

for me, at least, to be out walking after 9.30 a.m., or before 4.30 p.m. now without suffering very keenly for it. We necessarily then must make an early start in the morning, and only go to short distances. The work, however, is deeply interesting, and some hope for the day when even these people may be led to rejoice in truth and freedom. It is so sad to see these poor, enslaved souls, and yet to see their apparent earnestness and enthusiasm. Every field has its few stones daubed with red paint (signifying the abode of a god), and every short distance we see the Monkey God or Ram or Gumpeti (the man having an elephant head on); every village with, perhaps, only 200 people, will have two or three temples and a swarm of priests and fakirs—for the most part dirty, lazy, sensual creatures; whilst the whole system is firmly bound together by the cast-iron chain of that awful "caste" system. None can understand what it really means save those who see its direful effects. No sooner do we attempt to point those people to the Lamb who taketh away the sins of the world than at once their iniquitous masters are stirred up against us. God helping us, however, we know what must be the result. Pray for the wide and needy field for which so little has, as yet, been done; and pray that our mouths may be opened wide in the faces of the foe. All are in their usual health in the staff, and all enjoying their work.

Field Notes.

REV. KENNETH J. GRANT, *San Fernando, Trinidad*, has decided to return to the Maritime Provinces for a portion of the approaching summer, and may be present at the meeting of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces; and also at the General Assembly. The following statements from his congregational report for 1880, indicate a condition of hopeful prosperity. The collections taken on Sabbath in the San Fernando church and Stations amounted in all to \$615.81. The ordinary current expenses were \$77.48. The sum of \$480 was paid towards Mr. Grant's salary, being one-third of the whole amount received by him. A stable, costing \$60.78 and a Teacher and Helper's room, costing \$206.49, were built. Materials from the old buildings served greatly to reduce the cost of the new. This work was carried on by Mr. Grant, Mr. C. C. Soudeen contributed \$100 towards building. There is a steady increase in the attendance on the church. The weekly offering is heartily sustained. The balance over expenses of \$58, was handed to Mr.

Grant as a contribution towards the Building Fund.

REV. ROBERT CHAMBERS: *Erzroom, E. Turkey*.—The work in Erzroom is showing signs of life and spiritual interest, especially among the young men. There are several applications for admission to the church, some of them backed by experience, which leave no doubt of the presence of the Spirit. In three Koordish villages which we lately visited, my helper translated passages from the Armenian Testament, and both his translations and remarks were listened to with respectful attention. About midnight, at one of these villages, I was awakened by the sound of voices, and found my helper and an intelligent Koord engaged in conversation. The Koord seemed to admit that our view of Christ was the true one. Many are the indications of the growing approachableness of the Mohammedans. In the Khanoos district we have four teachers and three preachers. The work is fairly progressive, though the want of an ordained pastor is strongly felt, and his presence is very needful. We are trying to persuade one of our preachers to be ordained. The people wish it, and he is worthy. In Chevenuch, service is conducted by our preacher, every morning. The school contains seventy scholars, and has two teachers. Here we think of opening a High-school. The spacious chapel can be used as a school-room during the week. We have in view a capital man to take charge. He is a good Armenian and Turkish scholar, has a fair knowledge of English, and is well up in all the branches to be taught. The people are very enthusiastic about the opening of the school. The poor work so far has not pressed upon us, though in some places there is considerable distress. Last fall we gave out seed for the sowing in Alashgird, but in many instances the people were forced to sell the grain to meet the claims of brutal tax-gatherers who went from village to village, beating even women till the blood ran from their mouths. By the way, a few cheap, second-hand copies of such books as "Grace and Truth," good sermon books, and commentaries and books of illustration and anecdote—would be eminently useful for our preachers who know English, and who frequently beseech us to write for such books.

MRS. ELIZA JUNOR: *Tamsui, Formosa*.—The more I know of these poor women the more my heart is drawn towards them, and I long for the time of better things. The Gospel is slowly but surely spreading among them, and that time will come. They seem so glad and thankful when I tell them what the women in Canada are doing to send them this light. These poor women have been so