

French Company is Captain Macleod, a native of Nova Scotia! He has just arrived in Sydney, and is reported as stating that the French have meant annexation for the past six years." "Mr. Annand's station has contributed during the year about £80, in arrowroot. Last year Mr. Lawrie's station sent arrowroot to Scotland which realized about £120. Most of this goes for the new church." These contributions, considering the smallness of the congregation, show truly remarkable liberality.

In reply to a communication addressed to the Foreign Office, London, by the Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, a reply has been received stating in effect that "the agreement between France and this country respecting the New Hebrides is considered by Her Majesty's Government to be still in force."

We regret that Lord Granville's response is not more emphatic. In view of a proposal made in Berlin with his sanction, it is eminently unsatisfactory. That proposal was to give the New Hebrides to France, to give New Britain and New Ireland to Germany, and to give the whole of New Guinea to Great Britain. The suggestion was not accepted by Bismarck, because he wished a slice of New Guinea; but had he accepted it, there is no doubt that by this time the New Hebrides would be under the French flag. We trust that the emphatic remonstrances of the Australian Colonies and the Presbyterian Churches will have the desired effect upon the British Government.

## Our Trinidad Mission.

### GENERAL REPORT FOR 1884.

THE Mission Council in reviewing the work of 1884 offer most cordial thanks to the friends of the Mission for their continued interest and support. A year of hardship and trial closes with many reasons for thanksgiving. Mr. Grant, who was absent on furlough, has returned. Two new female teachers from Canada are to begin work with the new year. And Rev. John Gibson has arrived to prepare for work in Demerara. Progress is noticeable in every part of the field and department of the work. During the year some converts have passed away in confidence of a better world—made theirs by faith in our Divine Redeemer. Others have proved themselves worthy amid the toil and temptations of earth. 152 have been admitted to the Christian Church by baptism and 27 couples have been united in Christian Marriage. 41 schools have been in operation with 1390 children on the roll at the end of the year and an average daily attendance of 1286. Two new churches have been built, one at Oropouche and the other at Princes Town. The cost of the former is included in the table of expenditure for the year. The church at Princes Town has been built at a cost of \$2,880. By an effort spread over three years the sum of \$2,585 has been raised for this object, partly in Trinidad and partly in Canada, leaving a debt of

only \$215. A new concrete house has been built for Mr. Grant at a cost of \$3,000. Of this sum \$2,500 has been provided in Canada and the balance of \$500 remains meantime as a debt. From the tables annexed to the report, we learn that of the scholars on the Roll 1,360 were boys; 530 were girls. That the total expenditure for the year for churches and schools was £4,187; 2s. 1d. sterling. Paid to Missionaries, £1,225; Catechists, £220, 14s. 3d; schools, £1,835, 4s. 11d. Buildings, £731, 19s. 4d. Incidental and Insurances, £124, 3s. 7d. Received from Proprietors' £870, 16s. 8.; Native Church, £347, 14s. 2d. Donations, £83, 16s. 10d.; Government grants to schools, £695, 19s. 3d.; Sundries, £78, 17s. 4d. The balance, £2,163, 6s. 11d., was paid by the Church in Canada. This does not include the item of \$2,500 for a house in San Fernando. It does not include the amount granted by the United Presbyterian Church, Scotland, for the support of the St. Joseph Station where Mr. Hondrie is missionary. The four stations supported by our Churches cost respectively as follows: Tunapuna, £777, 16s. 2d.; San Fernando, £1,690, 15s. 8d.; Couva, £772, 15s. 5d.; Princetown, £945, 14s. 10d. The Scottish Station, comparatively new, cost £439, 5s. 4d.

### FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF REV. K. J. GRANT.

FOURTEEN YEARS of mission work have now closed. We have seen very much of God's goodness, and to Him do we give praise for personal, family, and mission mercies.

After a furlough of six months, which we much enjoyed, we arrived home on 2nd November. We have now moved into the manse, which is in every way suited to our requirements. It is neat, commodious, substantial, and as it is of concrete, not only in outer walls, but in all its partitions, it will be durable, and the risks from fire are small. We are sincerely thankful to all concerned for this house. To my faithful assistant, the Rev. Lal Behari, to the Mission Council, and to the Rev. Mr. Wilson, our thanks are due for the manner in which the mission work was sustained in our absence—it was carried on with vigour. During the year, 77 have been added to our roll of baptisms—33 adults and 44 children. Several now under instruction seek admission to the Church. We believe there is a disposition shown, as never before, to seriously enquire into the Christian faith. The agencies at work to secure these results are as follows:—18 schools, with a roll of 928 pupils, and a daily attendance of 626. Religious instruction is given daily. Outside the school several Indian teachers give instruction to adults. Seven who do a certain amount of school work daily, but whose principal power is in Hindi, not in English, are teaching and exhorting from door to door, under this gallery and that tree, wherever a solitary individual or a group can be found that will listen to the wonderful words of life. By these valuable helpers seven stations are maintained