

Synod, which was then in session, and his address to that body, as well as his visit to fields where his former students are labouring, gave a strong impetus to the work in Jamaica. From Jamaica he came, with the concurrence of the committee, to Nova Scotia, for a brief rest. He returned to his work, greatly strengthened, accompanied by Mrs. Grant and their two daughters, who had been for twenty months in Nova Scotia, near the end of April.

The following general review shows how the mission has been kept and blessed of God, during the year :—The year 1894 will be remembered as one of much toil and anxiety to the workers in Trinidad. The absence and retirement of Rev. F. J. Coffin reduced the staff until the arrival of Rev. S. A. Fraser near the end of the year. Dr. Morton left on furlough in May, and for four months, during his absence, Mr. J. B. Cropper, with great energy and devotion, filled his place. Rev. Lal Bihari was laid aside through illness for six months. All these things made the work generally, with the care of the Training School in addition, a heavy tax on the strength of the workers. The prevalence of a fever of a serious and often fatal character, and the general heat and want of tone in the atmosphere, increased the care and anxiety.

We close the year with five Canadian missionaries on the ground ; Lal Bihari, health much improved ; the health, and state of the weather, returned to their normal standard—all which is ground for much thankfulness.

During the year considerable progress has been made in training both the teachers at work and the pupil teachers in the Training Schools, which will in the future promote the efficiency of our schools. In the meantime, through the improvement in the position of our teachers, and in the supply of books and furniture, steady advance can be seen in almost every school, and in some the advance is very marked.

The number of schools connected with the mission is 53. The number of pupils enrolled during the year is 4,764. The average daily attendance, 2,180. We have to note with great satisfaction a very decided increase of interest shown by sugar planters in our school work. The conviction seems to be coming home to many that to secure value for the money spent by the colony on education, the children should be pressed into school at the proper age and trained for usefulness, before evil, idle and lawless habits are formed. This we believe to be the right view of the matter.

It affords us satisfaction to report that 479 persons were baptized during the year ; that the number of communicants in good standing is 638 ; and that the contribution for religious purposes is £628 10s., or nearly one pound per communicant.