

recouped by a monthly rental from Government. This is the fifth Government school in this district formed largely out of schools of our mission.

What are the results of our educational and evangelistic efforts? To every worker it is transparent that the Gospel preached is gaining power, not only among Hindoos, but Mohammedans also. We remember when a Hindoo would render no assistance in burying a countryman who had embraced Christianity. A few days ago an old woman of 75 years died on *Bien Venue*; she was a Christian. About 70 attended the funeral of these half were Hindoos, and Lal Behari, who conducted the service, told me that for the most part the decorum was such that it would be difficult to tell who were Christians and who were not. One woman on the way to the burying place was heard to say, "If *burhi* (old woman) had only held true to our religion, we would to-day have had flags flying, drums beating, and all hearts would be glad." An old Guru, now a Christian, overhearing her remark, said to her, "You know that I buried scores of people in the way you describe, but did I ever tell any of you how to make ready to meet death. I am ashamed to think of my folly and of yours."

A short time ago, in passing the entrance to an estate, Mr. Coffin and I overtook a paragrass gang of boys and girls from 10 to 12 years of age, with hoe in hand, coming from the field. All seemed merry. On espying us a well-known little friend turned to us and beckoned us to stop. When we reined up he said, "Sabib, just now Kismas come. Me hear plenty people go Savannah side on Monday. Spose we all come, you glad?" When I renewed the invitation to the picnic on Monday all shouted merrily.

Now all these boys and girls had been to the Estate school. They now regularly attend the Sunday school on the same estate, and during the week by their work contribute their part to the upkeep of their homes. This we recognize to be a healthy feature in connection with school work. Children nurtured in the town do not take kindly to field work, but we find the same thing at home.

In the year we had 128 baptisms—children 61, adults 67. Admissions to the Communion, 22; total communicants now, 316. Contributions from native Church, \$1,350.

A Tamil service, attended by about 20 people, is conducted by one of my elders, who is also interpreter of that language at court. I am now arranging for a similar service in the Chinese language.

Is it asked, Are the converts stable? To this we reply, We are not perfectionists. We have not found perfection anywhere, nor do we expect to find it whilst in this body of sin. Sometimes we find gross imperfection. I am sorry to say I know three or four who drink and get drunk; a few are openly immoral; a few spread more sail

than the ballast and wares on board warrant, and a craft here and there is found on its beam ends; but in this experience we are not singular, our case is not exceptional. We unhesitatingly assert that a very large proportion of our converts witness a good confession; and we doubt if ministers at home, where Christianity exercises a more potent sway than it does in Trinidad, have more support and cheerful co-operation than your agent in San Fernando.

I could relate things doleful and disheartening enough, but life's experience in every department and relation is checkered, and will we grieve the Holy One by gloomily moping over failures when there is much given to relieve and lighten daily duty? Our relations to those in authority on estates have always been of a cordial character, and this tends materially to facilitate our work.

After cordial thanks to the many in Trinidad, Scotland and Canada, who aided them in various ways in the work, Mr. Grant says: "We close our report with gratitude to God, who hath crowned the year with His goodness."

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, TRINIDAD.

THE STORY OF ITS FIRST YEAR'S WORK.

THE Presbyterian College, Trinidad, was formally opened by the Presbytery of Trinidad on Feb. 23rd, 1892. The teaching staff was announced as follows: Dr. Morton, president; Rev. K. J. Grant, Rev. F. J. Coffin, secretary and treasurer, and Rev. Lal Behari.

College work began the following Monday and has been continued throughout the year according to arrangement of Council. Dr. Morton has conducted the classes on Mondays and Tuesdays, the Secretary on Wednesdays, and Mr. Grant on Thursdays and Fridays.

The students were classified in three divisions, each class being one week out of three, in residence at the College, and then returning to the usual work of Catechists for the two intervening weeks.

At the end of the second term it was found practicable on examination to make a rearrangement of the students into two classes. By this means every third week was secured to the teaching staff for fuller oversight of the field work, while at the same time the efficiency of the College work was in no way diminished.

The success attending the year's work has given us much cause for gratitude. The departure was new and untried. Our arrangements have proved most satisfactory. Marked progress has been made and the utmost harmony has prevailed both in the relations of the students towards each other and to those in charge.

The number of students enrolled was.....	39
Average attendance, 1st term.....	32
" " 2nd "	30
" " 3rd "	29
" " for the year.....	30