

are not yet to hand, but if last year's results are a true criterion, they will be satisfactory.

The examination is not confined to pupils who are able to take the written work, but the Primary classes are also examined orally. At the very first convention of the Association, when these annual examinations were under discussion, it was the expressed opinion of many Sunday School workers, that the large Primary Department should not be omitted, and why might not illiterate adults, who form quite a large number, especially in the Tobago schools, be included in the oral examinations?

In the majority of the Trinidad schools there are few adults, and here, as in other countries, the all-important question is, "How to hold the young people". In Tobago, the problem is reversed, and the difficulty is to get the children to attend Sunday School. In the Wesleyan and Moravian schools (there is, at the present time, no Presbyterian Church on that Island), the majority of the members of the Schools are men and women no longer young, or even in middle life. This would be ideal, if only the children were included. Earnest effort is now being made to secure the attendance of the children, and with considerable success.

In 1906, arrangements were made to hold an oral examination of the Primary Department, and that all adults who were unable to write, be included in it, if they so desired.

In 1907, the number of Schools which took the Primary oral examination was 45, and the number of pupils 701, of whom 158 were over eight years of age.

The last examination was held in July

1908, on the Second Quarter's Lessons, when 53 schools sent up 994 pupils, 185 being over eight. Of these schools 36, and 545 pupils, were connected with the Canadian Presbyterian Mission to East Indians.

Twenty-nine Schools studied the International Lessons, the other 24 following the International Beginners' Course. The Primary classes are divided into two stages, and a set of questions was prepared for each stage.

Our Sunday School work is all done by voluntary service, carried on for the most part by those whose hands are already filled with other duties, many being workers in the various Missions of the Island. Preparation of questions, planning for and conducting the examinations, have made additional work; but it is the consensus of opinion that an impetus has been given to the Primary Department work, and whatever contributes to progress and the true advancement of Christ's cause among the little ones is not labor in vain. We heartily recommend the scheme of oral examinations for the Primaries.

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"It was the time of morning worship," writes a Sunday School worker. "Before reading the Daily Reading, as his custom was, the father asked a little chap who had just started to school, for the title of the Lesson for the next Sunday. This was correctly given. Then turning to a little girl next in age, he asked for the Golden Text. This, too, was at once repeated. The eldest, a boy of thirteen, was asked for the Memory Verses, and without a mistake these were said." What better beginning of a day?

### Lesson Calendar : First Quarter

1. January 3.....The Ascension of Our Lord. Acts 1 : 1-11.
2. January 10.....The Descent of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 : 1-11.
3. January 17.....The Beginnings of the Christian Church. Acts 2 : 32-42.
4. January 24.....The Lame Man Healed. Acts 3 : 1-16.
5. January 31.....The Trial of Peter and John. Acts 4 : 5-20.
6. February 7.....True and False Brotherhood. Acts 4 : 32 to 5 : 11.
7. February 14.....The Apostles Imprisoned. Acts 5 : 17-32.
8. February 21.....Stephen the First Christian Martyr. Acts 6 : 8-15 ; 7 : 54 to 8 : 3.
9. February 28.....The Gospel in Samaria. Acts 8 : 14-25.
10. March 7.....Philip and the Ethiopian. Acts 8 : 26-38.
11. March 14.....Æneas and Dorcas. Acts 9 : 31-43.
12. March 21.....REVIEW.
13. March 28.....Temperance Lesson. Proverbs 23 : 29-35.