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However, your committee think it well, in order to refresh your memory, to take you back to the time when your Society was first instituted, or still farther, to the time when the Rev. John Morton, accompanied by his wife and family, left our shores in the brig. *Aurora* for the island of Trinidad, the future field of his labours.

The *Aurora* sailed from LaHave in the month of November, 1867,—all well, but had not been at sea many days before they were overtaken by a terrific storm, which did a great deal of damage, and for a time threatened the destruction of the vessel with all on board; but it pleased God to spare them, and bring them in safety to their destination.

Mr. Morton found, on his arrival, that there were about 25,000 heathen on the island, and one of the first things he did, after he was comfortably seated, was to open a school for the instruction of Coolie children, commencing with a class of three, and teaching them on the door step. This fact we mention in order to shew from what a small beginning Mr. Morton's present school arose.

It was about this time that your Society was first instituted, or more correctly, the 10th March, 1868, a little more than two years ago. We then communicated with Mr. Morton on the subject of the Coolie mission in the Island of Trinidad, desiring to know if our Society could assist him in his work. In his reply he gladly availed himself of our offered assistance, and suggested in what way our funds might be more profitably expended. On the receipt of this letter, a meeting of the Managing Committee was held (May 19th, 1868), when they unanimously agreed to the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That the St. John's J. M. S. shall devote the funds raised by them towards the support and education of Henry Martyn, as suggested in Rev. J. Morton's letter of April 23rd, who is to be engaged in the work of instruction in the school established in Trinidad by the Rev. gentlemen in connection with the Coolie mission.

And further,—If we succeed in raising funds more than sufficient for this purpose, that the balance be disposed of by Mr. Morton in the purchase of books, &c., for the school.

Subsequently, in a letter received from Mr. Morton, dated Feb. 4th, 1869, we were informed that he was obliged to part with Henry Martyn, for various reasons, after having been nearly six months in his service, four months of which he assisted in the school, and for which our contribution of \$20 was expended. By the same mail we also received a lengthy epistle from Mrs.

Morton, wherein she recommended to our favourable notice another Coolie boy named "Selal," and made the following proposition concerning him, viz.:—That if we would contribute \$60 per annum towards his support we might consider "Selal" our own boy.

On the receipt of these letters a meeting was called, when the subject was discussed; and it being the prevailing opinion that difficulty would be experienced in raising the desired amount for the support of Selal, it was finally resolved, that for the present year the sum of \$40 be placed at the disposal of Mr. Morton, to be expended as he may see fit in the education of the Coolie children; and anything raised over that sum to be appropriated to defray current expenses of our own Sabbath School. We communicated this resolution to Mr. Morton, and his reply fully approved of our decision.

It may be interesting to know the number of letters received from Trinidad.—From Mr. Morton 10; Mrs. Morton 5; and 1 from Soudéen, all of which have been read at the different meetings of the Society.

In reference to the Financial affairs of the Society, the first year we remitted \$30, and the second year \$40. Total, \$70. These sums were forwarded by instalments, and their receipt duly acknowledged by Mr. Morton.

Your committee feel greatly encouraged to know that the exertions of the Society have not been in vain. Most of the children who were unable to read or write, or to behave properly in school when Mr. Morton first commenced his labours among them, are now able to read from the New Testament—to write and cipher, and conduct themselves in a most orderly manner during school hours.

In conclusion, your committee feel thankful that the interest manifested in the affairs of this Society by its members, instead of flagging, as unfortunately sometimes occurs after a short trial of any new project, has, on the other hand, increased and strengthened, as the large gathering here to-night fully testifies.

Your committee do not consider that the greatest amount of good is done by the dollars and cents subscribed by this Society towards the mission fund; but think that the interest in, and compassion for, the poor heathen, thus awakened in the tender hearts of its youthful members, will increase with their years, and grow with their growth, and thus a generation of real earnest working Christians will come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty and that soon the Kingdom of Satan will be overthrown, and our Saviour's Kingdom fully established in the world.

Your committee further trust and pra

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