

ance and Chandernagore, and teachers-houses at Calcutta, Chandernagore and Esperanza, all of which are most suitable and substantial buildings. The new district, covered by the Praysal, Carapichaima and Calcutta schools is a most hopeful one. There are in the section nearly 300 Indian children of school age, of a class most easily reached, desirous of education and little prejudiced against christian teaching.

Sabbath schools are regularly held in the different stations and have been well attended. By means of religious instruction in the day-schools and on the Sabbath the young are being taught the truths of the Gospel.

CATECHISTS.

The number of catechists employed was larger than in former years, to cover new ground and meet the growing wants of the district. Seven men gave all their time to religious work with whatever assistance they were able to give in the schools of their district, by gathering in children, teaching Hindi or giving religious instruction. Three others gave their evenings and Sabbaths to religious work, while another, who has charge of Dr. Morton's work in the Chaguanas section, gave part of his time to this field. Each man has his own district, for the oversight of which he is responsible, thus being gradually trained to more self-reliance. Eleven places have had regular Sabbath services, while hospitals, and barracks are visited on Sabbath as opportunity is given. During the week the catechists visit the Estate-Hospitals, barracks, villages, and homes of the Christian people systematically, teaching the Word as opportunity is offered and in whatever way circumstances may permit.

On Friday-afternoons our Catechist class has met regularly for Bible study and report of week's work. In January we began the study of the acts of the Apostles and spent most of the year on this book. It was my first attempt to teach in Hindi and by careful preparation, and the aid of an interpreter, when my vocabulary failed, the study proved helpful to myself in every way, and much enjoyed by the catechists. It was encouraging to find these men so eager to study the Word and to take so much pleasure in the grasping of new views of the truth. Without an exception they have proved faithful and their conduct has been satisfactory and commendable.

The Sabbath evening English service has been kept up throughout the year with regularity. Mr. Thompson, who remained in Couva from his arrival in February until May, rendered most acceptable service in this connection as also to myself by his good-fellowship and assistance in other departments of the work.

Miss Fisher in addition to her day-school duties, has taken the leading part in temperance work among the young, and by leading the

music at the English service and assisting in two-sabbath schools, has greatly assisted in our work.

As in the past, our thanks are due to proprietors for their liberality, to managers of estates for their courtesy. We also record our thanks to the S. S. of Kamloops, B. C. for the sum of \$15.00 paid to Mr. Morrison for this field; also to the Ladies Societies of Kensington, P.E.I. Woodstock, Richmond, Florenceville and Oak Mountain, N.B. and United Church, New Glasgow, for valuable boxes of clothing.

Such is briefly the record of the year's labours. We can supply facts and figures. Beneath these is the silent working of God's Spirit which we cannot measure. There is much encouragement to press forward. The promises are sure and abiding "But the word of God grew and multiplied."

Baptisms :—

Adults	40
Children.....	26
Total.....	66
Communicants at present in good standing.....	50
Communicants added during the year.....	30
Marriages.....	4

REV. A. W. THOMPSON'S FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

PRINCETOWN, Trinidad, Dec. 31st 1891.

ON my arrival in Trinidad early in February I went to Couva and remained there until the end of April rendering some assistance to Mr. Coffin in his English work.

In the month of May Mr. Macrae left on a furlough to Canada and I was put in charge of the Princetown District during his absence.

The work of this District was carried on so far as possible according to the plans of Mr. Macrae.

Of necessity the most of our time was given to school work. All the schools of the Mission in the district were regularly and systematically visited. Mr. C. C. Soodeen rendered invaluable assistance in this connection as well as in the general management of the field.

On the suggestion of Mr. Macrae and with the sanction of the Mission Council, Mt. Stewart School was merged with Palmyra School after the first of July. This necessitated the enlarging of the Palmyra School building.

To meet this expenditure—not otherwise provided for, the Mission Council voted \$200.00 which had been received for supply rendered to Grey Friars's Congregation previous to the arrival of Rev. Mr. McCurdy.

A small school at Lengua Wood was discontinued at the end of October, and the pupils were brought to the Lengua School. This arrangement has proved satisfactory. The present number of schools is 12, with 1 branch school (Elswick).