

one request shall pass from the page of the private letter to the readers of the *Record*, "I trust that the Board and the friends of the Mission *will remember us* (Mrs. G. and family) *in their prayers*. Although I am not in the Mission field, my heart is there, and only the care and education of my daughter and the state of my own health prevent me from going back, for my heart yearns for the dear ones down there. It will be very hard to hear of the "Dayspring" returning, and to feel that I cannot return in her."

Here then sympathizing hearts have an unassuming but very effectual way of visiting the widow and afflicted in their distress, and of ministering valued and precious consolation.

There is no later intelligence from the New Hebrides.

### Call for another Missionary for Trinidad.

The last mail from the West Indies brought letters from our Missionaries in Trinidad, which contain a call for another Missionary in the field. It will be in the recollection of some of our readers, that about the time of Mr. Morton's settlement, two proprietors of estates in the district of Couva, offered £100 stg. each for the support of a Missionary in that quarter. One of these, Mr. Burnley, a Free Church Elder, Glasgow, is now on a visit to the island. The matter has been again submitted to him and other proprietors in the neighbourhood, and though the final answer had not been received when the mail closed, yet the idea of their supporting a Missionary there, has been so favourably entertained, that the Missionaries have felt warranted in asking the Board of Foreign Missions of our Church, to advertise without delay for another Missionary, in the hope that one may be ready to occupy the field by the first of January, 1874. The subject has not yet been considered by the Board, but as it will, if successful, secure another labourer in that field, without any additional expense to the church, we are satisfied, that the Board will cordially agree to respond to this call, should any

suitable person offer for the service. We, therefore, feel authorized to bring the matter before our readers, especially in order that our young men who have devoted themselves to Foreign Mission work, or others whose inclinations are in that direction, may have the subject before their minds.

### TRINIDAD MISSION.

#### Report of Rev. K. J. Grant.

SAN FERNANDO, Dec. 31st, 1873.

*Rev. Dear Sir,*—Your Board, in an annual report, naturally expects that an account be given of the work performed and the results obtained by your Missionaries. But so varied are our duties, and so imperfectly do figures represent results, that I would gladly be relieved.

At the outset, I would pause and record devoutly our thanks to God, for His preserving mercy to our families, when hundreds around us were cut off by a loathesome disease—for comparative health enjoyed in the prosecution of our work—and for safety from tear of man, when a true-hearted college-friend in kindred work has fallen by the hand of violence.

Copying the example of the wise and the good, who have successfully laboured in India, we have given special attention to our schools. Through them, the rising generation are brought under Christian instruction—a humanizing influence is exercised over many who never enter the school-room, and experience establishes the conviction that it is the Coolie that reads, and is taught to think, that most readily and intelligently embraced the Gospel.

Now, the management of a school here is very different from what it is at home. There you look for competency in the teacher; cleanliness, neatness, regularity, punctuality, preparation of "home lessons" on the part of the pupil. Here we aim at all this, but it is very difficult to attain. A few of the teachers do their work very creditably, but all require to be taught. Most partake of the general lassitude felt in this enervating climate; and in endeavouring to infuse life and push and energy into the teacher, you soon became painfully conscious that your over-taxed energies can't long supply the stimulus.

Again, many of the children are irregular; and whilst some parents are careful to have their children in school, the many do nothing to secure regularity, and frequently the teacher finds all his efforts unavailing. But the poor people know not the advantages offered to their children, and there-