

Good progress has been made in all these fields during the past five years. Let me speak of Couva as an example. When I arrived, there was a very poor mission-house, unfit, in the judgment of the government medical officers, for habitation by Europeans. There was no church at Exchange Village, the centre of the field. There was a building at California which was honored with the name of church, but it was little better than a good school-house. There was no English congregation. Now there is a large comfortable house with debt a of a few hundreds on it, which will clear itself in a short time from proceeds of the old house and lands; a very handsome frame church free of debt (cost \$2,500.); and also an English congregation made up of the Scotchmen, who are officers on the sugar estates, and fluctuating crowds of black people. The Indian work also prospered well. The Couva field lies lower than any of the others, is more exposed to the west wind and is consequently the most unhealthy. Our work in the several fields falls under two heads: school work and preaching. Most of the schools are on what is called the "Government List of Assisted Schools" so that the missionary is manager under the government as well as under the F. M. Board, and has a sort of double responsibility. The advantage arising from connection with the Government List, is, that we get grants of money if we keep up an average of twenty-five daily, comply with certain regulations as to the character and number of teachers and the style of school furniture, and get our pupils up to such standards of proficiency that they may pass the Government examination which is held once each year. For every infant, or child under seven years of age, who has attended 100 full days in the year, if taught in the same room with the other children, there is a grant of \$2.40, but if taught in a separate room \$3.60. For every child passed in the higher standards there is a grant of \$6.00. This helps out the expenses considerably. The whole amount earned from Government last year was £898:17:4. These schools require a great deal of attention and take up a good deal of the missionary's time and energy. It is the desire of the Mission Council and the tendency of all its work that these schools should be handed over to the Government as soon as possible. There