

pupils daily read the Scriptures, who did not know the alphabet when these schools were opened. We aim in reading the Scriptures at something higher than a correct pronunciation. The children are growing in knowledge, and in the fear of the Lord, and avoid evil, I believe from a higher principle than one more highly favored, who one day at my elbow was pouring out a volley of oaths, but when reminded of his wickedness, he humbly begged pardon, saying, "I did not know you were a parson."

Our San Fernando School is doing well, but during school hours no religious instruction is given. On every Tuesday evening the children come to the Church for religious instruction. About 50 usually attend, out the Sabbath School is the most efficient agency.

#### PREACHING OF THE WORD.

Rev. Mr. Morton is now able to preach the Gospel of the grace of God in Hindustani with great ease and fluency, and Rev. Mr. Grant has also made respectable progress in the language. The ordinary course of procedure on the Lord's Day during the year may be thus stated.

In the morning Mr. Morton making an early start, preaches at Iere village, in Hindustani at 9 o'clock, and in English at 11. In the meantime Mr. Grant has conducted or superintended Sabbath School in San Fernando in the Church from 8 to 9½, from 11 to 12½, public worship of course in English in the vacant U. P. Church, and from 1 to 2 an English service for children.

From 2 to 3½ the Brethren are associated in public worship in the Church for Asiatics, the preaching devolving chiefly on Mr. Morton. Separating again after an interval of rest each has a fourth service on an estate, or what is equivalent, in breaking the bread of life from door to door or in the visitation of the sick. It will thus be seen that our missionaries are instant in season, if we may not add, and out of season in fulfilling the work of the ministry.

#### MADRAS AND CHINESE BOYS.

It should be farther stated in explanation of the service by Mr. Grant from 1 o'clock to two, which is called a service for children, that its special object is to lead the boys attending day school into farther acquaintance with Bible truth. It is conducted in English for the benefit of the Madras Coolies and the Chinese who do not understand the Hindustani. Calcutta children who may have a preference for English also attend, in all Twenty-five, and form the nucleus of a small English congregation.

#### WORK BY MRS. MORTON AND MRS. GRANT.

The wives of our missionaries, besides attending to the home comfort of their husbands and children, take part in Evangelistic work as they have opportunity. They have aided in the Sabbath School, they have drawn in the girls, they have superintended Schools, and they have from evening to evening given lessons in reading the Scriptures to inquiring young men, and thus helped to prepare the candidates for baptism, and continued a course of instruction afterwards. They have shared in the anxieties as well as toils of the mission,—in their own department being grieved by the withdrawal of four young inquirers and subsequently made joyful by their return and determination to follow on in the right way.

#### RESULTS.

Mr. Morton reports a manifest interest in the Word, specially in some portions of the field. This interest appears in the friendship and attendance of some and in the hostility of others, one of the surest signs that Satan's Kingdom is being successfully assaulted. This opposition is special on the part of the followers of the False Prophet and the Brahmans: their influence has been felt in rendering the attendance on public worship fluctuating as they only go regularly who are prepared to endure some measure of petty persecution.

Under the head of Results we give the following interesting statements by Mr. Grant.

Schools have multiplied—the attendance has been more regular, the general interest has increased, and the progress of the pupils is decided. In our Sabbath School we enrolled 120, our largest attendance 100, daily average 75. From the ranks of our Sabbath School three intelligent lads from 12 to 14 years of age have been baptized, and 13 who were baptized in infancy, either in the English or R. C. Church, but who are indebted to us for all the instruction they had received, made application, and we have accepted, and do now recognize them as baptized members of our Church.

Four infants of Christian parents were baptized, and seven adults. Let me remind your Board that all the baptisms in our respective districts took place in the San Fernando Church, and that the fruit indicated is a joint property which we gather up and humbly and thankfully place at the feet of Jesus. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory."

We would not forget that many results may be to us invisible, and that in fact we are scarcely capable of estimating them at all. But in so far as they are visible, they should be observed in a spirit of devout thanksgiving to God, as the author of all life and pro-