

Number of Schools.....	14
On quarterly roll, boys 603.....	317
girls 309.....	
Total number in attendance during the year.....	1,413
Total increase in 1893.....	349
Average daily attendance.....	656
Increase (average daily) on 1893.....	119
Baptisms, Adults 90.....	191
Children 101.....	
Marriages.....	13
Communicants, 1st January 78	—
Added during the year 15	
Communicants 31st Dec.....	93
Catechists.....	8
Bible women.....	3
Contributions.....	£95.16.8d

Rev. Dr. Grant's Field, San Fernando.

My twenty-fourth year in Mission work has closed, writes Dr. Grant, and in it the demand on time and strength has been probably greater than in any previous year. A sense of depression too, not favorable to work, was, I think, general. Unseasonable weather, the prevalence of a malignant type of fever, and the anxiety created by the low prices of our staple production, sugar, were some of the causes of depression.

Then there was the illness of my chief assistant, the Rev. Lal Behari, caused by rheumatism, contracted from exposure while visiting the mission of St. Lucia; there was the vacancy of Mr. Coffin's post all the year, until a few days ago, when we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Fraser; and there was the Training School for teachers which required daily attention.

On the other hand there was much to be thankful for. Lal Behari's illness threw additional responsibilities on other workers who have shown themselves capable both to plan and execute. Many things that in former years required the direction and constant attention of the missionary are now carried forward most satisfactorily by the members of the church.

We have our church session directing matters spiritual, a Board of Managers to look after all financial and business concerns, a band of Sabbath School teachers with officers, a church choir with organist and leader, all children of the East; and a C. E. Society which gives much promise of good.

We have in this district 24 stations outside the town, at which the Gospel is preached every Sunday. By native agents, in all 16, this work of Evangelization is carried on.

We have 16 schools with a roll of 933, and a daily average of 596. There are also about 120 adults attending night schools, where Hindi alone is taught.

Our instruction in Hindi creates a demand for books which the mission imports annually from India. On the arrival of a new book this year, the purchases in ten days amounted to about fifty dollars.

Our statistics for the year are as follows:

Sunday Schools, on roll.....	500
average.....	360
Baptisms, children.....	84
adults.....	60
Communicants in good standing.....	144
admitted this year.....	31
Marriages.....	16
Contributions in the central church.....	\$1,197 74
country stations.....	344 36
Total.....	\$1,542 10

In January the Synod of Jamaica decided to take up work among the 14,000 E. Indians in that Island. They applied to us for helpers and received two of our senior catechists, who are also of the senior class in our college. They have gone with their families, have been cordially welcomed and are settled at work. I propose to visit them, and to attend the Synod of Jamaica in January, with a Commission from our Presbytery.

Early in the year the Mission of the Church of Scotland, in Grenada, got one of our students, and the Superintendent of the Moravian Mission in Surinam, has just proposed that we should extend our mission to the 6000 E. Indians in his district.

These applications show the value of our Training Institutions.

Mr. Macrae's Field, Princet'n.

Of his eighth year's work in this field Mr. Macrae writes:

Another year with its trials and toils has come and gone, which for fever and ill-health on account of unsuitable weather, few former years have equalled.

Some difficulty has been experienced in securing suitable agents, particularly pupil teachers. When bright boys advance sufficiently to be useful in the school, temporary inducements elsewhere are often readily yielded to, and the school is left, but not unusually after a season of wandering about, they return with manifest signs of retrogression. Thus many fail to qualify themselves for the prescribed examinations and learn habits of idleness.

The old difficulty of gathering the children in the morning still exists, and although there is an effort now making to secure compulsory attendance, yet there is not much hope of having such a law passed as will entirely relieve us of the constant worry and expense of this part of the work.

The movement for compulsory attendance has caused some agitation in this district among the leading Hindus and Mohammedans. A petition has been sent to Government by them protesting against compelling their girls to attend school, and thus persuading them, as they think, to become Christians.

This shows that the influence of school work as a Christianizing agency is being felt.