

their books as being a "mass of contradiction."

AN INSTANCE OF THE MISFORTUNES that may arise from the ignorance of geography occurred in this neighborhood last week. The Mahomedans keep a fast for a month every year, and on the last day of the fast a large crowd of people, probably 800, assembled at one of their most important stations.

It is required that every devout worshipper should turn towards Mecca in prayer. If Daniel, in his devotions in Babylon looked towards Jerusalem; and, if worshippers in some of our Christian churches in the West, face towards the East, why should we wonder that the followers of Mahomet should face towards the place of his birth.

Instead of looking East, however, the people of Central India maintained they should look West, just as when at home, and those of the Punjab in the North, insisted they should look South-west, quite forgetful that they had travelled far beyond Mecca. A little knowledge of geography would have helped them out of the difficulty, but in their ignorance they disputed, quarrelled, and beat each other, and finally, some were carried to the hospital and others fell into the hands of the police.

OUR WORK IS VERY INTERESTING

to ourselves, but perhaps, may interest you more if you ask questions about some particular department of it, so that we may answer you, as we are not always sure what points to take up and may perhaps write on those which are already best known to you.

Thanking you very much for your welcome donation, and hoping to hear from you soon, also claiming an interest in your prayers.

I am yours faithfully,
TISSIE COPELAND.

OUR WORK IN TRINIDAD.

AS SEEN BY OTHERS.

From a "Guide to Trinidad" just published in that island we quote some sentences regarding our mission there. The testimony is all the more valuable when we remember that it is not written by any of those connected with our work there, but by the Principal of the High School in

Port of Spain, who is an Episcopalian. These words of commendation coming from an impartial source show us the work as others see it, and are full of encouragement to go forward. He speaks of "The Presbyterian Mission to Indian Immigrants" as follows:

"This mission dates back to the close of 1867. The first station occupied was Iere Village. At this point one of the American Presbyterian Churches had previous to this built a church and a manse, and had (for a time) carried on religious work on behalf of the Creole. This American body gave over their buildings to the Canadian Church, and Rev. Jahn Morton was appointed to this station, which a few years later was changed for Princetown, as being at once a more suitable centre and a more healthy locality.

In 1870 Rev. Kenneth J. Grant was appointed to open a new station at San Fernando. As the Mission progressed, Couva in 1874 and Tunapuna in 1881, were adopted as new fields of work, the Rev. T. M. Christie being sent to occupy the former, and Rev. J. W. McLeod to Princetown in room of Mr. Morton, who was transferred to the new field in Tunapuna. More recently an English speaking congregation has been formed in Couva under the superintendence of the Missionary," Rev. J. K. Wright, who since Mr. Christie's death, has been appointed to that field. Rev. W. L. Macrae, being now at Princetown in room of Rev. J. W. McLeod, also deceased.

"A most important part of the work of the Mission is the teaching and training of the young in schools established in suitable localities.

The Missionaries have been dependent for teachers very largely upon material that they have taught and trained on the ground, and these native agents have in most cases done well, and in some cases more than well. Latterly, however, the church in Canada, has wisely sent out for the several schools at the centres, trained lady teachers, who have much influence for good alike over parents and children and do much better work both in the week day and Sabbath-schools than native teachers could be expected to do. The present staff is Miss Blackadder, Tacarigua; Miss Semple, Princetown; Miss Cope-land, San Fernando, and Miss Archibald, Couva."

"It is a pleasing thing to be able to say