

TRINIDAD.

A Visit To Jamaica

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Your favour of December 15th, has just now reached me. I left Trinidad on the 27th December, before its arrival, to meet an engagement at Jamaica, and, after spending a month there, I arrived here a week ago. Our stay at home will be short as we wish to get to Trinidad in April.

In Jamaica there are upwards of fifty Presbyterian congregations in connection with the U. P. Church of Scotland, and some of them are still fostered by the parent Church.

It is delightful to find the interest taken in missions by the Presbyterian Church in Jamaica. She has an agent in the Rajputana Mission for whose support she pays £150 sterling, annually. She contributes to the old Calabar Mission, and that work is in great favour as many of the Jamaica Church can look to Calabar as children abroad look to their home. More recently she has turned her attention to the evangelization of the East Indians, who have been brought thither, and to aid her we gave two of our senior catechists in August last, and I paid a visit to assist in organizing and advancing the work.

Never had a Church better prospects of succeeding in a work. In many places I found the people anxious to hear and unwilling to let us go when we had delivered the message.

At St. Ann's Bay, and near the spot where Columbus first landed, I conducted a service on the 26th of January. After spending an hour they entreated me to tell them more. I was unable then to remain, but the good friends whose hospitality I was enjoying (Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cadenhead, and Miss Cadenhead formerly of Ontario) undertook to bring me back at 4 on Sabbath, the 27th. All agreed to attend and to invite their friends. On Sabbath, a few minutes before the hour, we arrived, and, true to engagement, all of the previous day were seated awaiting us, and several others with them. As at the first meeting all listened eagerly, now and then a question would be asked, but not in a captious spirit. They had not heard the Gospel before in their own tongue. As one could read Hindi, Mr. Cadenhead undertook to provide some of the rest with Hindi first-books and slates that they might begin at once to learn and form letters.