

tian, and though a martyr on earth, rests in Jesus now.

I am yours very sincerely,
ROBERT STEEL.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

The San Fernando Coolie Church

Is now completed, opened and occupied, for the ends for which it was erected,—as our readers will learn from Mr. Grant's most interesting letter published in this number. These ends are, for public worship of the one living and true God, for the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and for the instruction in Sabbath School, of all Asiatics and their children who will consent to be taught by our Missionaries.

When we consider with what apprehension and anxiety the commencement was made, and with what interest the progress of the work alike of contribution and of construction was watched, by our honoured and devoted Missionaries, we can easily imagine that the opening, under such favourable circumstances, must have proved to them an event of thrilling interest. Doubtless, they felt it to be a blessed day, and for all that they saw before them, their souls magnified the Lord. We are not surprised to learn that their emotions were all but irrepressible, when they saw in that finished building, such a gathering of heathen of various creeds listening to Divine truth, and around them the chief families of San Fernando with Planters who had come 6 and 7 and some 10 and 12 miles; Episcopalians and Roman Catholics, as well as Presbyterians, thus countenancing their efforts, and manifesting their deep interest in the progress of our common Christianity, among their Moslem and Hindoo labourers.

We congratulate our Brethren, and share in their joy, and, we trust, in their gratitude; and how are we to manifest our feelings? By thanksgiving for what has been done, and by fervent prayer that the spiritual good experienced, the Spirit given, may be as the first drops of the coming rain. Our feelings should be further expressed by an early removal of whatever debt remains on the building. For this response we look with the fullest confidence, and that at an

early day. Our children are waiting for an appeal to be made to them, and when made, the response will do much more than liquidate the debt, comparatively small, which is still due on that unique building recently opened so happily in the second town of Trinidad.

Letter from Rev. K. J. Grant.

SAN FERNANDO, July 8th, 1872.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—As Mr. Morton is engaged in making out a large order for books, issued by the "Christian Vernacular Education Society for India," it falls to me to report the opening of our new church.

It may appear strange to you, after the report given some time ago, that we should have delayed so long. But it is only two weeks since the large well-toned bell, presented by Gregor Turnbull, Esq., of Glasgow, was landed, and the masonry at the entrance was only finished last week. These circumstances prevented us opening earlier; and the day fixed upon, the 1st Sabbath of July, was just one year from the day on which it was talked over with a few Coolies in our Sabbath School.

We feel very thankful indeed to God for the way in which we have been prospered in this work. He who reads the heart knows that our gratitude is sincere. As we are in the midst of the rainy season, we were not without our anxieties lest the day should be unfavourable, but contrary to our fears everything proved most auspicious; and the very large assembly of people from every grade in society, representing many nations, and speaking many languages, was a public declaration of the very deep interest taken in the dedication of the first Christian place of worship erected for the 24,000 Asiatics who, in this Colony, are still ignorant of God and of Jesus Christ whom he hath sent. From the platform to the very door the church was crowded, and when standing-room could not be obtained inside, the door-way without became thronged.

The quiet reminded me of a solemn communion at home, when scores from the surrounding country press in to swell the ordinary congregation; but here the similarity ends. At home, in the centre range, we have usually seated the professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbly and thankfully receive the symbols of the body broken and the blood shed for us; but here, in the body of the church were seated the worshippers of Vishnoo, of Shiva, of Kali, of the Sun—the followers of the false Prophet Mahomet, and of the Chinese Sage Confucius. Pardon me, but my feelings are irrepressible as I write you,