

Christy Sutherland,	2 40
Margaret McDonald,	2 15
Sophia Sutherland,	1 00
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II. *Blue Mountain.*

Jessy Laura McDougall,	5 65
Martha Priest,	4 81
Archibald Fraser,	4 05
Isabella Campbell,	2 95
Alice McCulloch,	2 26
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	19 72

III. *Garden of Eden.*

Janet McIntosh,	3 30
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Total,	43 00

Miss Blackadder's Report.

Princetown, Dec. 27, 1881.

To The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Fifth Annual Report of your Agent is respectfully submitted.

Five busy, trying, yet happy years have passed away, and I now send in the Report of work done during the year just finished.

The past year has been a sad one for Trinidad; the Mission families have all been spared to go on with their chosen work, though they too have had a share of the prevailing sickness.

I had an attack of the prevailing fever in July last; for three weeks I was laid aside from work. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod kindly took charge of the school while I was sick, so the school work was not neglected.

I must here state how much I am indebted to Miss Palmer and her sister, Mrs. Riddle. Miss Palmer came to my house and took such good care of me, that in a week after I had taken the fever I was able to remove to Mrs. Riddle's home. I remained there two weeks. Had I been at my own home I could not have had more kindness and care. May the Lord bless and reward them for all their kindness to a "stranger in a strange land." Mrs. McLeod kindly looked after the poor little children while I was ill. Everything that could be done for me was done by these kind friends.

The past year has been one of encouragement, the children have attended well, a larger number than ever have been under instruction in the day school. The number enrolled for the first term

was 65, 93 for the second term, 102 the third term, and 93 for the last term. Average for last term 72. Average for the year 60.

We have 30 girls in school; not so many as we would wish, but we hope there will be an improvement in that before long. The people have such a strong prejudice against sending girls to school that it is hard work to get even a few out to school. We must remember that it is only a few years ago that College Halls were opened to us, though some boast of the progress of our age. I fear the Hindoo is not alone in his prejudice against the education of women.

The ordinary branches of a common school have been taught. Bible lessons have not been pushed aside in favor of the secular studies. Instruction in Hindustani has been given, and some young children can read the Bible well in English and Hindoo.

In May last I was fortunate enough to secure the services of Chas. Ragbir as assistant teacher. He has his heart in his work. Early in the morning he can be seen roaming over hill and dale in quest of children. He visits the parents and tries in every way to do what he can for the school and the Mission.

Every Sunday he goes out to the estates and hospitals, reads, sings, holds meetings, distributes tracts and papers. Sometimes the heathen people curse and abuse him, but such treatment only makes Ragbir more earnest and zealous for the salvation of his heathen countrymen. This boy is only 16 years old. When he came to us four years ago he could only stumble through an easy reading book, and we sometimes had to get another boy to interpret for us. Now he can stand anywhere and give the "reason of the hope that is in him" in good, correct English.

Ragbir is very anxious to become a missionary to his own people. His older brother has refused several offers of merchants to take him into their employment at larger salaries than we can give the young men. I hope that the way may be opened for Ragbir to go on to America and there go on with his studies and be better fitted for the work to which he seems called.

Mrs. McLeod kindly took charge of the sewing class. Nearly 200 articles have been made by the busy brown fingers, and quite a sum has been raised for the Mission by the sale of various articles. The girls have made up a box for the Halifax Infant Home, I do not