

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

The Committee print as usual a portion of their correspondence connected with these schools; they number 19 containing on the books 970 scholars. It will be seen that the Committee adhere to their resolution of seeking the poorest districts, wherein to expend the Society's aid.

From an experienced missionary :

This school is kept up with difficulty, the people are poor and few in number. As the boarding places are uncomfortable and the pay small, good teachers are not always to be procured.

From an ardent friend of education on scripture principles :

This school having been but lately opened permits but little to be said concerning it. So far it promises well, and seems likely to be a source of much benefit to the place.

The school is patronized by members of all protestant bodies in the place, and by cautious and liberal management will doubtless in the end live down any little jealousy that might arise from its being wholly under church control. The building of brick 26x38 feet two stories high, with a commodious shed attached has cost about \$1100. It is entirely the work of our own people with the exception of a liberal donation of \$300 from George Whitfield Esq., of Barbadoes, a former resident. We make no difference in the fees of the scholar. All, whether contributors to the building fund, or not, pay alike. But the protestant population are with few exceptions poor, and have been so long accustomed to the cheap instruction of the common or district school, that they find it difficult to meet the fees we have necessarily to demand for the support of the teacher. But if the school is only a success, this difficulty will in time diminish. We are unfortunately burdened with a debt of over \$200 on the building, and this will cripple our resources for some time to come. The society's grant will therefore be of very great advantage to us, so much so indeed, that in our present encumbered situation, it would be almost impossible to keep our school open without it. The incumbent of the mission takes an active interest in the school, and has undertaken the instruction of some of the classes.

By a Missionary :

I have examined some of the children in the church catechism, and think that pains have been taken with them.

Extract from School Register :

Nov. 11, 1868—"Examined and found Mr. Wright's school in its usual highly satisfactory state."

(Signed)

GEORGE THOMSON.

Inspector of Schools