

and to school; but the people here are all strong in their hearts, and all attend church every Sabbath, the second service as well as the first. When the young men of Aneityum go away in vessels, and then come back, they are unwilling to attend church and school; but it is quite different here. Some of them came back the other week; but they all come to church and school, and the house is full. The three elders are strong to conduct worship in the church, and everything is going on well." The people, he says, do not grudge their food, but supply him and his wife well. But apart altogether from Tupatai's rather glowing picture, which, while I believe it was honestly given, I am disposed to receive, both the good and the bad of it, *cum grano salis*, yet, from all I could either see or learn, the stations, both at Erakor and Epang, are keeping their ground remarkably well. The work does not depend solely on the presence of the missionary; there is a divine vitality in it which is sustaining its existence. Both the Morrisons and the Coshes have, I believe, accomplished a much greater work than either of them were conscious of doing. The natives of Epang appear at present to be a different race of people from what they were when I saw them seven years ago, on the first voyage of the "Dayspring." Tupatai says they pray without ceasing for Mr and Mrs Cosh and the children. May the Lord watch over these few sheep in the wilderness, and may their eyes again soon see their teachers!—I remain, yours very sincerely,

JOHN INGLIS.

### TRINIDAD.

The Bermuda Packet having been detained in Halifax for several days after her usual time of departure, has not yet returned, and consequently we have no very late intelligence from the Missionaries. We publish however a letter from Mr. Grant, which came by the preceding mail, and which was crowded out of our January number, shewing that the Brethren on that Island are prosecuting their work with earnestness and with some tokens that their labours are not in vain in the Lord.

#### Letter from Rev. Mr. Grant

SAN FERNANDO, Dec, 7th, 1871.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—Mr. Morton and myself have just returned from Cupar Grange, an Estate about five miles distant, and I must tell you of our pleasant meeting with the Coolies there. The labours of the day were just over, and evening was

drawing on, but still the heat of the sun was too great to stand outside with comfort. One man kindly invited us to his room, a stool was provided for us, whilst around us on the floor, in a few minutes, some 25 men were seated in a space not exceeding 10x12 feet.

Portions of Scripture were first read, and then Mr. Morton discoursed to them from John iii. : 16—"God so loved," &c. Their attention was fixed during the whole service. Every countenance wore a serious aspect, and in the expression of some was a deep tinge of melancholy which seemed to say, "where now are our fathers, and what shall become of us if we continue in their faith?" Not only by the bowing of the head, but audibly did they assent to nearly every statement of your Missionary. Such scenes are very cheering to us, and they might be multiplied ten thousand times if men could be found to go to those now in darkness to tell the story of the Cross. It was not our first visit—last week we witnessed a similar scene. And I may add that during the past five months, on different occasions, some of these men have called to hear about our religion. One reads Nagari very well, and is now reading a Gospel. We are greatly straitened from want of suitable books, the supply ordered from Calcutta having not yet arrived.

Let none suppose that all are eager to hear. There is a shyness and a coldness of manner that you soon come to understand. Others meet you boldly and dispute perhaps every statement. If they can't argue, they are shrewd enough to wield the inconsistencies of professed Christians as a weapon against Christianity. Of this we had a very striking illustration a few weeks ago. At the request of a Mussulman I attended one of their meetings. During the night previous they had a feast, at which the host (a shop-keeper) stated about 900 were present. I believe it was held in connection with the circumcising of a child. Many had left before I arrived, but a large company still remained. Aziz was with me. They had a copy of the Koran with them, and two of their number could read it. The subject we endeavoured to keep prominent was the respective claims of Jesus and Mohammed. Aziz had an immense advantage. He knew the Koran better than any of them, and in addition knew much of the word of God. He put them to shame. One vociferated—I would rather die than be a Christian. Aziz said, seriously, Ten months ago I said the same thing, but it was because I knew not this Book, laying his hand on the Bible.

Unable to argue out the subject proposed, one asked "Is rumselling good?" I had no hesitation in answering that question. "Well," said he, "Does not the Queen