

As three-fourths of the expense of the schools is paid by Government they are under the control of Government, and hence the number of rules to be observed and the amount of writing to be done is simply enormous. We are required to give two hours of our time, both morning and afternoon, to secular, and the rest to religious instruction and Hindi:

I must try and tell you something about my own school in Princetown. There are over two hundred children enrolled. At certain times of the year it is very hard to get the children to attend school regularly. When the sugar mills on the estates begin grinding the children like to hide and play round the mills. It requires constant watching and looking after to keep the children in school. This cannot be wondered at when we remember the kind of homes the children come from and that in many cases the influence of the parents over the children is not always in the right direction. I sometimes think that if the little boys and girls in Canada had no home influence they would do no better than the poor Indian children here.

This year our average has been very good. I finished making out our quarterly report last week and the average daily attendance from the first of the year until the end of this quarter has been one hundred and four. I have two assistant teachers and two monitors. My head assistant is a very fine Christian girl. She has been teaching in the school for over five years and is a great help to me, as well as a help in all departments of Christian work. If she were to go into some of the Christian Endeavour Societies at home she would surprise many of the people with her knowledge of the Bible and her deep Christian experience.

Our school work is sometimes very difficult as the influence of the home life on the children is so bad. A large number of the children in our school come from heathen homes, if such they may be called, where they never hear or see anything good, but we do not know where the seed sown may fall; sometimes those whom we think are the least likely to be impressed are the ones who may be receiving lasting impressions. These things must be left to the Great Master who has told us not to be "weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Sunday is one of our busy days. We have the Central Sunday School in the church at 10 a.m., Hindi service at 11 a.m. Then from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. a number of our Christian young people go out to the neighbouring estates and villages to conduct Sunday Schools so that on Sunday afternoons there are several different Sunday Schools conducted at the same time. In this way a great many children are reached whom we could not get into the church in the mornings.

Then through the week we have a Y.P.S.C.E. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, a Bible Class on Friday, and a S.S. teachers' meeting on