

The mission has completed its fifth year and from a small commencement is coming to assume larger proportions and more hopeful aspects. For three years Mr. Morton laboured alone, but since the close 1870 R.v. K. J. Grant has laboured with him, and their joint efforts have been owned by God and blessed in effecting important results. These as developed during the year past will now be exhibited briefly, full details on nearly all the points now brought forward having been already embodied in the missionaries' reports and letters and published in the *Record*.

#### THE SAN FERNANDO CHURCH.

It was subsequent to the Synod of 1872 that we had word that the Church which was being erected for Asiatics in San Fernando, had been finished, opened and occupied for Christian instruction and public worship. The opening of this building had been anticipated with anxiety and hope by the missionaries, and its auspicious opening was to them an event of great thanksgiving and joy. It is comfortable and elegant, considering its cost and is the centre of missionary action. A considerable share of the expense of this erection was borne by friends in Trinidad, and no inconsiderable sum furnished by the Coolies themselves. These contributions have been acknowledged by the Board and thanks communicated to the contributors through the missionaries. A list of the contributors was published in the *Record*, and a hundred copies sent to Messrs. Morton and Grant for local distribution.

#### THE CHILDREN'S EFFORT.

A debt of one hundred pounds sterling remained to be paid when the building was finished. At the same time the Board with the sanction of Synod purchased from the missionaries at cost, the premises which they had secured near the new place of worship. The reasons for this step do not require repetition, but the Church may be reminded that the cost was stated at \$1400, which some necessary repairs and changes have since raised to \$1500. The Board in these circumstances thought of the heartiness and success of the children's efforts for the *Dayspring*, and as they had given as a surplus for that object, it was resolved to lay our wants before them, and to request them while remembering the *Dayspring* as their special charge, to make the liquidation of the San Fernando Church debt and the payment of the Manse the main effort for the year. This was done in a short appeal published in the October *Record*. The result has been that while the regular *Dayspring* contribution was remitted leaving a balance in fund at date of nearly \$500, above \$1400 have been received for mission

premises, so that \$400 have been remitted to liquidate the Church debt and \$943.76 in payment of the Manse, the debt on which will be very small by the time the Synod adjourns, and could be paid at any moment by transference of the *Dayspring* money to that account and starting anew for the mission ship. This step is not recommended and only alluded to, to show how well our young friends have responded. And we have no doubt that as they keep the *Dayspring* insured, of which step the benefit is now evident, they will also authorize the insurance of the Church property in San Fernando.

#### THE WORK OF THE MISSIONARIES.

In the first place they devote time and strength to the work of Education under the conviction that thus the rising generation will be emancipated from many superstitions, and that as one of them expresses it, it is the Coolie that reads, and is taught to think that most readily and intelligently embraces the Gospel. These schools are almost exclusively taught by young Hindoos who have embraced christianity and who desire christian-like to be employed in doing something for the Master, but they are superintended by the missionary. Of these schools the following are more especially under the care of Mr. Morton: 1. Iere, taught by Thomas Walter Cockey; 2. Palmyra, part of the time by Joseph Annagee; 3. Esperanza, by Charles Soudern; 4. Sevilla, recently by J. Annagee, while Mr. Grant's superintendence applies more directly to San Fernando, Marabella, Union and Picou.

#### WELLINGTON AND VICTORIA VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

In all the Estate Schools religious instruction is imparted, but that in San Fernando being a government school the same course cannot with propriety be followed and those willing to attend are convened and taught on Sabbath morning and Tuesday evening, in the new Church. In the same place instruction is given to young men by the missionaries in succession.

A Sabbath School is taught in the Church by the wives of the missionaries, aided by young men from the Presbyterian Church, which has enrolled 70 scholars, of whom one half are Asiatics. Fourteen possess and read the Bible, and the conduct of the pupils is becoming and respectful.

In the second place they labour in the preaching of the Gospel.

Mr. Morton preaches every Sabbath in Hindastani, and in English at Iere, then returning to St. Fernando preaches in the Church conversing afterward with enquirers, and frequently holding a fourth service toward evening on some estate.