

Baptisms—Adults	17
Children	9
Total	26
Marriages	5
Communicants	34

Schools.—Miss Blackadder took charge of Tacarigua School in February and her report is herewith presented. Miss Morton voluntarily gave to Orange Grove School the same time and attention as last year; but the extension of the work made it necessary to appoint a paid teacher from October 1st. Some of the children of Orange Grove estate attend the Tacarigua School; but this afternoon school on the estate lays hold of children who are engaged in the field, or in helping their parents, in various ways, in the forenoon, and of others who cannot be persuaded to go to Tacarigua School.

Red Hill School, supported by the Women's Foreign Mission Society of Ontario, is doing excellent work in the same way. There should be a similar school at El Socoro estate and at two or three outlying settlements.

Sunday Schools.—To provide for the classes in our Sunday Schools required thought and management, and in this work we have been much indebted to volunteers some of whom taught in two schools. A uniform system of lessons and Bible reading was carried out in all the schools. Fifteen parables—those found in Matthew and Mark were carefully studied and awakened a very unusual interest in the larger children and adults. Our old Testament studies were in Genesis and Exodus. In addition to their general knowledge of the Bible we feel that those who may be classed as the senior children, have now a particular knowledge of Genesis and Exodus, and the Gospels by Matthew and Mark.

Catechist's Work.—Joseph Annajee was employed throughout the year, giving the greater part of his time to the St. Joseph District, while Ajodhya assisted in Tacarigua and beyond the Caroni River. With two Public Hospitals, four large and several smaller Estate Hospitals, and a large number of estates and villages to be visited, such agents are indispensable. I have endeavoured personally or through these agents, to make known the salvation of God more or less frequently in every part of my field.

Work among the Women.—Was carried on by Mrs. Morton in every part of the field and keeps well abreast of work among the men. Fannie Subarn, an intelligent woman who reads and speaks Hindu fluently, was employed under her guidance four afternoons each week, as a Bible Woman, and was everywhere welcomed by the women. There can be no doubt of the usefulness of such work in reaching and influencing Indian Women; but there is a difficulty in obtaining suitable agents.

Sabbath Services.—Six places had a service every Sabbath conducted either by my chief catechist or myself. Ajodhya, Geofroy Subarn and several volunteers went out to other places every Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Wm. F. Dickson conducted an English Service in the Tunapuna Church every Sunday at 4.30, P.M.

Literature.—A large number of Books—Complete Bibles, parts of the Scriptures, books on Geography, history, and religious doctrine and life—have been circulated during the year, the fruit of which will no doubt in due time appear. There seems to have been a spirit of enquiry stirred up among the Mohammedans, as books in their dialect and on subjects connected with the Mohammedan controversy have been in unusual demand.

Special Hindrances.—Strong-drink is blighting and cursing a large number of the Indian people, both physically and morally; and the connection of the Government and the Christians with it is a very great stumblingblock. It is ruining more, far more, than the efforts of all connected with this mission can save.

Sunday Trading legalized till 9 o'clock a.m. and carried on by back doors all day, has a most pernicious influence.

Others there are, but I emphasize these because they might be remedied to some extent by better legislation.

The detailed accounts submitted show that the debt of £255 9 3 on January 1st has been reduced to £133 7 0 on December 31st.

Thanks are hereby tendered to Mrs. Dickson for aid in the Arouca Sunday School, and to all those who have contributed free-will service and free-will gifts during the year.

JOHN MORTON.