

hours to English instruction. The girls' sewing class is held each day and the Monitors are instructed after school is dismissed.

At the school closing the gifts which were sent from home, have been distributed among the children. We sincerely thank those who have sent us supplies of clothing, toys, cards, etc., etc., for the children. The gifts have been a source of much pleasure to them.

Sunday School work has been carried on. The Central school meets as usual at 10 a.m. in the church. Four other Sunday Schools, one held at 8 a.m., and three others at 3 p.m., are carried on by the teachers and pupils of the Central School.

Two of these schools were started this year and are very well attended. Very few of the children in these outside schools are Christians, but they are taught the English and Hindi hymns, the Commandments, Bible stories, etc., and take part in singing and answering questions as readily and with as much interest as do the children of Christian parents.

Public Temperance meetings have been held from time to time, and were all well attended. Twenty-one new members were added to our Blue Ribbon Band, bringing the number up to 104. Until this year none of the members, to our knowledge, violated their pledge, but at the July meeting two confessed that they had done so but wished to renew it and have since been faithful.

Our Christian Endeavor meetings have been regularly held, and there is a live interest in the Society. In all there are 39 members. We follow the lessons prepared by the United Society; and in the Sunday Schools the International Lesson.

The Couva School.

Miss Fisher reviews with thankfulness her fourth year work. She says:—

The number enrolled was 136, the average attendance, 72. Girls have a very low place among the Hindus, and it was with great pleasure that this year we succeeded in keeping 12 little girls in the school almost constantly, and that in the examination they passed their standards as creditably as the boys. It is encouraging, for it has been up-hill work to get girls to school in this village.

My assistant, Miss Valley, a Creole girl, has been most faithful and painstaking. Every day she has a room full of noisy, ragged little urchins of from four to six years, but she never seems to lose patience with them, however noisy they may be, and they are very much attached to her.

Sabbath School work this year has been more encouraging. Many of the parents who are quite willing to allow their children to attend the week day school are very prejudiced about letting us have them on Sabbath. They think if we

take them to Sabbath School, we will baptize them and make them Christian. But yet many children have attended Sabbath School this year who never did so before.

Temperance work has, as usual, been carried on by means of our Blue Ribbon Band, and by constant teaching in the school.

We have received some very nice boxes of clothing, toys, cards, etc., for our school treats; papers and leaflets, which are so useful for distribution among the older children who can read, and kind cheering helpful letters from many friends who are interest in us and our work.

The year has had its cares and trials, its rough and smooth places, but "Lo, I am with you always," includes the dark days and the rough ways, and we realize the preciousness of the promise more and more as we claim it and test its worth.

San Fernando School.

In "Looking Backward," writes the teacher, Miss Kirkpatrick, there is always much to humble as well as to make thankful; thankful for the health enjoyed and for the privilege of being permitted to longer serve our Master; humbled when we see so little accomplished.

The number enrolled during the year has been 277 with an average attendance of 125. Besides the enrolled pupils we often have a dozen little girls under four years of age, who according to rule are not considered pupils.

The old difficulty of getting children to school is gradually decreasing. The parents will sometimes bring the careless one, to make sure that he is in the school and not in the street. As formerly the boys outnumber the girls, but the difference is becoming less, as this year gives 104 girls and 173 boys.

In the higher classes, at present, the girls have the majority, and as there are 17, varying in age from ten to fourteen, it is evident the prejudices against educating girls is giving way. Of course these girls are all under Christian influence, or they would not be permitted to remain so long.

The children had worked well during the year. At the examination in November, 170 presented themselves, one hundred were in the infant department, and the general result of their work was very good.

The Assistant teachers have been very faithful and diligent in their work.

The Sabbath School work throughout the year, has been particularly interesting. The Christian Endeavor Society has been holding its meetings regularly.

We are very thankful to the Mission Societies and Bands that have been so kind in sending garments, dolls, and cards.

With grateful hearts to God for His loving kindness we close this year, trusting that His blessing may be with us throughout the next.