

week for teaching and some additional time for preparation. The progress of the work at the outlying stations made it necessary for him to be more frequently absent for the whole Sabbath day from the centre. More responsibility has thus been thrown on the catechists. More has been expected of them, and I am happy to say they have risen to the demand. The fact that there has been no change among the agents during the year says much for the steadiness and efficiency with which they have been doing their work.

Through these catechists and teachers, as well as by direct efforts, your missionary has sought to fulfil his commission and bring the truth home to both old and young.

So far as teaching, preaching and visiting are concerned, our catechists discharge the work of the ministry. It is my duty to direct and encourage them, and to check and complete their work. We are dependent upon each other for success. A district with only catechists and one with no catechists would be equally ill equipped.

#### NIGHT SCHOOLS AND SABBATH SCHOOLS

are kept up at nearly all the stations, the former for men and working boys, the latter for both old and young. All my schools have been provided with a supply of a work entitled "The Story of Jesus, in Scripture Language." This book has 105 pictures, which, to those who cannot read well, are of more value than the letterpress. In both day and Sunday schools this work has been found most helpful, making the work of teaching more easy, interesting and profitable.

In Sabbath school work one difficulty is to get suitable teachers. Miss Morton teaches at St. Joseph at 7.30, Tunapuna at 10, and Tacarigua at 3 o'clock; and the more advanced pupils are drawn upon to meet Sabbath school demands. At Tacarigua the attendance is often close upon 100. A catechist is detailed for the class of men. Miss Morton and some of the "Home" girls have further gone to the aid of Miss Blackadder and her local teachers; but even yet the classes are too large.

Miss Blackadder, our first Canadian teacher, is still with us, as bright and useful as ever. Her sixteenth annual report gives full and interesting details of her work.

In the Tunapuna Sabbath school Mrs. Morton has a very large class of women. Her Bible class in the "Home," held every day in the week except Saturday, is attended by all the larger Tunapuna school girls, and has in this way been widely useful.

#### TEMPERANCE WORK

has, as usual, received much attention. The evil which it is meant to combat is so ubiquitous and insidious that sleepless watchfulness is necessary. Suitable magic lantern views, addresses, music

and recitations have made our meetings popular, so that we always get a crowded house. To secure this great pains have been taken by Mrs. Morton in selecting and composing recitations and getting the school children trained to do them justice. In this work we have exchanged aid with some of the other districts, with mutual advantage.

#### WORK AMONG THE WOMEN

was carried on by Mrs. Morton and Fanny Subarn until April, when influenza laid the former aside for a time and left her unable to continue the work to the same extent. More was therefore laid upon Fanny, who has made good her position as a Christian worker all over this district. Industrious, courageous and apt to teach, the people, men as well as women, respect and welcome her. All her afternoons, Saturdays excepted, are given to this work. Her meetings are in some places held in school-houses, at other places in the homes of Christians, into which the neighbors gather. Three girls who were trained in the "Home" give what time they can spare from household duties to work among their countrywomen. Some also who are still in the "Home" have helped in the work. Indeed it is one distinct object of the training given to prepare the girls for Christian work.

#### "HOME" FOR GIRLS.

An average of eleven girls have been in the "Home" this year, three of whom have been married, one to a teacher in the Princetown district. They are taught the three R's, house-keeping, gardening, sewing, Bible knowledge, and propriety of conduct toward their fellows. A great deal of care and toil has been given to this work by Mrs. and Miss Morton. There has been time now to see the effect on the girls themselves and on the people generally. The result has been satisfactory beyond my expectation. The number at first influenced may seem to be small, but the influence is telling on the homes of the people—on the daughters, wives and mothers; and improved home life will give character to that of the Church.

The cost for the year has been £109 stg., more than a tenth less than £10 per annum per girl.

#### THANKS.

Dr. Morton closes his report by thanks to the many, whom he names, who have given help; to the Government of Trinidad for aid and encouragement to schools, to estate owners who have given generously to the work, to congregations and friends in Scotland, to women's societies, mission bands, congregations and individuals in Canada, east and west, who have sent money, clothing for school children, books, religious papers, cards, etc., and who have thus become sharers in that great and blessed work.

He shall reign from sea to sea.