

wall, five feet wide and five feet high, around it. They also cleared the ground around the church. They gave three months' work without pay. *Usowo, the second son of Kowiowi, the murderer of John Williams, laid the cornerstone of the church*; he is now a Christian. This church was opened on the 13th June, a beautiful Sabbath morning. It was filled with an orderly and attentive congregation, some of whom had come a great distance. A collection of twelve shillings was taken in the plate at the door, for lamps. The church is 40 x 20 feet. The inside is not finished. Mr. Robertson notes as drawbacks, the lack of another missionary; the continued existence of the wicked "labour traffic;" the want of righteous civil government; the prevalence of habits of indolence and their contentment with their present condition; their recklessness as to the simplest laws of health; their degrading superstitions, and their bad marriage customs. He appeals for more labourers to aid in the evangelization of the New Hebrides.

### Our Trinidad Mission.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT, BY REV. KENNETH J. GRANT.

SAN FERNANDO, 30th December, 1880.

**W**e are brought to the close of our tenth year of Mission labours in health and strength, for which we thank God. We review our year's work with its results, and take courage.

The work of preaching and school superintendence varied little from that of former years, and we think it unnecessary to enter into any details. We have all worked, and, I may add, have worked all the time during the year, and the accompanying returns represent, so far as figures can, the results.

Our field of operations has been considerably extended. In three new districts in the wood, whither immigrants who had spent ten years in the colony and yet did not wish to return to India had withdrawn. Carat school-houses have been built (of course temporary structures) at a cost of £59, 15s, 2½d, and a teacher of the Hindi language, with an English speaking monitor, has been engaged in each throughout the year. In consequence of the unusually heavy rainfall, together with prejudices always to be encountered in newly occupied districts the attendance of children has not been large. A work, however, has been initiated which will most certainly advance. A service has been sustained at each of those stations regularly, with an ave-

rage of 30 adults. In one of these districts nine men and two women have been taught to read. Prominence is given in country schools to the study of the Hindi as it has been found to yield cheering results. A few days ago I baptized nine persons, eight of whom read fairly their own language. An examination of Canaan School a few days ago, which is under the supervision of Baboo Lal Behari, gave proof of the advantage of laying a good foundation in Hindi.

Our English speaking congregation gathered principally from the San Fernando School, has grown in numbers, in Christian knowledge, and in Church attachment. For several months we have been studying Geikie's Life of Christ, a valuable work. Our young people bought about 20 copies of a cheap edition, and read and studied it in day-schools and in church before excellent maps, and at a public examination on Christmas they showed an acquaintance with the Gospels truly gratifying. The school in our yard, under the management of Mr. J. W. Corsbie, never exhibited greater efficiency than at the present time. His report I inclose. In the work of preaching and superintending Baboo Lal Behari has done his part well. And in this holiday season as I write he has the teachers assembled for special instruction. The southern part of my district has been gradually falling more into his hands. With Annajee he has stood a quarterly examination before Presbytery, and in his preparations he was assisted by Mr. Henderson and myself. His betrothed whom he had left behind in India twelve years ago, joined him with his aged mother early in the present year. She is now quite ill, and we fear will not recover. Both wife and mother have embraced Christianity. Mr. Samuel Selvon, a member of our English speaking congregation, an interpreter of the Tamil and English languages in court, has been engaged by me in evening work, at a nominal salary, amongst our Madras neighbours. He is intelligent, earnest and much respected, and I anticipate good from his efforts.

Our school roll shows 500 pupils with a daily average of 339. Baptisms, 27 adults and 14 children, total 41. Marriages, 17. Mr. Morton assisted at Communion on the 19th inst. Mr. Campbell, teacher in Couva, was over with some of Mr. Christie's people, and Mr. Morton had a like number from Princetown. About 90 persons surrounded the Communion table. Above 200 were present. The work is advancing—we have daily proof of it, and we rejoice that we have a part in it. Ten years labour buries our hearts deeper in mission work. We feel it to be a blessed enterprise which will engage many hands and more hearts until its triumphs are complete.