

think that dear little home girls could have made the tiny garments neater, or worked more willingly than these girls did.

112 children have been inmates of the Home for longer or shorter periods during the year. All are growing large and strong and will soon be able to help themselves and others too, I hope. Kind friends have promised to take care of the children while I am at home. Lame Annie Mewa will go into a shop with a good old Wesleyan Class leader. All the rest will be in safe Christian homes. I have not been able to visit among the parents as I used to do, but the school has been large, that, with the care of my rather large home family has made it impossible to go out much, especially as Satan has a mean way of coming in when I go out.

We had a grand Christmas tree in the school house on the 22nd Dec. But as a young Hindoo said, "too much to tell in one paper." 112 children were out, 70 visitors inside, and 40 quiet, well-behaved, uninvited outside.

I am glad to say that the year which opened so sadly for us by the removal of our beloved missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Morton, to Tunapuna, has after all been a happy and prosperous year.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod are both earnest and devoted missionaries, always ready to help in any and every good work. Mr. McLeod has for some months preached in Hindustani. Mrs. McLeod reads the language well and teaches a class of coolie women every Sunday morning. She also acts as organist at all the services, Sundays and week days. The F. M. Board may be congratulated upon the choice of the fourth Missionary. He seems to be the "right man in the right place."

The time is near when I will leave Trinidad and rest a while from the sometimes weary work of teaching. I must thank the F. M. Board and the Ladies M. S. for all the kindness I have received from them. I must thank friends at home for kind and sympathizing letters, for encouraging letters, but more than all else do I thank Christians at home for the earnest prayers that have gone up to the Heavenly Father, that He would bless and prosper our efforts to teach the Gospel to the heathen.

Mission work is not the easy, pleasant romantic life that some people think it is, and that others say it is. The work is hard, trying and real. I am sure if the Lord did not comfort and sustain the workers no human determination, how-

ever strong, could keep them going on year after year, laboring for such vile and degraded races, that often make one ashamed of the common form of humanity they wear.

Result fees paid by Government \$96.00

Donation from Mr. Darling 10.00

Fees paid by a few European children 90.60

Money paid by Grey-friars S. S.,

Port of Spain 52.52

Money paid by Wolfville S. S. 10.00

Total amount received \$259.12

Paid to Mr. McLeod and accounted for by him \$196.00

Expended in support of Orphans 62.52

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A. L. M. BLACKADDER.

### Preparation for Church.

Probably for many households the hours before church are hurried, tumultuous and undevout. The family rise late, and breakfast is tardy. The children are harassed about shoes, gloves, and lost or mislaid articles of dress. The parents have not fully recovered from the fatigue of the business or pleasure on Saturday night. The first bell peals out its summons before anybody feels ready to hear it, and the progress to the place of prayer is a scramble to arrive before the opening anthem shall have been concluded.

Dr. Arnot, of Scotland, used to beg his people to spend the hour before coming to church in reading, meditation and prayer. If it were the habit of our congregations thus prepared in heart to go to the sanctuary how different might be the impressions made on them by sermons and public prayers. Had every discipline made the pastor, the week long, the subject of reverent, anxious, earnest prayer, would not the pastor enter the pulpit clothed with power from on high, and would not the benediction return with tenfold largeness on the worshippers themselves?—*Chris. Intell.*

The English Presbyterians are about to get a new hymn-book. It is said that about 200 of the hymns in the present collection will be replaced by others; that about sixty suited to children and youth will be added; and that there will be an edition containing the unmetred Psalter spaced for chanting.