

MISSION STUDIES.

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ST. LUCIA, GRENADA AND JAMAICA.

St. Lucia is a beautiful island, lying about 250 miles north of Trinidad. A young East Indian who had been brought to Christ, in Trinidad, went there as an interpreter in the Civil Service, and was the first to begin to tell his heathen countrymen about Christ. This soon led to an application to the Missionaries in Trinidad for help, and in response, a teacher-catechist and his wife were sent to the island in 1885, and definite work begun, which has since been considerably extended, there being now six schools in operation, with Christian teachers who aid the catechists, of whom there are three, in holding religious services and instructing the people. Mr. Cropper, a native of St. Lucia, and an earnest Christian, has from its commencement taken a deep interest in the Mission, and has hitherto kindly superintended the work of the catechists and teachers, but he has lately left the island in order to study for the ministry, and it is hoped that the way will soon open for an ordained Missionary to be permanently settled, as the work is very encouraging, and could be largely increased. Dr. Morton visited the island last year (1893), and baptized 31 adults and 42 children; held 33 services for worship, and dispensed the Lord's Supper at three of the stations, the number of the communicants being 22.

Grenada is a beautiful island, about 88 miles from Trinidad, celebrated for its nutmeg, cinnamon, and other spice trees, and also for its harbor, the finest in the Antilles, which makes it an important naval station. An interesting Mission to the coolies on this island is carried on by the Rev. Mr. Rae, a minister of the Established Church of Scotland, settled in Georgetown, the capital, aided by catechists from Trinidad.

The U. P. Church of Scotland has been long engaged in Mission work for the colored people in the large and beautiful island of Jamaica, but there also the coolies are largely taking the place of the negro laborers, and this year the Jamaica Synod resolved to begin Mission work among them, and so applied to the Missionaries in Trinidad for helpers. In consequence two of the best students in the college have been sent to begin the work.