

a few days ago, which is under the supervision of Baboo Lal Behari, gave proof of the advantage of laying a good foundation in Hindi.

Our English speaking congregation, gathered principally from the San Fernando school, has grown in numbers, in christian knowledge, and in church attachment. For several months we have been studying Geikie's "Life of Christ," a valuable work. Our young people bought about 20 copies of a cheap edition, and read and studied it in day school and in church, before excellent maps; and at a public examination on Christmas they showed an acquaintance with the Gospels truly gratifying.

The school in our yard, under the management of Mr. J. W. Corsbie never exhibited greater efficiency than at the present time.

In the work of preaching and superintending Baboo Lal Behari has done his part well, and in this holiday season, as I write, he has the teachers assembled for special instruction. The southern part of my district has been gradually falling more into his hands. With Anagee he has stood a quarterly examination before the Presbytery, and in his preparations he was assisted by Mr. Henderson and myself. His betrothed, whom he left behind in India 12 years ago, joined him with his aged mother early in this present year. She is now quite ill, and we fear will not recover. Both wife and mother have embraced christianity.

Mr. Samuel Selvon, a member of our English speaking congregation, an interpreter of the Tamil and English languages in court, has been engaged by me in evening work at a nominal salary amongst our Madras neighbors. He is intelligent, earnest, and much respected, and I anticipate good from his efforts.

Our school roll shows 500 pupils with a daily average of 339. Baptisms—27 adults and 14 children—total 41. Marriages—17. Mr. Morton assisted at communion on the 19th inst. Mr. Campbell, teacher in Couva, was over with four or five of Mr. Christie's people, and Mr. Morton had a

like number from Princetown. About 90 persons surrounded the communion table; above 200 were present. The work is advancing; we have daily proof of it, and we rejoice that we have a part in it. Ten years labor buries our hearts deeper in mission work. We feel it to be a blessed enterprise which will engage more hands and more hearts until its triumphs are complete.

DECEMBER—RETURN OF SCHOOLS FOR 1880—SAN FERNANDO DISTRICT.

No.	Name of School.	Ro.	l.	Average.
1	San Fernando	72		52
2	Mar Bella	24		18
3	Concord & Point a Pierre	58		31
4	Picton	31		21
5	Wellington	34		27
6	Canaan (central)	63		49
7	La Fortune	65		33
8	Papure	30		18
9	Harmony Hall	30		22
10	Jarouba	22		17
11	Rusillac	22		16
12	Tyzabod	25		18
13	Barrackpool	24		17

Baptisms in 1880.—Adults 27. Children 14. Total 41. Couples married 17.

EXPENDITURE AND REVENUES IN SAN FERNANDO DISTRICT, DEC. 31, 1880.

EXPENDITURE.

	Salaries.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rev. K. J. Grant	300	0	0				
Lal Behari, Catechest	62	10	0	362	10	0	

Schools.

Fourteen Schools	632	12	5
Insurance		10	17 4

Incidental Expenses.

San Fernando Church and Stations	16	2	10
Madras Catechist	6	15	5
Occasional Helpers	19	16	10 42 15 1

Buildings.

3 Carat School Houses,			
1 Barrackpore	20	8	4
2 Tyzabod	16	17	2
3 Rusillac	22	9	8½
Stable and Kitchen, Lal Behari	7	16	3
Repairs on Manse	3	5	7
House for teacher on premises	43	0	4½
New Stable	12	13	3 126 10 8

Total expenditure 1175 5 6