

the Committee might be in a position to assume it. In reply, your Committee again decided, "in view of the increasing debt upon the fund, and the probability of a speedy amalgamation of Foreign Mission Funds of the Eastern and Western sections of the Church, to defer further consideration of this subject until after the meeting of the General Assembly."

THE TRINIDAD-MISSION.

STATION.	MISSIONARY.	TEACHERS.
Tunapuna.....	J. Morton	Miss Sempie, Miss Hilton
San Fernando.	K. J. Grant ..	Miss Copeland.
	Lal Behari. ...	J Corsbie.
Princetown....	J.W. MacLeod	Miss Blackadder.
Couva.....	J. K. Wright
St. Joseph.....	J. Hendrie (U. P. Ch. Scot- land).....

The Schools numbered 39. Pupils 1,965 of whom 1,391 were boys and 574 girls. Average daily attendance 1,369.

Received during the year from proprietors of estates, £831 5s. sterling; from the native church, £317 16s. 1d. Donations, £71 9s. 6d.; Government grants for schools, £915 14s. From the Canadian Church, £1877 3s. 1d.—making in all £4101 12s. 6d. The United Presbyterian Church, Scotland, co-operates in the work to the extent of £334 2s. 11d.

Reviewing their whole field for 1885, the Mission Council say:—"This year will long be remembered as one of great anxiety and trial to every interest in Trinidad. As citizens and as missionaries we have sympathized deeply with those upon whom the trials have fallen, and we close the year sincerely trusting that improved markets and favourable seasons may mark the coming year. Some of our subscribers have not been able to continue the amount of their former contributions, and there is also a decrease in the contributions of the Native Church. The attendance at school has somewhat increased. There have been admitted to the Christian Church by baptism during the year, seventy-one adults and sixty-two children, in all 133, while eighteen couples have been united in Christian marriage. There have been in operation thirty-nine schools, at which 1,965 pupils were enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 1,369."

TUNAPUNA.

Mr. Morton states that the greater part of his report for last year might be re-read for this year, as the work has been continued much on the same lines. Miss Amy Hilton, of Yarmouth, arrived in Trinidad to begin her work the first of 1885. With the advice of the Mission Council and the consent of Miss Sempie, it was arranged that the latter should take charge of the school at Tacarigua and the former at Tunapuna. Miss Sempie reports that out of seventy-two enrolled in

the Tacarigua school, the average attendance for the year was sixty, with sixty attending the Sabbath-school, also conducted by herself. She taught a night-school of young men who had to work in the day. They made good progress, both in Bible study and secular knowledge. Miss Hilton reports that the average at the Tunapuna school was thirty-five, and speaks hopefully of the deep interest shown by the children in the Bible lesson which begins each day's work. The Sabbath school at Orange Grove, taught by Miss Morton, numbers forty-four, with an average of twenty-four. It is steadily increasing and, along with other agencies, is exerting an influence for good in the estate. The excellent work done in the schools of this district, and in those of Mr. Hendrie's field, was shown in a public examination held at the end of the year, with a gathering of 270 of their Hindu school children, at which the Governor, Sir William Robinson and lady, and a number of officials, and other friends were present, and expressed themselves highly pleased with the work. Concerning the excellence of school-work, Mr. Morton makes the following remarks, which will apply to all the fields: "The cost of these schools may to some minds appear somewhat aside from pure missionary expenditure, but this is a great mistake. Christian schools and Sunday schools are the especial agency for the young, and through the children they have a leavening effect upon the parents. They take time, but years pass quickly, and looking back we can testify to the immense importance of the work done in our Mission schools." At Tacarigua a teacher's house has been erected. A fund has been established for the erection of a church at Tunapuna, and notwithstanding the hardness of the times, \$1,550 has been subscribed, of which \$1,100 has been paid in. To meet the balance, Mr. Morton proposes that, as his district is almost clear of debt, the ordinary grant to it be reduced from £490 to £450, and that a special annual grant of £50 be made to the Church Erection Fund till the debt upon it be paid. This has been sanctioned by your Committee, and the church will probably be proceeded with this summer.

SAN FERNANDO.

Mr. Grant writes: "On every Sabbath, services are regularly held at seven out-stations, and the Word is preached in scores of small places during the week. During the year, thirty-eight adults and thirty-nine children have been baptized, and the communion-roll shows 144 members in good standing. In the new church at Oropouche, for which the friends in Newfoundland and elsewhere contributed so liberally, the Lord's Supper was twice dispensed and a communion-roll of forty members is there formed. At the opening of a new school-house at Barrackpore, seventy were present, five were baptized, seventeen partook of the Communion, and \$26 were con-