

people in their own language. Some go out to the estates, to hospitals, to the market place, or any place where they can get a little crowd to hear them, and they tell to them the wonderful words of life. At one house which I visit very often, there is an old woman who, when I commenced to sing a Coolie Bhajan, would invariably begin to make a noise, talk loudly, and try to draw away the attention of the young people around me, but when I was in, one afternoon not long ago, she handed me a hymn book and asked me to sing, then she spread rice bags on the floor and told the others to sit down and listen, and sing with me; she sat down, too, and did not say a word until I had finished, then she said, "That good, sing another."

In the Sabbath School, the Westminster lessons are used. Mr. Grant sent for a hundred penny testaments, so now at our Bible lessons in school we read together the Home Readings in connection with the lessons. Our lessons this year in the Gospel according to St. John have been most interesting, and a number of the children can tell what is contained in each chapter. They like to read their Bibles, and are very attentive to our lesson. We have learned a number of Hindustani hymns, and sing them at the Hindi service on Sabbath mornings. At first we used the harmonium with them, but the people said they would prefer singing them without it; they are more accustomed to sing to the beating of drums and cymbals.

Suitable entertainments are provided for the children, in which they take much delight. On the 16th December, the school was examined in presence of Sir William Robinson, Governor of Trinidad. As the school room was too small, our examination was held in the Church, which had been very tastefully decorated by our young Indian friends, with coconut branches and foliage plants, and at the foot of the lane leading up to the house was an arch, also made of these plants on which was the word "Welcome" in large letters. Nearly all the ladies and gentlemen of San Fernando were present at the examination, together with a large number of the Indian people, parents and friends of the children, of whom there were present about 150. The children were examined in arithmetic, geometry, algebra, geography, &c. His Excellency, in reply to an address from the children, spoke kindly to them, giving good advice, emphasizing the importance of following Christ who is a perfect example for the imitation of all. His words delighted some of our Christian people who said that if a minister had spoken these words, some of the heathen people would say that he was paid for it, but from one in his position, it would rather surprise them.

"The meeting was a very happy one," says Miss Copeland, "well fitted to stimulate and to strengthen the sympathies of the Indian

people with the Mission which is peculiarly their own."—As the *Port of Spain Gazette* remarks, the teaching staff is gathered from many lands—Nova Scotia, China, Bengal, and Madras. Rev. K. J. Grant is to be cordially congratulated upon the success of this school, and indeed of all the operations under his charge.

THE PRINCESTOWN DISTRICT.

Rev. K. J. Grant, as Moderator of Session, gives a report of this district for the past year. Mr. Macleod, it will be remembered, died April 1. The Missionaries supplied the place on alternate Sabbaths, the other days being supplied by catechists and elders. Miss Blackadder and other friends took counsel together and their combined exertions materially relieved the Mission Council. The premises were repaired under the care of Messrs. Morton and Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Macrae arrived Nov. 16, and he was inducted on the 19th. The services were in Hindustani and in English. His reception was most cordial. Mr. C. Soodeen is a candidate for licensure and ordination. The school roll for the year is 346, average attendance 226, baptisms 6 (2 adults and 4 children), communicants in good standing 53.

REPORT OF REV. J. K. WRIGHT, COUVA.

Reports of the work in which we are engaged, must of necessity be much alike from year to year.

We do our work—we have difficulty and discouragements sometimes, and success and encouragement at other times. Our life and work are one long lesson that it is ours to work on faithfully and perseveringly, leaving the question of success or failure in the hands of Him who hath control of the hearts and destinies of men.

We are sometimes humbled that that upon which we have set our hearts, and for which we have toiled and prayed, is denied us and that in directions where we had perhaps less thought and care, there appears fruit to the praise of God.

The following table will show what our schools have been during the year:—

SCHOOLS.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Average.
Esperanza and Providence	41	13	54	41
Brechin Castle	32	9	41	37
Exchange	59	10	69	57
Milton	26	16	42	38
Perseverance	35	28	63	58
Waterloo	38	14	52	46
	231	90	321	277