

forted in our work by Mr. Soodeen whose faithfulness and sound judgement is appreciated by all who know him.

Mahindobeg, another faithful man does good work in the Lengua quarter. He devotes half his time to gathering the children and teaching in the school there, and the other half to catechist work. His wife is a very intelligent woman, devotes part of her time to work among the women.

John Gobin who has been a school teacher since Mr. Morton's time has been laboring as a catechist at Piparo since the month of August. Arrangements are being made to have him live there so as to do the work more effectively, which will necessitate building a small house.

Thomas Padoreth, an earnest man who was ordained an elder in that quarter last year assists Gobin in teaching from house to house.

Daniel Mahabii and James Toolsee the other elders are also able and ready to help in every way possible.

The Sabbath schools at Princetown and Iere village in which Mrs. Macrae, and Miss Semple take so much interest are making encouraging progress. Although some of the lessons for the last six months have been somewhat difficult for the smaller children to comprehend, yet with the help of pictures, as a few questions in the several lessons at the end of the quarters have shown, all have, with few exceptions grasped the central truths of each lesson.

All our schools have done fairly well, some indeed have done excellently. Miss Semple's report which is herewith submitted will show what has been done in her school. The other teachers have worked to the best of their ability, and as they themselves grow in proficiency they will bring up the standard of their schools with them.

The Government has placed an Indian Monitor in the Ward school at New Grant who gathers from 18 to 20 Indian children into the school at a trifling cost to us. This number we hope to increase next year. The number attending the branch school at Elswick has been small but good progress was made in learning. The numbers attending the other schools are the following :

Name of Schools	ON ROLL.		Total	Daily avg.
	Boys	Girls		
Princetown,	99	69	168	132
Mt. Stewart,	41	11	52	31
Riversdale,	49	4	53	29
Lengua,	22	9	31	28
Jordan Hill,	30	14	44	24
Cedar Hill,	20	11	31	19
Brothers,	24	15	39	22
Palmyra,	24	9	33	20
	309	142	451	305

During the year 38 persons were baptized, 6 infants and 32 adults, two of whom have since passed away, we trust, to be with Jesus which is far better.

Twelve couples have been united in marriage, and others are making application which is a very important step in the right direction.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$50.00 from Rev. C. Ragbir which was paid last year while he was in Canada, but received here too late for acknowledgment. \$15.00 from D. McD. Clark, \$12.50 from the W. F. M. Society, \$7.00 from the Couva "Memorial Fund," \$80.00 from the Mission Book Fund. A box of clothing from the ladies of Knox Church, Pictou and other contributions from funds too varied to specify.

A pleasant year's labor is now ended, and although it is not what we could earnestly wish it to be, yet we have many reasons to thank God and take courage. We are conscious of many short comings in ourselves and failures in our work. But although the flower which yesterday faded and fell to the ground shall never bloom again, yet fresh ones shall reappear. Thus many precious opportunities of serving our Lord and Master in the year now ending have passed away never to return, yet fresh ones shall come again and our failings in the past shall stimulate us to earnestness in improving them.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. L. MACRAE.

#### REPORT OF COUVA DISTRICT FOR 1888.

At the end of April the Rev. J. K. Wright retired from the work on account of Mrs. Wright's health, and returned to Canada with his family. The Rev. Chas. Ragbir who had been two months with Mr. Wright in the Couva field continued to labour there till the present time. He