

are strong hindrances at the present time to a general Government scheme of education. The Roman Catholics and Episcopalians of whom there are many on the Educational Committee, advocate a denominational system assisted by Government. The school work has been very fruitful to our Mission. Teachers and catechists have been trained, and Indians have been fitted for positions of influence and income.

The preaching work includes week-day services on the roadside, in Estate hospitals and barracks, in the homes and yards of the people as well as regular Sunday services in churches or school-houses. The missionaries are all earnest and devoted men. We have had to chide one another again and again for overdoing it. They must be able to put their hand to anything and everything. They have to superintend the building of houses, they have to advise the people and in many cases do business for them, and sometimes must undertake the critical task of arranging matches among the boys and girls. All the Indian people, even those who are not Christians, have the utmost confidence in the missionaries. They see that these men are their friends and seek only their good. We could count upon respect everywhere.

You will perhaps ask—"How do they treat the message of the Gospel?" As a general thing they treat it respectfully. Some of course refuse to hear, they go away whenever one begins to speak. Some listen with stone-deaf indifference. Some noisily argue against it and ask all sorts of questions, wise and otherwise. Many listen quietly and earnestly and are ready to be persuaded. These people have their own systems of thought. They have been brought up to believe that they have the truth. Their prejudices are strong. It requires great tact and gentleness and perseverance in dealing with them. Often it is a long time before they give in. This did not discourage us, because we found in many cases that the longer they took to decide the better and stronger and more steadfast converts they made. Mushroom growth of mission statistics has no advocate among the Trinidad missionaries. Their motto is "sure if slow." There was one young Brahman in our Couva field who studied earnestly two-and-a-half years before he could come out and confess