

and in the last two years 225.

We have 243 communicants in good standing. Marriages for the year, ten. Total marriages since the first, 167. Marriages are likely to increase rapidly as the Indian people find, through two convictions recently secured in Court here, that redress can be obtained when there is a violation of the contract. The offenders receive respectively six months and two years' imprisonment with hard labour. All well-wishers of immigration should rejoice in this.

Contributions by the native church amount to £211 18 5. Sabbath-school is carried on at several stations. The school here, in San Fernando, is the most important having a regular attendance of about 120 with 17 teachers all of whom are Asiatics except the members of the Mission-family.

For any measure of efficiency secured I am indebted to so many willing hearts and hands that it would be invidious to specify. He, who has promised a reward even for a cup of cold water, knows every one of them, and that is enough.

There is one however who stands out accredited by the Church as no other Indian in Trinidad does, and I need not hesitate to name him—the Rev. Lal Bihari. His knowledge of Indian character and habits, of Indian language and literature, his sympathy with the people, and thorough prudence in dealing with them, his clear insight of divine truth, his loyalty to it, and his ability in unfolding and illustrating it, and his intense desire to win his countrymen from the false faiths they inherit, to a simple trust in Jesus as the only Saviour of mankind: render him invaluable to myself and a power in the Mission.

I regret that I have done so little in reducing the debt of last and previous years. It would have been paid off if we could have deferred longer the erection of a new school-house at Fyzabad, but we were obliged to move, and full payment has been made. Something additional must be spent in seating it properly, but this will be attended to next year. I should note a feature specially pleasing in connection with this building. The Christian converts went to the woods, prepared all the material for the frame except rafters carried or dragged out the timber and set up the frame as the contribution to their new school-house and place of worship. They

gave quite two weeks' labour.

For pecuniary gifts we have to thank the Women's Society of Pictou, also of Merigomish and the Mission Band of St. Andrew's in New foundland, also the Bible classes of Cook's Church, Kingston, of First Church, Brookville, and of Erskine Church, Toronto.

The good ladies of Chipman and Richmond, New Brunswick, of Pictou, of Sydney mines and of other places in Canada, helped us much in their timely gifts received before Christmas, and it may be gratifying to them to know that a sewing circle, all Asiatics, meet at the Manse on Friday afternoon and have sewed up many garments for boys and girls.

In conclusion I beg to state that in my opinion the extent and growing importance of our work should lead the Church at an early day to consider the question raised and pressed when the necessities were not so great as now, viz—How shall we train our helpers, and those who should be our ministers? It is much agitated here, and if no provision be made ere long the feeling of disappointment will be very deep.

	Boys	Girls	Total	Average daily
San Fernando	125	25	150	113
Canaan	41	18	59	46
Cedar Grove	32	0	32	24
Pictou	65	14	79	56
Wellington	39	0	39	32
Harmony Hall	33	13	46	33
Usine St. Madeleine	53	32	85	56
Bonaventure	24	15	39	26
Belle Vue	22	12	34	26
Rusillac	24	7	31	21
Fyzabad	27	5	32	24
Barakpur	25	8	33	22
Hermitage	42	8	50	31
	552	157	709	510

With gratitude and praise to Him who has helped us hitherto, I submit this report.

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#### MR. WRIGHT'S FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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It is with mingled feelings we take in hand to give you our report this year.

On the whole the year has been one of encouraging progress. We have had much cause for cheerfulness and thankfulness.