

Corsbio, (a Chinese) deserve honourable mention. Though the results fall short of our estimates, yet there is progress. Dear little children, some of them really handsome, differing from children at home only in the colour of their skin and eyes, are gathered out of homes where there is not one happy influence, usually, save parental affection, and that blindingly guided, and brought into schools where they are taught cleanliness, order, truthfulness, where they learn for the first time that there is one God, the Father of all who loves them, and a living Saviour who is as willing to receive them as he was the children brought to Him when on earth. Scores of these little ones I believe say their simple little prayer daily under the roof and by the side of their heathen parents. Parents with strong prejudices may not like this, but they know that we are their true friends, and will send their children to oblige us. In my eight Estate schools there are 216 enrolled and 147 in daily attendance. By adding San Fernando to these we have as a total 333 enrolled and 280 in daily attendance.

II.—RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

In the country schools the children receive religious instruction daily, but we don't enjoy the same liberty in San Fernando. Here we call the children to the church, children in the first book are dismissed an hour earlier than the more advanced, these are called twice in the week to be taught catechism, just when dismissed from school. Then on Tuesday evening we give Bible instruction in a form suited to the capacity of the young. This service has awakened considerable interest, and the attendance varies from fifty to eighty. On Friday evening we also meet with the same object, but this service is different in form. I may inform or remind your Board that we receive about forty dollars worth of papers, books, cards, &c., from the Book and Tract Depository, Halifax, a very generous grant made by the Committee of that Society. These supplies are forwarded quarterly by Mr. McBean, through the kindness of J. G. Allan, Esq., Lockeport, and they are an invaluable auxiliary to our work. Now, as I am aware that children are often more delighted with the pictures in these papers than edified by the lessons, I have occupied Friday evening in reading from these papers and little books, hoping in this way to encourage a taste for reading. Singing too has always a prominent place in these exercises. Many of our young people sing hymns nicely, and in this part of our service we are greatly indebted to Mr. Campbell, a young Scotchman, who attends our meetings regularly. "Jesus of Nazareth

passeth by," "I am so glad that our Father in Heaven," "There is a gate that stands ajar," and other favourite hymns have recently been introduced, and are sung heartily.

III.—SABBATH DAY'S SERVICES.

Sabbath school is held from 8 to 9½, the usual attendance between 70 and 80, the highest present on any Sabbath being 95. We have a quarterly entertainment and review,—on Christmas day 130 present, this included the teachers from Couva and some adults who can't attend day school, but who are under instruction at the Mission House several evenings in the week. At this gathering about 20 ladies and gentlemen of the Scotch congregation were present. A new Catechism containing 30 pages with answers in Scripture words alone, had been introduced during the year, 14 children repeated it accurately, and these will now have the Shorter Catechism placed in their hands. In the Sabbath school we are much indebted to the young men of the Scotch congregation, and the services rendered are so constant and earnest that you have the pleasing conviction that they are a labour of love which will not go unblest. Our aim is to enrich the minds of our young people with Bible truth, to ground them and build them up.

Let me remind you that several of our most advanced pupils are Chinese and Madras, who know nothing of the Hindustani language, and that children in San Fernando whose parents speak the Hindustani generally prefer English, as we find sometimes in Highland families at home, and further, that there are a few young men outside the school yet within our influence, who have good English and are ignorant of the Hindustani. In view of these facts your Board will readily admit the importance of sustaining regularly an English service on the Sabbath. This we have done throughout the year with results which confirm me in the conviction which I have held for the last two years, that we should not treat this element of our work as secondary in San Fernando. We have usually about 50 at this service.

At 2 P. M. every Sabbath we have service in Hindustani. This part of our work too is sustained with unabated interest, the average attendance gradually increasing. In this, after the departure of Mr. Morton in April, I had the assistance of LalBihari, the Catechist supported by Dr. Bayne's congregation. C. Soudean, and T. Cockey, teacher of the San Fernando school, were also ready to give a helping hand when required. LalBihari has fully justified our expectations. He is humble, studious, faithful, really watching for opportunities of doing good. When I