

Of the 130 scholars who attend the schools, a large proportion can read the New Testament, and not a few are learning to write.

WESTERN AFRICA.

The history of the year makes it apparent that the same blessing which has so remarkably attended the Society's labours is still vouchsafed; and were the means at the disposal of the Committee more abundant, a still greater extension of the work of God might be confidently anticipated.

WEST INDIES.

The accounts from the several districts into which the islands are divided are, upon the whole, favorable. Sickness, scarcity of provisions, and emigration, have had an adverse influence; but notwithstanding these causes, we rejoice to learn that the servants of Christ have not laboured in vain, nor spent their strength for nought. Among other places where a gracious work has been going on, we would mention St. Christopher's, a revival of religion being thus joyously described by the Superintendent:—

"I have great pleasure in apprising you that our hopes of spiritual blessing to result from the late visitation have been more than realised. On my own two Stations the increase in number is four hundred and thirty, besides one hundred and fifty on trial. And from the information I have received I am led to the conclusion, that in the first quarter of this year our heavy loss by cholera will be repaired, and that there will be a very considerable increase. And not only do we rejoice in numerical augmentation: it is delightful to behold the earnestness of those who seek admission into our body. The marks of a genuine revival of true religion surround us. Many have found peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; others are fervently imploring mercy, and the moral change in the conduct of the people is most cheering. We have long sought for the visitation of the Holy One, and now we have it to our abundant joy. We can exultingly sing:—

"Our conquering Lord
Hath prospered his word—
Hath made it prevail,
And mightily shaken the kingdom of hell."

"All ages are sharing in this visitation. The old and the young are gathered unto God."