

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 honorable mention as a Christian worker. In June, Lal Behari went to St. Lucia to visit Sadaphal 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 baptised by the 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 advantages 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, \$620: (2nd) Other objects, \$543.36; Total, \$1263.36.

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.

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LETTER FROM REV. J. K. WRIGHT.

COUVA, TRINIDAD, Dec. 9, 1886.

Dear Mr. Scott:—We had a meeting in California on the last Sabbath of November, an account of which may not be uninteresting to your readers.

A few Mussalmans some time ago professed conversion and were baptized. These were subjected to a good deal of hostile attention by their people. Keen discussions took place. Lately a goldsmith from Demerara settled in the neighborhood. He is an ardent Mohammedan and a shrewd, keen reasoner. He immediately took the lead in these discussions with the converts, and they seemed to get the worst of it. They came to me asking that I should seek an interview with these people. I said, let them move first. If they want a talk let them say so. On November 21st some four or five Mohammedans came to church, and after service one stood up and said that they came with a request that I should meet with their people for a talk on religion. I answered that on the Sabbath following, at 7 o'clock in the morning, I would meet them at any place in the village they might appoint.

An open space about the middle of the village was chosen. I was pretty well on time, and found about 150 people gathered. I said that I did not propose entering into a wrangle with them. They must select one man to speak for the crowd, and I would engage that none of my people would speak except it should