

not so much to make them Latin scholars as to improve their knowledge of English. I usually spent an hour and a half with them daily, always aiming at giving oral instruction on some subject outside their regular lessons. From Miss Copeland, they received special lessons in English Composition, Geometry, Algebra and Music. From Lal Behari, Hindustani and Bible instruction, which consisted largely in tracing the Divine intimations in the unfoldings of Redemption. In all these branches, the progress of the pupils was satisfactory.

Two weeks ago, our Governor, Sir William Robinson, attended by the Administrator of Tobago, the Hon. T. A. Finlayson, and the private Secretary, visited our school, and examined it in the presence of the Mayor of the town, the managers of the school, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen, also the parents of the children. We were glad also to have Mr. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. MacRae, Miss Blackadder and Miss Archibald with us. A day later, His Excellency returned our Visitors' Book, and from pleasant remarks recorded in it, I take the following: "The impression I left the school with was that the mission was doing a great work. . . . I consider that Mr. Grant and his clerical and lay helpers are entitled to the highest praise for their devotion to this educational and evangelizing work, and I most sincerely hope that their labours may be crowned with tangible and substantial success."

These young people are even now valuable helpers. Several meetings are conducted by them. There are services at eleven stations outside of San Fernando every Sabbath, besides the small groups gathered for worship in scores of places.

The opening of work in Grenada and St. Lucia increases the necessity for greater attention to training work here. I am happy to state that this district has given two agents to Grenada and one to St. Lucia. A second in St. Lucia, though in Government service, has received honourable mention as a Christian worker. In June, Lal Behari went to St. Lucia to visit Sadapaal, who had suffered much from fever. He remained there 25 days, preaching daily. Returning, he remained 15 days in Grenada, and during his stay, 17 were baptized by Rev. James Muir of the Church of Scotland.

A few weeks ago, three Christian Indians came here from Grenada to see our work. Babu Lal Behari conducted them to all the mission districts, and they left us apparently resolved to do their utmost to extend the work in their own island.

BUILDINGS.—Our church, which has been in building 14 years, (twice the time taken by Solomon to build the Temple), had the open gothics under the eaves filled in with glass this year; a ceiling, too, added, by which the comfort and appearance are much improved. Gradual improvements are not without advan-

tages to those who effect them. The church at Oropouche has been seated. A new school house at Rusillac has been erected. The school house here has been enlarged, refitted and fairly supplied with necessary equipments. School Roll, 720; Average Attendance, 484; Baptisms, 50 adults, 46 children, total, 96; Communicants in good standing, 173; Marriages, 11. Contributions from native church, (1st) For salary, \$720; (2nd) Other objects, \$543.36; Total, \$1,263.36. Fees collected in San Fernando school, charged in general account to sundries, \$215.64. I must not omit to make mention of a lecture delivered here by Sir John Gorrie, Chief Justice; subject, *Memories of Many Lands*, from which we realized nearly sixty dollars. We have much to cheer and comfort us in our work. One of our young men, having been appointed interpreter in the Court here, used his first earnings in erecting a gateway to the church, consisting of two massive octagonal stone pillars and an iron gate.

In day school, Sunday school, and evangelistic work, such is the readiness of others as well as paid agents to co-operate, that I have great cause for thankfulness. I will not particularise, as my omissions would certainly do injustice to some one. Our financial report indicates the liberal support of proprietors, notwithstanding the long continued depression in the sugar industry and also the large number of friends who have remembered us. They have our best thanks. We also thank the ladies of Chipman, N.B., of Pictou, New Glasgow, and Halifax, who have sent us mission goods, books, papers, etc. These gifts are most helpful, and with gratitude to Him who controls all hearts, and who has hitherto helped us, I most respectfully submit this, my Sixteenth Report.

THE SAN FERNANDO SCHOOL.

MISS COPELAND, who has charge of the Indian School in San Fernando, reports occasional attendance 140; average 106. The school was divided into three departments. Monitors are found very useful. "There are about a dozen of them, and they give promise of being useful as teachers and Christian workers, being able to read and write equally well in English and Hindi." "Their parents generally are poor, and although all promised to contribute towards their keeping, yet I know that in some cases this promise held good only for a short time: two lads were entirely dependent on Mr. Grant for eight months, but through the kindness of a few ladies in Toronto, he was able to keep them in school. If some good friends would remember this department of the work, we think it would be money well expended. They have worship together in Hindustani in the School Room, when Rev. Lal Behari gives them systematic instruction in the Word of God, each takes his turn in reading the Scriptures and leading in prayer. On Sundays, they go out two by two to preach the Gospel to their own country.