

out of ten has taken the trouble to get any knowledge of the facts regarding the work of missions. They are perhaps too busy, or they cannot speak the language. How can they have an intelligent knowledge of the work. They can see and judge of the work of Hospitals; and see how some of them act! They with great willingness and liberality contribute for their support. I feel confident in saying that if they had the same power of judging and seeing the work and influence of the Gospel in the interior they would support that work even ten times more liberally. But they don't know, and it is difficult for them to know. They never meet that they know of, a real Christian (although they sometimes meet scoundrels who pass themselves off as Christian) and consequently they think there are none. Let a man who is bound on business and who cannot speak English go into London and, pursuing his business, how much will he know as to whether there are Christians, or rather ask him if there are any Mohammedans there, or if there are any in England. There are 1,800,000 in North Formosa. There are only 300 Christians. Yet I venture to say they are better known and exercise a greater influence than 2,000 Mohammedans would in London, although it is the same proportion. But I must stop. We are looking with great anxiety for Dr. Mackay. Is there any hope for another coming with him? We are all very well.

K. F. J.

Field Notes.

REV. JOHN MORTON: *Tunapuna, Trinidad*.—You will be shocked to hear of the death of Gregor MacGregor Turnbull, of the prevailing fever. Others have fallen, now one here, now one there. We are in God's hand. We are all as usual, and too busy to write of details of work. We meet as a Council shortly, but I send on the only minute lest there be further delay. It was resolved, "That inasmuch as Missionaries have to advance teachers' salaries for two or three months before drawing from Government and other sources, the Board be asked to authorize the payment early in January of the salaries of missionaries and catechists; leaving other items to be paid where the estimates have been passed." Expressions of pleasure and satisfaction were recorded in view (1) of the passing of the estimates in full. (2) The voting of \$400 for buildings on the Caroni district. (3) The large amount collected by Mr. Grant when at home. (4) The interest of the people

generally in our Mission, the assurances of which Mr. Grant conveyed to the Council.

JOHN MORTON, Secy.

REV. KENNETH J. GRANT: *San Fernando, Trinidad*.—The present is a time of sickness and death, and consequent depression. The fever that prevails does its deadly work in about three days from the first symptoms. Deaths occur amongst those principally that have been less than three years in the country. Few indeed have died, if any, from this fever except those but partially acclimated. Last week young Mr. Turnbull died, I suppose about twenty-three or twenty-four years of age. His father, you will remember, died here less than three years ago. The Turnbulls are Presbyterians, of Glasgow, extensive proprietors here, and amongst the earliest and most liberal supporters of our Mission. Our late friend brought his bride to Trinidad only a few months ago. Two other Scotchmen died last week. The labourers are cut off from many estates, and the hospitals are overcrowded. Since returning I have not been able to do much work. I was much troubled with cough when at home, and though it was subdued when I got into the tropics, yet I was very sensitive to draughts. I took cold one day, cough returned, doctor examined my chest and advised perfect rest, and especially from public speaking. I feel better, but lack the vigour and energy I used to have, but hope in a few weeks to be as usual. The present season with us is one of great trial, but we are in the Lord's hands, and thus we feel safe. Sad to see so many die without hope in their death. Mission families are pretty well.

REV. A. W. McLEOD: *Princetown, Trinidad*.—Saturday night has again whirled around, and tired from riding through mud, and from study, I think of writing letters. (1) *Yellow Fever*. I am sorry there is such alarm at home. It arises from misapprehension of the real condition of things here. There has been much sickness in Trinidad the last three months, and many deaths from "malarial," or as people often prefer to call it "yellow fever." Canadians draw ideas of yellow fever from such descriptions as of Memphis, and places similarly visited in southern temperate regions. Here it is not epidemic, but local, arising from merely local causes, and therefore confined to certain places. There have been no cases in Princetown. Trinidad is not large, whites not very numerous, and the sympathy existing between the resident strangers makes a death more felt. The weather seems now clearer, and places a short time ago considered unhealthy, are now free from sickness. (2) We, as new comers, had as a matter of course, our *Language* to learn. We are mak-