


were baptized during the year. Fifteen marriages were celebrated, and the year closes with fifty-eight on the communion roll, being an increase of eight.

Our thanks are due to the Women's Foreign Mission Society (W. D.) for a contribution of \$300, to all who contributed by money or mission goods to the success of our work, and to God the Father of all for health, home mercies, and tokens of his favour.

TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF REV. K. J. GRANT.

San Fernando, Trinidad Dec. 31st 1891.

 YEAR ago your missionaries were busily engaged in bringing their schools into line with the new Education Ordinance, which came into operation on the 1st February. In this district we erected nine new buildings, six school houses, and three houses for teachers; we also repaired nine school houses and in some cases the repairs were extensive. On the completion of the building work in the country sections, we began the college building, and following on that work, the refitting of 'Shady Grove' dwelling house. Personally I would not have been equal to the work of supervising and directing, that all these operations imposed, but without any charge. I received much assistance, and particularly from Mr. Sammy, one of our members who had complete charge of our new building in this town.

The managing committee of the congregation repaired the church at a cost of \$350.00 all of which was collected from the members of the church.

School work was carried on in the usual way in 17 schools by 44 teachers and assistants. Pupils on roll 891. Of these 619 were boys, and 272 were girls. The daily average was 669. This of course does not include the attendance of the four Indian Schools transferred to Government. From this date Picton and Wellington Schools will be merged into the Government School which will also include the children of an Anglican and a R. C. School. In all schools religious instructions may be given at a specified time, but in Government Schools the teacher is not permitted to give this instruction.

Needle work is taught in many of the schools. But in some much more efficiently than in others. Much depends on the mistress.

An advanced sewing class, consisting of young women numbering about 20 was under instruction at the Manse during the year. Mrs. Ragbir assisted Mrs. Grant, and she in turn acknowledged Mrs. Ragbir's services by handing over a portion of the donation from W. F. M. Society which enabled her to do more efficient work in her own section. This weekly gathering of these young women has done very much good, and in many ways, which I need not specify. It was a

pleasure to all concerned. From one piece of work by the class \$32.00 were realized.

The work of evangelizing has been carried on by your two ordained native agents Babu Lal Bihari and Mr. C. Ragbir and a dozen catechists, some of whom are intelligent, efficient workers. On Saturdays all assemble in San Fernando for instruction. In addition to the daily work from door to door, we have on the Lord's day, services at 20 Stations, besides the English and Hindustani services at the Central Church.

The tabulated results are 175 Baptisms. Of these, 83 are adults, and 92 children. There are 33 additions to the Communion Roll. Christian marriages 25.

From the beginning of our work to date we baptized 1479 and admitted to the communion 381. Communicants now in good standing after removals by death and otherwise 294.

The year now closing affords many satisfactory marks of progress.

After the regrettable retirement of Miss Graham, Annie Olmel aided by Mr. Thorne, gave such proof of her ability in the working of the school as to warrant her appointment from this date to Vistabella School. Her four assistants, all young women of our church, will be employed under Miss Kirkpatrick.

Usine St. Madeleine School did exceptionally well under Mr. Kinsale.

Our Central Sabbath School has steadily risen. On Sabbath last 211 were present. I had 24 young men in my class. We have over 20 teachers, and half that number was present every Sabbath during the year. As the close of 1890 three pupils gave the titles and golden texts without error for 52 lessons; this year 25 repeated them; one giving chapter and verse in addition without mistake. The school contributed \$141.00 which provides the Westminster teacher, the quarterlies for pupils, and S. School papers for town and country schools; the Christmas treat, and £5 sterling for the B. & F. Bible Society. In acknowledgment of this donation, we received 35 neatly bound Bibles which served as prizes.

The interest taken by several of the young people in the Christian Endeavour Meetings under the superintendence of Mrs. Geddes Grant is very gratifying. I know that these meetings have been very helpful, and three young men from this Society have sought and obtained admission to the Communion recently.

Our managing Committee, with the exception of my son, consists of Asiatics, who conduct all outward affairs of the Church with ability; and in a thorough business like way.

The contributions of the native Church exceed those of any former year. The Central Church contributed, including a small balance from previous year, \$1404.62, and the out stations \$392.45, making a total of \$1797.07. From this they voted \$150.00 for the College building.