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Parties who notice a discrepancy between their giving of last year for the schemes of the Church and the statistical tables printed in the last issue of the MARITIME will please bear in mind that while most congregations close their accounts in December, the Accounts of the Church close on the 1st of May, and these tables shew the receipts by the Agent of the Church from May 1st to May 1st. It would probably be well that some change were made in this regard, and the matter will likely be discussed at Synod.

The Ladies' College movement has thus far been a grand success. There are over one hundred regular pupils in the literary department, and above ninety in the Conservatory of Music. The College is the culmination, and we may say, the result of a series of agitations, for a number of years past, by which the Church became more fully impressed with the need of such an institution, and prepared for active definite work in the matter. But to the untiring efforts of Rev. R. Laing is due in large measure the present success of the movement, which we trust is but the beginning of better things to come. The

large number in attendance shows the need that there was for such an institution in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the Maritime Provinces.

Our mission to Demarara has been to some extent hindered by the straitened state of the sugar market. The competition of the beet-root sugar makers on the Continent of Europe is lowering the price of cane-sugar in the West Indies, and many of the planters have suffered heavy losses. In consequence the receipts of the Missionary Society of the West Coast, Demarara, which pays part of Mr. Gibson's salary, have fallen off considerably. We are glad to learn that the Hon. William Russell of Demarara, has this year again given one hundred pounds sterling to the work there. This shows the liberality of the giver, and is an incentive to us to help those who thus help themselves. It also shews that the work of our missionary there, Rev. John Gibson, is commending itself by its need and success to the practical approval of business men. There are some seventy thousand coolies in Demarara waiting for the word of life.

The following item regarding this mission appeared in the Demarara *Argosy* of July 23rd:

"The Coolie Mission on the West Coast, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Gibson, the finances of which have been in a languishing state for some time, has received a promise which has given great encouragement to the superintendent, and much pleasure to those who have seen how exceedingly well the work of the mission is being carried on. Mr. Gibson has been notified that Messrs. McConnell and Russel, the owners of *Uitvlugt Tuschen* and other properties on the coast, have authorized their local attorneys to contribute £100 towards the funds of the year. The coolie schools alone afford overwhelming proof of the real earnestness and value of Mr. Gibson's labours."