

ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of Trinidad, and appointed as ordained missionaries to three fields. The Indian people in the places to which these men have been appointed have become responsible for the payment of at least half the salaries which they are to receive.

The Secretary of the Eastern Division of the Committee enjoyed the privilege of spending a week in March among the different mission fields in Trinidad. He has pleasure in bearing testimony to the greatness and thoroughness of the work that is done by all our agents. The missionaries, as directors of the whole, have infused much of their own zeal, devotion and untiring energy into all their helpers. Too much praise cannot be given to the Canadian teachers and missionaries' wives who, in each of the four districts, are at once an example and a stimulus to the large staff of Hindoos employed in the same work.

In St. Lucia the work has been attended to by the Trinidad staff, and a number of catechists and teachers have been employed. The East Indians are not increasing in number on this island, on account of some of the sugar planters either curtailing or entirely giving up their operations. The present year will show pretty clearly what the outcome will be. In the meantime the duty of the Church is to continue the work, as the needs of the population demand.

DEMERARA.

The question of resuming work in Demerara has been before the Committee in such form that they feel compelled, on certain conditions, to send a missionary there this summer. On the estates of Better Hope, owned by Messrs. Crum Ewing & Co., there has been a mission to the East Indians for several years. The present missionary, the Rev. Mr. Slater, desires, on account of age and infirmity, to retire. He has conferred with Mr. Crum Ewing, who established the work as a Presbyterian Mission independent of any Church, and has communicated, through the Mission Council of Trinidad, a request that the work be taken over by our Church, on condition that the mission premises, consisting of the necessary grounds, a church, a school-house and a manse, be given for the use of the mission, and a contribution of £100 stg. per year be made by the estates of Better Hope towards the support of the work. At the same time Mr. J. B. Cropper, a son of the Government Protector of East Indian Immigrants to St. Lucia, who has just completed his studies for the ministry at the College, Halifax, offered his services to the Committee for either St. Lucia, Trinidad or Demerara. Mr. Cropper has labored in St. Lucia and Trinidad with much tact and energy, and is regarded by the Committee as a most suitable person to take up the work in Demerara. The Committee