

Aziz Abud.—Grammar, Arithmetic and History with the others, Analysis Simple Sentences, Algebra beginning.

Anajee.—Reading and Copying English, Arithmetic, Compound Proportion and Practice.

In his own language he has gone much further, but he needs to practice in English.

Thomas Vishnoo.—Reading with Anna-jee, Arithmetic, Compound Rules.

Lāl Bibāri.—About the same as Anna-jee, but not so well acquainted with English.

COOLIE STUDENTS.

Two of our boys, John Dharm, from Iere, and Alexander Aaron from San Fernando have gone to Port of Spain, to the Normal School. The Government allows \$10 per month for the assistance of two Coolie Students, and these two boys will accordingly get \$5 per month each for their support to be increased if they remain at the School and do well.

TWO VACANT CHARGES.

In December, Rev. Alexander Burr, de-mitted his charge of San Fernando U. P. Congregation, which the Presbytery accepted and on Christmas Day, he and his family sailed for the United States. The Portuguese congregation, Port-of-Spain is also vacant, Mr. Vicna having accepted a call to Illinois, United States. We are but four ministers all told, and two vacant congregations make a considerable demand on our strength, already fully taxed. We do trust and pray that both these vacancies may soon be supplied with pastors of their own.

So far as the Coolie Mission is concerned there is an open field and urgent need for a third Missionary; but, in the present circumstances of the churches at home I feel restrained from urging the case. The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he may thrust more laborers into his harvest.

Yours very sincerely.

JOHN MORTON.

REV P. G. MCGREGOR.

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Examination of the San Fernando Coolie School.

We had much pleasure in being present at the "*Bushy Park*" Coolies School on 13th inst. The sight was most gratifying, as it was unexpected, both on account of the number of scholars present as for the proficiency in their studies which they exhibited.

A good sprinkling of visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, were there, among whom

was his Worship the Mayor of San Fernando.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of a Hymn, in which about, we should say, one hundred and twenty children joined, chiefly little coolies, but there were about twenty Chinese children in attendance, and the number of these promises to increase considerably.

The younger classes were gone through first, every one shewing by their performances how much care and attention had been given to them, and the patience which had been exercised in bringing the youngest of of them to a knowledge of a strange tongue.

Nothing could excel the manner in which the two higher classes conducted themselves, considering the short time they have been under instruction. They read correctly different passages, which could not have been prepared for the occasion, showed an amazing knowledge of the geography of the earth, and in their arithmetic (particularly mental), astonishing proficiency.

The number of children who were examined that day included the scholars of the "*Bushy Park*" School, with a representation from the Ière Village, *Palmyra* and *Marabella*, and *Union* and *Picton* and *Wellington* Schools, all of which are under the care of Revd. Messrs. Morton and Grant. On this day they were united, and assuredly had a happy day of it. When the examination was over, they were treated to cakes and sweets, and about half a dozen of the scholars were rewarded with silver medals, gold dollars and books in the way of prizes.

The Mayor expressed a wish to present the boy who was considered to have made the greatest progress during the year with a special prize. Jacob, a Chinese boy, was considered best entitled to the honor, and the Mayor presented him with a very pretty pencil case, and complimenting Messrs. Grant and Morton on the astonishing success of the work in which they were engaged, assured them, on behalf of all present, of the pleasure which the day's proceedings had afforded them.

The children then sung a Hymn, and were dismissed.

These schools are almost entirely supported from private aid. True, the Government does afford some assistance to the "*Bushy Park*" School, and we do sincerely trust that they will see fit to continue it. It may be true that there are other charitable and useful institutions in the Colony, each carrying out their own good objects, such as the Coolie Orphan Home in Tacarigua, and the Belmont Orphanage in Port-of-Spain, but neither can excel in usefulness the great work which Messrs. Grant and Morton are now engaged in,