

## OUR MARCH CATECHISM.

*Question.* What made the West Indies of special interest during the past year?

*Answer.* The war between Spain and the U.S.A.

*Q.* In what island of the West Indies is our Church doing mission work?

*A.* Chiefly in Trinidad. Some in St. Lucia.

*Q.* Where is Trinidad?

*A.* In sight of Venezuela, South America, ten degrees North of the Equator.

*Q.* To whom is our mission?

*A.* To immigrants from India, who have been brought there by planters to work the sugar, and other plantations.

*Q.* When did they begin to come?

*A.* About 1840; to replace slave labor, after slavery was abolished in the British Dominions in 1834.

*Q.* When did our Church begin mission work among them?

*A.* In 1868.

*Q.* How many were there then on the Island?

*A.* About 20,000.

*Q.* What was their religion?

*A.* They were chiefly Hindus, heathen, worshipping their false gods.

*Q.* How many of them are there now?

*A.* About 85,000.

*Q.* What is the total population of Trinidad?

*A.* About 230,000, so that over one-third of them are East Indians.

*Q.* What are the remainder?

*A.* Chiefly colored, with a few from different countries of Europe.

*Q.* To what nation does Trinidad belong?

*A.* To Great Britain, so that they are our own fellow subjects.

*Q.* Who were our first missionaries there?

*A.* Mr. and Mrs. Morton, who have been working there for 31 years, and who are now our oldest missionaries in any field.

*Q.* Who were the next?

*A.* Mr. and Mrs. Grant, who have been working there 28 years.

*Q.* How many missionaries have we now there?

*A.* Five missionaries from Canada, and their wives, and five teacher missionaries. Their names and stations are as follows:

Names	Stations
Rev. John Morton, D.D.	Tunapuna
Mrs. Morton	"
Rev. K. J. Grant, D.D.	San Fernando
Mrs. Grant	"
Rev. Wm. L. Macrae	Prinestown
Mrs. Macrae	"
Rev. A. W. Thompson	Couva
Mrs. Thompson	"
Rev. S. A. Fraser	San Fernando
Mrs. Fraser	"
<i>Q.</i> Who are the other helpers from Canada?	
<i>A.</i> There are four lady missionaries, whose work is specially among the boys and girls.	
Miss Blackadder,	Tacarigua
Miss Archibald,	San Fernando
Miss Fisher,	Couva
Miss Sinclair,	Prinestown

and Mr. Harold Clark teaches native teachers in the training school.

*Q.* How many mission schools are there?

*A.* Fifty-seven.

*Q.* How many children attend the schools?

*A.* More than six thousand at some time during the year.

*Q.* How many Sabbath schools are there?

*A.* About seventy-six.

*Q.* How many attend the Sabbath schools?

*A.* More than three thousand.

*Q.* How many native catechists are there?

*A.* Fifty-two.

*Q.* In how many places is there preaching every Sabbath?

*A.* About seventy.

*Q.* Where are most of these services held?

*A.* In the school houses.

*Q.* Do these people give anything to help the work?

*A.* Yes, they are mostly very poor but they are taught to give, and some of them give very liberally.

*Q.* How does our work there help our mission in India?

*A.* Many of these people go back to India after serving a time in Trinidad, and they carry the Gospel with them.