

the one hand there is the whitening of the "fields to harvest" and a growing need for extension of work which the present financial depression forbids. On the other hand there is a deep craving on the part of your missionaries for a larger measure of the Power from On High to operate in and through the entire machinery of our Mission, which never was so complete as at the present time.

STATISTICS.

Catechists.. . . .	15
Marriages.. . . .	7
Baptisms, Adults.. . . .	22
" Infants.. . . .	38
" Total.. . . .	66
Schools.. . . .	14
Pupils on roll for year.. . . .	1224
" daily average.. . . .	435
Sunday Schools.. . . .	22
Pupils on Roll.. . . .	884
" daily average.. . . .	482
Communicants in good standing.. . . .	107
" died.. . . .	1
" removed.. . . .	1
" suspended.. . . .	1
" added.. . . .	17
Income of Native Church.. . . .	£ 136.15s.5d.

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Missionary in the Couva District.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The work of the year has been carried on under heavy disabilities. As reported last year two of our most intelligent teachers were cut off by death in the latter part of December. Our first work was to fill their places. This done, we began to gather up the ends of the work that had been in the hands of others while we were on furlough. School work had just begun when death claimed a very promising teacher. Ill health compelled another to retire from the work. In July, three more went up to the Training School at San Fernando, Miss Fisher went home on a well-earned furlough, and it was no easy task to carry on the work of her school.

Rev. Mr. MacRae kindly loaned us Edmund Mahabir, one of his teachers, who with several assistants did his best for Exchange School.

For the other schools we were obliged to use whatever materials we could lay our hands on.

At the close of the year only two teachers occupy the places held by them at the beginning of the year.

An epidemic of sickness passed over the greater part of the district and while we lost but few scholars by death, the attendance at a number of the schools was much reduced. Heavy rains in the latter part of the year added their quota towards a further reduction of the attendance in the country districts.

Notwithstanding all these hindrances good progress was made. The results of

the School examinations were in every case satisfactory and the general trend of school work has kept steadily upward. The young lads who were early called upon to fill up the gaps in the ranks of teachers met our expectations and have given promise of being in due time worthy successors of those who have been called away.

Those at the Training School will be able to graduate, we trust early in June, and will form a most welcome addition to our weakened staff.

Ten schools were in operation throughout the year with an average quarterly Roll of 669, an average quarterly attendance of 403 with 904 enrolled for the year. These figures show a considerable increase over those of the previous year.



Rev. A. W. Thompson.

In "making disciples of the Nations," the Sabbath School is one of the most potent factors and must have the first place in our scheme of education. Our work is to "disciple" the nations, "teaching them," etc.

The plan of work required by law for the Day School allows but scant time for religious instruction. Our commission is not to teach Grammar or Arithmetic, but *the truth*, and with the one aim of leading men and women to become disciples of Christ. Secular studies are useful only so far as they help to the accomplishment of this end. The Sabbath is a day of rest from all labor and there is an opportunity for teaching old as well as young.

To get them together is our first task.