

Lincoln did the work of teacher and catechist. In October an additional teacher and two monitors were employed, and the catechist now assists in bringing out the children and gives religious instruction one hour per day. The daily average since the new teacher was engaged has been 102.

A treat was given to the children on Christmas eve. Several ladies kindly assisted in making 160 garments which were distributed among the most deserving.

The whole grant of \$25.00 per month was paid to Abraham Lincoln until October. Since the 11th of October A. W. Eatwick, teacher, has received at the rate of \$20.00 per month and the remaining \$5.00 have been paid to the monitors and catechist. The catechist will henceforth depend entirely on the Society.

There has been the greatest difficulty in meeting former demands; the support of the catechist will be an additional expense for which no additional means are available. Our thanks are due to the Canadian Church for a donation of \$60.00 sent to assist in this object.

The Tuschen and Zeelugt school was open until Sept. 10th when in consequence of the destruction of the Tuschen House, by fire, the building was required for the manager's residence.

The total number on the roll was 162; 47 boys and 65 girls; the daily average was 62. Until the amalgamation of Tuschen and Zeelugt in April the grant was \$25.00 per month. Tuschen paid \$12.50 for the month of May. Subsequently the teacher was paid on the estate at the rate of \$25.00 per month. We sincerely hope that the proprietors, to whom we are so deeply indebted, will soon be able to re-establish this school. The Hague school has been continued through the kindness of the manager who has paid the teacher's salary. He has given much satisfaction in teaching and made marked progress in his own knowledge of Scripture. The total number on the roll was 107; 73 boys and 34 girls. The daily average was 44. A treat was given to all the children in January; at the same time 42 boys and 28 girls received garments made by ladies on the Coast.

Sabbath services were conducted at Hague, Uitlugt and Tuschen. Latterly an afternoon service has been held on different estates as opportunity offered. The

International Sunday School Lessons were taught as previously, and the Golden Texts committed to memory.

After the regular service at Uitlugt the adults remain for a Hindi Bible Class; 24 members of this class read fluently.

There is an English Bible Class for the larger children. Twelve persons have been baptised 8 adults and 4 children.

The total number of baptisms since the beginning of the work in June 1885 is 53; 39 adults and 14 children.

During the year 16 names have been added to the communion roll. The present number of communicants is 37.

Two marriages have been performed.

The collections amounted to \$56.07.

Eleven estates and twelve hospitals have been visited, when portions of Scripture and religious works were read, and short addresses given on the nature of God, Man, Sin, and Salvation. The patients in the hospitals are specially attentive, and fully assent to our words.

Interesting discussions have been held with Hindoo and Mohammedan teachers.

A growing desire for Christian literature is one of the most gratifying features of our work. Since the arrival of our last stock of books from India 10 copies of the Old Testament and 19 of the New Testament have been purchased by members. The demand for Bibles both Hindi and English, is good evidence that the habit of searching the Scripture is becoming more general, and that the seed, which is the Word of God, is being silently sown in soil which shall in due time yield a plentiful harvest.

The friends who have continued their support during a season of deep depression have our most sincere and hearty thanks. We still earnestly desire to see a wider and warmer interest awakened, a more systematic method of raising funds adopted, and a surer financial basis established. When the church has done what is within her own power in this respect we may look for a large outpouring of the Divine Power and blessing.

In conclusion, we acknowledge with deepest gratitude the goodness of God in continuing to us the blessing of perfect health, and in bestowing upon us abundant tokens of His favor.

Respectively Submitted,

JOHN GIBSON.