

&c., which were given at Christmas. Kind friends would render good service by sending "prints" of any kind for dresses. Did our means admit of any additional outlay, I would not make this suggestion, but in the interests of the Mission my expenses have annually exceeded my salary, since coming here.

OUR CATECHIST.

How has the Catechist been employed? He has proved an humble, earnest, faithful worker, possessing the full confidence of all engaged in the work. He has laboured alone and with myself—publicly, and from house to house. He speaks with freedom and with power, proving a valuable helper, and we sincerely trust that as the aid from the Scotch congregation is now withdrawn, that your Board or individual congregations will make provision for the support of this class of helpers.

RESULTS.

I have largely anticipated what might properly come under this head. Schools have multiplied—the attendance has been more regular, the general interest has increased, and the progress of the pupils is decided. From the ranks of our Sabbath School three intelligent lads from 12 to 14 years of age have been baptized, and 13 who were baptized in infancy, either in the English or R. C. Church, but who are indebted to us for all the instruction they had received, made application, and we have accepted, and do now recognize them as baptized members of our Church.

Four infants of Christian parents were baptized, and seven adults. Let me remind your Board that all the Baptisms in our respective districts took place in the San Fernando Church, and that the fruit indicated is a joint property which we gather up and humbly and thankfully place at the feet of Jesus. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory."

The manner in which the Mission has been sustained by the contributions of friends at home and in Trinidad, calls for gratitude.

CLOSE.

In conclusion may I not entreat a fresh interest in our Mission. The Church never has lost at home by showing diligence abroad, for what we do for others spiritually, we do for ourselves. There is truth in the remark of Henry Clay, it is all truth, "the more religion we send abroad, the more we have at home." Definiteness of aim aids in every department of life, and under God it has achieved the noblest triumphs of the Gospel. Sometimes our Wesleyan friends are heard to enquire, "why has not the Gospel now the power that it had in the days of the Wesleys?" The Free Church looking back 30 years are

able, perhaps, to contrast the earnestness and life of that period with the apathy of the present. The history of the U. P. Church, perhaps can furnish a like illustration. In those times the Church felt she had a definite work to do, and she did it, not slackly, and her success was as marked as her efforts. Let the Church now have a definite object, let the ministers full of the spirit of Missions, make prominent the Church's mission, and bear every hearer out in spirit and set him down in the midst of the valley full of dry bones, and encourage him to cry out, "come from the four winds O breath and breathe on these slain that they may live," and soon from the most unlikely quarter an exceeding great army would be found coming up to the help of the Lord. Let the Church only put forth her energies, the energy of a compassionate soul for the perishing, the energy of a living faith in the word which is mighty, the energy of a heart filled with unutterable groanings to the prayer hearing God, and the energy and power of the wealth which God has entrusted to her membership, and who can tell the abundant fruit which may be gathered in the year about to dawn "to the praise of the glory of His grace."

Respectfully submitted,

K. J. GRANT.

San Fernando, Dec. 31st, 1873.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Letter from Rev. J. W. McKenzie.

ERAKOR, EFATE, Dec. 2nd, 1873.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

I intend going round to Havannah Harbour in a few days, and as there will be an opportunity of sending away letters from there before the end of the year, I must get a few lines ready for you. I am happy to be able to inform you that we are all three very well, and although we have had some discouragements, yet our work seems to advance. You cannot imagine how discouraging it is to see our young men carried away beyond our reach by those wretched traders and slavers, and those who have been away for a time brought home to us to die. We have had several instances of this lately. A few weeks ago five young men were carried off by of S. Erromanga, and nearly all the village were made drunk. On Sabbath last another died who had been home but a short time; yesterday another was brought home and had to be carried from the boat to the house. To-day another was carried off. But if this is discouraging, I want to tell you of blind old David, for if he were the only soul saved by all the efforts that