

same measure and spirit, ours is the lab our, you have delegated that to us; but prayer is the power in your hand, and results, permanent, and blessed, are wrought by prayer."

### Letter from Joseph Annajee.

Trinidad, June 26th, 1882.

Dear Mr. Editor:—

Thank you for the Maritime Presbyterian. Our Trinidad Mission work is all going well by the Lord's mercy. Before fourteen years ago no one worked among the Coolies in Trinidad. Some were baptized by Roman Catholic priests but they did not know who Christ is, nor why they became Christians in name. If any one ask them a question in religion, they answer "me no sabhee, axem French parson, he will tell you better." If any one ask them why they don't go to church on Sabbath, they say "meno sabhee what the French parson says, then what use to go to the church,"—for the French priests don't know any Hindustani.

A few months ago we began to have some trouble from a priest in San Fernando. In that year I was baptized, Mr. Morton opened a school on Palmyra Estate and I taught there. He afterwards brought the school to Mt. Stewart village which is about a mile from Palmyra. Between Palmyra and Mt. Stewart village, many Coolies rented lots of land and built houses on them and worked on the estates around. Only one creole house was there. They thus made a new coolie village. The children there went to the Mt. Stewart school, because there were not enough there in the new village for a school and the distance was not too great.

Then the priest opened a school in this new village and put one creole teacher in it. Then Mr. Macleod hired a room and we opened a school there for Coolie children and we gathered them all into our school. The priest then dismissed his creole teacher and hired Madras Coolie teacher, he sent a message by his teacher to the Coolies, that if they sent their children to his school from ours, he would give them five shillings a month and make them clever in one year, but except one boy and sometimes one girl and the teacher's own children, often all children coming to our school. The teacher wants to give up the school but the priest did not let him.

Your Obedient Servant,  
Joseph Annajee.

### THE NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

#### Letter from Rev. James Murray.

Mr. Murray was formerly minister of Antigonish. He afterwards went as a missionary of our church to the New Hebrides, but Mrs. Murray being threatened with loss of sight, they were compelled to leave the field. He is now settled at Paramatta, 15 miles from Sydney, New South Wales.

St. Andrew's Manse, Paramatta, June 12th, 1882.

Dear Dr. McGregor.—We are all well here. I had a trip a short time ago to Tasmania, returning via Melbourne, and Mrs. Murray and George spent a month with Mrs. J. G. Paton in Melbourne. We have all derived much benefit from the change. George is learning well at school. He says he is going to be a missionary.

Our church here, i. e., the Presbyterian church, is soon to have a Mr. Murray from Aberdeen as her agent in the New Hebrides. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, the missionaries of the Tasmanian church went to the Islands by the last trip of the *Dayspring*.

The Grays are prevented from going in consequence of the illness of Mrs. Gray. They are natives of South Australia.

Mr. Gray who was recently settled in Annapolis, Nova Scotia, was married last week to a Miss Hoshniman, daughter of a gentleman who used to be an elder in the late Dr. Laing's church, Sydney. She is a celebrated singer.

Rev. J. H. Annapolis has resigned his charge at Coora, N. S. W., and is now seeking another.

My work seems to be prospering. We have just had completed a new Sabbath school hall and vestry, at a cost of about £560.

Our sustentation fund, you will have learned, I dare say, has been thus far a wonderful success.

Mrs. Murray's sight continues much the same. She makes very good use of what she has, and is thankful that she has not lost it totally. She can do almost as much work as she ever could except reading. She joins me in best regards to Mrs. MacGregor and yourself.

Very truly yours,  
J. D. MURRAY.