

In this school I feel a special interest, as it furnishes a centre for operations at a suitable distance from the town, with a comfortable school-room to meet in. There are a few here also whom I believe to be favourably impressed with Christian views.

I may state also that on the 14th Dec. Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Grant provided an entertainment for the children of our schools in our San Fernando school-room. 110 children with their teachers assembled. It was truly a happy meeting for both the children and ourselves. I am persuaded that it will give an impulse to our schools, and particularly as we were able to announce to the children, that within six months another meeting would be held, and that through the kindness of friends suitable prizes would be awarded to the most deserving. The establishment and management of these schools have occupied nearly five days weekly of my time, and, in consequence, I have been unable to give that attention to the Hindustani that I could desire; but I have not neglected it. I do not attempt a connected address, but in reading the Scriptures I explain briefly, and every week I find an increasing familiarity. I find more comfort in going from house to house, and I think it is a profitable method.

The three Sabbath Schools are doing very well.

I stated that the Rev. Mr. Lambert left shortly after our arrival and as yet no successor has been secured, which I do not think at all creditable to the U. P. Church of Scotland. Unlike our Church, she has enough and to spare. Being on the ground and occupying the manse, the congregation naturally looked to me for a measure of supply. I gave regularly one service on the Sabbath, and aided in sustaining the congregational prayer-meeting and in organizing a Young Men's Christian Association, which is doing very well. I have not done as much for our mission as if entirely relieved, but I trust that services rendered have been indirectly advantageous to our mission. Though the congregation is numerically small yet it numbers the leading members of the community, and its entire membership is in deep sympathy with our work, and ready to co-operate in everything pertaining to the success of our Coolie mission. The congregation has given me \$90, sixty of which I handed over to our Coolie Church fund, and the balance, thirty dollars, has been expended in purchasing Vishnu's time from his Estate, and in fitting him for his present post in San Fernando school.

Farther, \$140 unprovided by Government had to be raised to meet the cost of this school, and this sum was contributed principally by the Presbyterians of this place. You will thus see that aid rendered

to this spirited little congregation is not lost to our Church. The manse, too, has been occupied by us. Some may regard this entirely in a personal aspect; and therefore it may be well to state that it would be quite impossible to do the work which we have undertaken, if we had to pay house rent. For example, I can't do my work without a horse and waggon. Under our burning sun it is quite difficult to walk far without feeling exhausted. Now this convenience costs us for this year \$588, and both horse and carriage may be regarded as second, perhaps as third rate. The use of the manse therefore was a very great privilege.

I should have stated that in future I have agreed to give but two services monthly.

I might also speak of our Coolie Church which is hastening to completion, and which has occupied so much the thoughts and the time of Mr. Morton and myself, but on its completion we will submit a joint and full report.

In reviewing the year gone, we feel that there is much to awaken gratitude and inspire hope. We have enjoyed comparative health, the friends of the mission here have been moved to action—prejudices of the Coolies are gradually melting away—many listen respectfully, and not a few are eager to hear. We would go farther and express the hope that some fruit has been gathered to life eternal. In this district six, on profession of faith, have received baptism, and hitherto have no cause to regret that we received the applicants. Pray for them. I also baptized two children. One, the child of our Teacher at Pictou; the other, the child of a driver on the same Estate. All the parents were previously baptized.

I would say more, but my report already exceeds the limits originally designed. I can't conclude, however, without earnestly requesting that prayer be made continually for this Mission. We are weak, but through him who hears prayer, a great work may be done, and noble spirits now in darkness all around may soon rejoice in the light.

Yours faithfully,
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News of the Church.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at Little Harbour, on the 16th inst., and after an instructive and impressive sermon from 1 John ii.: 11-12, by Rev Mr. Ross, Moderator, was constituted by him.