

change for three months." The following notice is also of interest:

"I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Turner, formerly Mrs. McNair, on her way to Samoa with her husband the Rev. Dr. Turner. She was looking well. She has sent a monument to Mr McNair, to be erected on the island of Erromanga.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Rev. Mr. Grant's letter, published in our present number, shews the latest evidences of progress, and the satisfaction of the Brethren at the appointment of the young Evangelists whom they recommended.

Our readers will be gratified to learn that Rev. John Morton, wife and family, left Trinidad on the 27th April, direct for St. Thomas, which they reached on the 29th at midnight. Left by *Alpha* next morning, and arrived at St. Georges, Bermuda, on the evening of May 4th. They remained in Bermuda, not wishing to reach Nova Scotia till the month of June was fairly in. If all is well, they will arrive in Halifax about the 7th or 8th, and Mr. Morton's presence at Synod will be another attractive feature not specially touched on in our brief notice.

Letter from Rev. J. K. Grant.

SANFERNANDO, April 23rd 1874.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

Yours of the 24th ultimo is to hand. We feel very thankful for the decision of your Board in regard to the employment of Indian Catechists. Foreign officers are not more necessary than native rank and file. If our Church would win the country she must keep this idea distinctly before her. We trust, however, that some Christian gentleman will undertake to support one native agent, and thus relieve your Board.

LAL BEHARI.

As I informed you, from the beginning of the present year no support has been drawn from the Scotch congregation for Lal Bihari, and as I did not feel able to maintain him myself he returned to aid his partner in their shop. I however, gave him a small sum monthly just to retain him in our service until hearing from you. He is now engaged by us reserving an hour daily to write up the shop accounts, but we expect to have his full time in a few months. In the meantime we have arranged with him on behalf of the F. M.

Board for salary at the rate of \$200 or £41 13s. 4d. sterling a year. If the Board will kindly pay at this rate from 1st April, it will partly reimburse me in my advance.

ADMISSIONS.

Our services on Sabbath were peculiarly interesting. There were three admissions to the Church, one a child, the other two adults—of the adults one was a young Brahmin and the other a Chinese, both intelligent, earnest young men. The Chinese is Jacob Corsbie, who acted as head monitor in our Sanfernando School last year and now he has charge of an Estate School. He is truly and intoligently devout. He is now about 17 years of age, but having arrived here at the age of 9 and having been engaged as a house servant in an English family he does not speak his own language freely. If a teacher could be found he would certainly acquire readily a more perfect knowledge of his native language, but a teacher can't be found. It would be difficult to do much for the adult Chinese. One barrier is the multiplicity of dialects spoken by those here, another is the prevailing use of opium amongst them, and thirdly their notorious gambling practices. Humanly speaking I think there is little hope of the adult Chinese population. The children, however, readily attend school and usually excel in their classes. We have about 20 enrolled in Sanfernando School, and in connection with this when I tell you that some of our most advanced pupils are from Madras you will readily acknowledge the propriety of endeavouring to sustain regularly an English service on their behalf. Our communion roll now numbers 23, and to us it was peculiarly delightful, to sit down with Hindoos of every caste, and Chinese also to eat the same spiritual meat and to drink the same spiritual drink. Others as well as Jacob will soon seek admission to the communion from the ranks of our Schools. Glad indeed were we the other day to hear of the testimony borne by a lad of 12 years. He appeared in court as a witness, and as Hindoos swear by the waters of the Ganges and the Musalmans by the Koran as the Christian does by his Bible, a tumbler of water was handed to Henry, but he refused to take it saying "I'm a Christian," and amid an exciting scene the magistrate handed him a Bible.

A SOCIAL.

On Monday evening after the communion we had a social meeting of our Church members with a few others who show special interest. Mr. Morton was presented with two addresses one in Hindustani read by Thos. W. Cockey, and the other in English by C. Soudeen. Mr. Morton, re-