

enlarged thus making it comfortable for a man with a family.

Considerable repairs have also been effected on other buildings. Buildings like everything else in this country require care and frequent patching as they soon decay. The income from the Native Church notwithstanding the hard times exceeds that of last year by £30.

At a congregational meeting of Susamachar church, San Fernando, it was unanimously agreed to contribute £25 more to Dr. Grant's salary, thus making the annual contribution from the congregation in San Fernando town £200.

The following are the statistics of the San Fernando District for the year 1896:—

Baptisms, Adults.. . . .	70
" Children.. . . .	78
Total.. . . .	148
Marriages.. . . .	33
Catechists.. . . .	17
Schools.. . . .	18
Boys on Roll.. . . .	875
Girls "	375
Total.. . . .	1250
Daily Average.. . . .	720
Total on roll for year.. . . .	1767
Communicants last Report.. . . .	267
Added during year.. . . .	40
Died.. . . .	6
Suspended.. . . .	0
Removed.. . . .	4
Total now in good standing.. . . .	297
Sabbath Schools.. . . .	20
Number on Roll.. . . .	1028
Daily Average.. . . .	790
Income Native Church.. . . .	£342 2s. 8d.

COLLEGE REPORT, 1896.

Work in The Presbyterian College, Trinidad, began January, 1896, and closed at the end of November. There were two vacations—two weeks at Easter and four at Mid-Summer.

During the first term I was absent three weeks in St. Lucia, and so pressed with work on my return that I took no part in the College Work, so that Dr. Grant and Lalbihari will report respecting it.

As we had a student from St. Lucia, who was to return at the end of the year it was decided to form only one class from April 13th, and let the students come into residence every alternate week. This plan was carried out and worked well.

Eleven students were in attendance. I took the work on Monday and Tuesday. My subjects were Biblical Theology, The Life and Parables of Christ, and practical training for Mission work. The subjects studied were a constant source of interest to teacher and taught, and with a narrow margin for the indolence inherent in our nature the lessons were satisfactorily prepared.

All the arrangements and work of the year were carried out with the utmost harmony. John Morton, President.

REPORT OF REV. LAL BIHARI FOR 1896.

1. At the outset I beg to state that my work is performed chiefly in Hindustani, and in any part of the San Fernando district in which I appear to be most needed. In the town work I am associated with Dr. Grant, but chiefly among the Hindustani speaking; in the country I accompanied Mr. Fraser until he went to take charge of Mr. Macrae's work during his absence in Canada, and then I went with Mr. George Grant, B.A., when he visited and examined schools. I would go to the estate hospital in the morning, and in the afternoon, if it suited, to the laborers' houses.

2. I also gave a day weekly to college work. In comparing Hindooism and Mohammedanism with Christianity, or the religion of the Shastes and Koran with that of the Bible, I made free use of a well known Christian book called "sat mat nirupan"; and also "Divine Revelation", this being the title of a book published by the Canadian Mission Press at Rutlam, and written by Mr. Wilson, a missionary there.

From the writings of Moses, I selected ten types of Christ, and in the New Testament traced the Apostle Paul in his three missionary journeys.

We also studied several Christian hymns in Hindi; and in astronomy went far enough to satisfy the students as to the absurdity of the Hindoo's explanation of eclipses.

3. On every Saturday all the Catechists and some of the teachers met at 9 a.m. and remained in session till 11 o'clock. The International Series of Sunday School Lessons supplied us our weekly subject. Weekly, two, as pre-arranged, read each a paper on the lesson, others followed aiming at enlargement, and then I followed with such a presentation of the subject as I thought suitable. Sometimes Dr. Grant, or Mr. Fraser, being present assisted. It was expected that all would make this lesson the basis of at least some remarks on Sabbath.

4. All Catechists are required to keep a diary, an abstract of which is entered up in my book once a month. From entries made I find that the Catechists held 6,868 meetings in the year attended by 65,718 people—the burden of their message is Christ died for our sins and rose again according to the Scriptures. Statistics may look meagre, but we have often satisfactory proof that the heaven is working where there is no open profession. God has given us fruit enough, to show that we labor not in vain; but our joy would be full if the picture of the doves flying to their windows were realized in the ingathering of my Indian countrymen.

We see another New Year; millions see it not who desired to see it, let God be praised who continues our life.