

sufficient with a well-trained staff of native teachers to overtake this important sphere of work.—*Melbourne Argus*.

MR. CROPPER'S REPORT FROM ST. LUCIA FOR 1889,

ON THE WORK OF THE CANADIAN MISSION TO INDIAN IMMIGRANTS.

The year passed away uneventfully, and closed without leaving any special occurrence to mark decisive progress. Yet I do not presume to say that no progress was made. It is hardly to be expected that in every year there should be large additions to the Baptismal Roll; and this is not the only means of judging progress, though it is much to be desired. The work was carried on by George Sadaphal our Catechist, and John Allahdua, one of our school teachers.

SADAPHAL'S WORK.

Sadaphal opened the regular work of the mission in February, 1886, and has since continued steadily and patiently to carry to his unenlightened countrymen the Gospel message of salvation. He resides at Crown Lands, the first station that was opened. It is between 6 and 7 miles from Castries, at the head of the Grand Cul-de-Sac valley; it is about 7 miles (less, between 5 and 6, if the short cuts are followed) from Mabouya; and it is about 6 miles from Roseau. These are the principal stations at which work is regularly carried on. There are several hundred Indians at each of these places. Throughout the year, unless prevented by illness or bad weather, Sadaphal held, every Sabbath, a morning service at Crown Lands, and an afternoon service at Roseau. During the week he assisted in gathering children for school, and visited the people in their houses or both these Estates. He paid occasional visits to the Hospital and Gaol in Castries, and he visited, as often as the work at his station allowed, the estates in the other quarters of the island, on which immigrants are settled.

ALLAHDUA.

John Allahdua, the teacher of the Mabouya school, worked in the valley of that name. It is situated on the windward coast of the island, and is separated from Castries by a range of high hills, the road crossing at an elevation of about 1500 feet, with a very steep gradient. In this valley is situated the Dennyry Usine (owned by an English Company) which is supplied with canes, grown on the four estates, Fond d'Or, La Cay, Richesfond, and Resource. Allahdua lives on the last named, and the schoolhouse is here also. He conducts services on the

Sabbath, and receives all inquirers and visit at the people's houses during the week when not engaged at school work.

VISIT OF MR. AND MRS. MORTON.

We were cheered by a visit from the Rev. Mr. Morton and Mrs. Morton in the middle of the year, when three children were baptized. Mr. Morton and wife were on their way to Canada in search of health, and were not able to go about the stations as on previous occasions. Only those on the spot engaged in the work know the full value of a missionary's visit, so great a stimulus is given to every one of us. You can see the gladness and cheerfulness which beam in the countenances of our men when the news is given to them, "Padri Sahib will be with us next steamer." There is much to discourage them and to dull their ardour, and the stirring exhortations of the "Padri Sahib" infuse new life into them, and kindle their zeal afresh. When shall we have a "Padri Sahib" all to ourselves, our own "Padri"? Christian friends, the work needs it, and the need becomes daily more pressing.

BAPTISMAL ROLL.

The year closed with 108 names on the Baptismal Roll. A fair proportion of these baptised are adults, and a great many are growing boys and girls. It is pleasing to note that, on the whole, the conduct of these converts was satisfactory. The new teachers are doing well.

Our financial wants were fully supplied during the year. We received from Government, in aid of the school £150 0. 0. We received from Canada £40 0. 0. and from local sources £12 0. 0. We spent on teachers, £140 0. 0.; on the Catechist, £50, and in school requisites and otherwise, £14. There was incurred in Trinidad on our behalf, £4.

Though we have met with many discouragements and disappointments throughout the year, yet there has been much to be thankful for, and evidences of the Master's approval have not been wanting. We feel convinced that He has guided the work throughout the year, and we have felt His hand at the helm in many an hour of anxiety and difficulty, and we have seen the little mission barque ride safely out what seemed to us a stormy sea, against which we felt unable to beat. And we pray that our Lord will continue to extend the providence which has hitherto watched over us, and will make our work instrumental in bringing many a heathen soul from darkness and falsehood to the light of the glorious gospel.

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