

alone, a very fitting emblem of the "righteous man," especially of those in the West Indies. It being Saturday the Coolie teachers had a holiday, and about a dozen of them assembled in the church at 11 o'clock to give in their reports to Mr. Grant of how they succeeded during the week, and also to study a lesson for Sabbath, and each one received the "well done" or the mark of displeasure according as his report was satisfactory or otherwise. One poor fellow when he gave a very unsatisfactory account of his week's labours, received from Mr. Grant the address of the "slothful servant." "Poor John, I know that you are naturally lazy, but you must either give up your laziness or give up the school, so I will give you one week more to decide."

On Sabbath Mr. Grant held two services in the church in San Fernando—one in Hindostani, the other in English—and two out in the country. The services in town were very well attended, and looking at those who attend church in comparison to those who do not, it might be truly said of them as of the man of Gadara that they are "clothed and in their right mind." I think if our friends at home would just see how well our churches are attended, and see also the great numbers who are wandering about on Sabbath, as sheep having no shepherd, there would be no delay in sending at least one more under-shepherd to try to gather some into the fold. Sabbath evening I went out in the country with Mr. Grant to a place called Harmony Hall, where he preached in a building that would seem rather antiquated to an audience in Canada. The floor was simply the mud levelled off and dried with the sun. The walls were open to every breeze that blows, except the posts which held up the roof, and the roof was made of fan palm leaves lapped over one another like shingles, and as a heavy shower of rain was approaching, the horse was led in as one of the auditors to share in the protection the building afforded. But in this homely building quite a number of Coolies assembled and listened with rapt attention to the "old old story of Jesus and his love." In the evening Mr. Grant began a series of lectures on the "Life of Christ." He had sent to the United States for a number of Geikie's, cheap edition. These arrived on the preceding week and no less than sixteen young men purchased each a book, and more would have taken them if they were to be had. This gives an idea, not only of the progress of Christianity, but also of education among the Coolies.

Mr. Campbell visited Mr. Morton's station, Princetown, Savannah Grande. On arriving at Mr. Morton's, found them all well and busily engaged teaching a few young Coolie men who came every evening to learn to

read. They were preparing to leave on the following week for Demarara, where they are to remain for a month. There are over 50,000 Coolies in that colony and as yet very little mission work done among them, and the Macedonian call seems to have come over the water afresh, "come over and help us." There is a Scotch Missionary stationed there now but his work is not principally among the Coolies, so Mr. Morton will find plenty to do until he returns. Mr. Christie has just completed a new school-house at one of his stations. Mr. Morton has returned from his visit to Demarara.

Rev. J. Grant writes on the 25th September: "We are busy at Geikie's Life of Christ. Our more intelligent young people are delighted with it. At Christmas we will have an examination on this work in presence of friends of the Mission. Our services are better attended than ever before. We are greatly delighted with the removal of the financial barrier to the sending of a fourth missionary. A missionary to the Coolies here is sure to be well scanned by the public. He receives aid from all denominations, and is in some sense common property." He speaks of the prominent post which the new missionary will occupy, and of the valuable services rendered to the Mission by Rev. A. Falconer, Port of Spain. He is "cheered exceedingly" by the liberality of the congregations.

Foreign Mission Report.

EASTERN SECTION.

THIS year we gave the Report of the Committee for the Eastern Section in full. As we cannot make room in this issue for the whole report, rather than spread it over two numbers, we judge it better to give the substance of it in condensed form.

I.—THE NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Our missionaries in this field are,—The Rev. JOSEPH ANNAND, at Anelcauhat, Aneityum, with 20 teachers; Rev. J. W. McKENZIE, at Erakor, Efate, with 9 elders and a band of teachers; Rev. A. B. ROBERTSON, at Dillon's Bay, Erromanga, with 22 teachers. The mission is a joint one in which the missionaries of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland and of the Australian Church cooperate with those of Canada. Twenty-three ministers in all have laboured in this field, of whom two died by violence, and six from natural causes, while four retired. Eleven remain, and met last year in Synod, as usual, for discussion, review and prayer. The meeting was held upon Erromanga and the brethren were all accommodated on shore, chiefly at Mr. Robertson's.