the Gospel to the little Indian children of the prairies in the far West. As you save your cents to help save the Indians, by sending them the knowledge of Jesus, pray for them, that the work among them may be richly blessed.

## FORMOSA.

Do you know what the word Formosa means, Children? Certainly we do answer many little voices, it means an island where some of our missionaries, Dr. MacKay and Mr. Jamieson with their wives are laboring. Quite true, it is the name of that island but what does the word itself mean? It means "*beautiful*." The island was so named by some sailors when they saw it, because to them it looked so fair. You remember the hymn,

"What though the spicy breezes  
Blow soft o'er Ceylons isle  
Though every prospect pleases,  
And only man is vile."

As with Ceylon so with Formosa. It was only fair to the eye until our missionaries went there. Since that time a great change has come over it and it is now beginning to be "*Formosa*" not only in appearance but in the character of the people. In many cases man is no longer vile, but cleansed from sin and made pure.

Hear what Dr. MacKay says of the time when he landed fourteen years ago. He says. All was dark around. The people hated foreigners. There were no churches, no hospitals, no preachers, no students, no friends.

A few months ago a meeting was held to celebrate the 14th anniversary of his landing. What a change. "From all parts of North Formosa converts gathered into one place at the city of Tamsui. Old men, young men, women, and children. Some old men walked five days to be present to share in the rejoicings and thanksgivings. Hundreds walked three or four days. Arches of green boughs were built. Rows of Chinese lanterns were hung among the trees. The day was spent in great joy, 1273 converts were there.