

and in the Caroni, a contribution of £37.9 from James R. Craig Esq. Glasgow will commence a fund for building a School Room, of £100 of help from the people having been early received. Ten Hospitals have been visited and service repeatedly held with the patients.

BUILDING OF MISSION HOUSE.

Mr. Morton's rented dwelling being uncomfortable and unhealthy, a proper house was indispensable, and it was decided the house should combine dwelling and School Room. This has been carried out at a cost of £534 Sterling, to which something like £50 will have to be added yet for painting. No special appeal for funds having been made, the debt on the building at the end of 1881, was £448. At the suggestion of Mr. Morton the committee decided that payment should be spread over a few years, that for the present year one hundred pounds be paid from the funds to cover interest, insurance and leave a balance to reduce the debt, and that both in Trinidad and Canada special donations from funds might be obtained during the year. It was also agreed that fifty pounds be granted for other buildings in this new field to enable Mr. Morton to deal with the Caroni, for a teachers room at Arouca, and perhaps also a school room there as no government aid can be obtained in the present room.

The half of these sums have been remitted and a good beginning made in special contributions, a lady of United Church, New Glasgow has sent \$100 and has been followed by another of like mind, Mrs. Thomas Dawson of Port-au-Pique mountain, who has given an equal sum. A few more such liberal women and men with smaller donations than these, for all can not give in hundreds, would soon reduce the debt, and greatly cheer the missionary grappling with the difficulties of the new field.

It will thus be seen that a great deal has been done in a single year, and that the new field is being really occupied. School attendance and baptisms given elsewhere.

SAN FERNANDO DISTRICT.

Mr. Grant returning to his post one year ago, immediately resumed his work, which is truly a great one, with his characteristic energy and zeal. In this work he has been faithfully assisted by Lal Behari and George Sadaphal as well as by Mr. Joseph Corsbie, teacher in the San Fernando School. Sixteen schools with a roll of 626 and an average of 417 scholars, though taught by others and most

of the teachers have done their part well, must make a large demand on time and strength for superintendence. But not in vain have time and strength been so devoted for Mr. Grant had the satisfaction and joy of reporting, that never was there so much interest shown in his annual examinations, and never did the scholars show more decided progress. Mr. Corsbie's School maintains its character and usefulness. The three Government supported schools in the Indian Settlements were hindered by bad roads, during the wet season, but a good work has been done among the adults, some having been baptized, while others are candidates.

In addition to the six stations, which have regular Sabbath service in Hindustani, an English and a Hindustani service are held in San Fernando. Here also the Sabbath School flourishes, scholars 75, and all the teachers Asiatics, except Mr. George Lambie and Mrs. Grant.

Another interesting and excellent arrangement is, that the teachers of the day schools meet every Saturday morning with Mr. Grant to report and to be instructed and in the evening the Sabbath school teachers meet to study the lesson for next day. The progress of liberality, as well as of general prosperity, in the Asiatic congregation is shown by the notice which they sent at the New Year, that for 1882 they will provide another twenty five Pounds Sterling towards their Pastor's salary making in all one hundred and twenty five pounds. Other results of the year's work will be presented in the general statement to be given.

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Though indisposed in health for a few months, Mr. Christie has more than continued, with short interruption his usual work. He began the year with an evening Hindustani service in Exchange school near his home. In June he began an English service with the design of bringing more fully under Christian influences, persons on the estates who are in authority over the labourers, and feels that the effort has been successful.

His most valuable helpers have been three of his oldest and most promising converts, who have been sent out as Bible readers, and teachers on estates of adults, and visitors of hospitals. Narayan, besides holding meetings as just indicated, has conducted four classes of adults, meeting three times a week with an average of thirty. Ramjas has visited for great part of the year, three hospitals and taught adults on Waterloo Estate, and Orange Valley Village—Madan employed during last four months, visits