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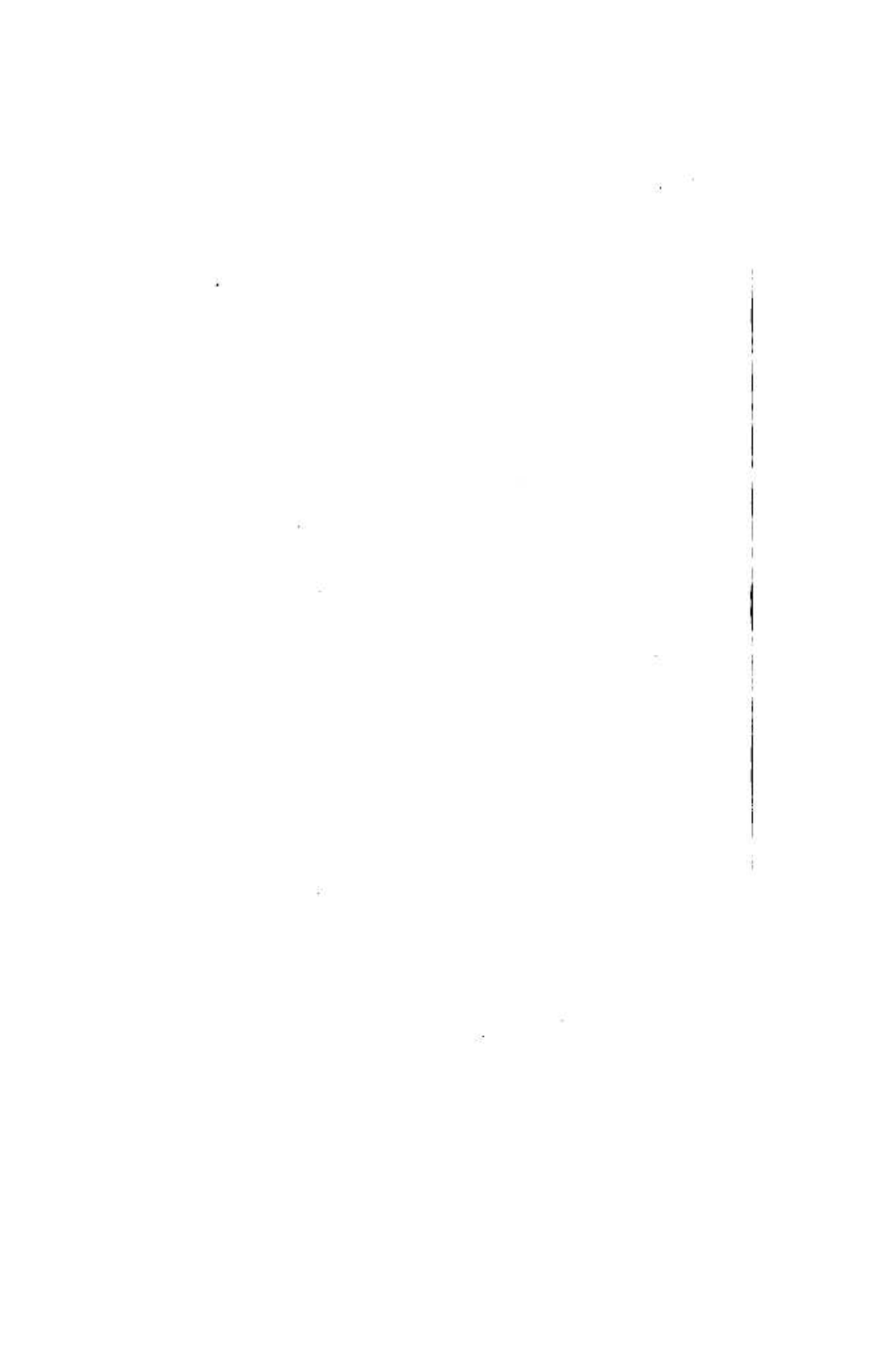
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## PREFACE.

MANY of the following papers were read at meetings of the Institute; others were written for this publication by gentlemen having special knowledge of the respective subjects. The papers cover a fairly wide area, but it has not been considered necessary to deal separately with long established and well known industries. However, these, as well as other industries which could not for various reasons be treated independently, are touched upon in the closing paper, where Professor CARMODY, late President of the Institute, gives a complete view of "Industrial Trinidad."

The Board of Management desire to heartily thank all who have assisted in this publication, the first of its kind issued in the Colony:—the contributors of papers; the Government, for kindly undertaking the printing; and His Excellency the Governor, Sir ALFRED MOLONEY, K.C.M.G., for his deep and unflagging interest in this work, as well as in the general work of the Institute.





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# THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE.

## DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

His Excellency Sir ALFRED MOLONEY, K.C.M.G., Presiding.



ON Friday 6th February, 1903, at the Victoria Institute, His Excellency Sir Alfred Moloney, K.C.M.G., presided at the annual distribution of prizes and certificates to the students of the classes of that institution. During the early part of the afternoon, painting, art and fancy needlework, done by the students, were exhibited in the class room, and were very much admired by the numerous spectators. At the function in the evening fully 500 persons were seated, among them being the *élite* of Port-of-Spain. His Excellency, Lady Moloney and party arrived at about 8.30, and were received by Professor P. Carmody, President of the Institute and the Hon. R. H. McCarthy.

Professor Carmody, in the course of his remarks, said: Ever since the arrival of His Excellency and Lady Moloney they had taken a deep and personal interest in the working of the Victoria Institute, and that night, for the first time, they were inaugurating the ceremony of distributing prizes to the successful students of the classes, and in some cases certificates to those who had not been fortunate enough in obtaining prizes. He thought that His Excellency and Lady Moloney would be pleased to hear of the success of the classes and of the progress which had been made in the institution in which they had taken so deep an interest. The classes, they knew, were first of all of a commercial nature, including Spanish, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Type-writing and English Composition. They also had classes for Needlework, Dress-making and a few others, which, although not so very profitable in a commercial sense, were useful in their own way: there were Painting Choral Music and Physical Culture, the last of which had

been started quite recently. This year they had enrolled in the various classes 429 students, as compared with 258 last year. (Cheers.) Of the 258 that attended the classes last year, 221 submitted themselves for examination, and that, they would see, was a very large proportion. His Excellency and Lady Moloney had come there for the purpose of distributing the prizes and of giving a few words of encouragement to those who were attending the classes. He might say that the prizes had not been bought out of the funds of the Institute; they had for the most part been contributed by persons whose names he was not at liberty to mention, but who were principally merchants in town. (Cheers.) He mentioned that to shew that the work they were undertaking was fully sympathised with by the commercial community. (Cheers.) Spanish was of much importance in Trinidad, and the merchants were very anxious to encourage it. With that object in view, one of them had promised a prize of \$20 to the first student in the advanced class, and \$10 to the second student in the same class. (Cheers.) Others had taken an interest in the class of dress-making, which was a subject of very great importance to every lady, and that class was very well attended indeed. Another merchant had given a very nice sewing machine as a present to the lady who took the first prize in dress-making. (Cheers.) In connection with the future of the Institute, one of the merchants in town offered the other day to lay aside a sum of money which would bring in \$50 a year interest to be used for starting a bursary for the successful students of the Institute. He was quite sure that he would not be right in suppressing the name of the generous donor in this case; it was Mr. Smith of the "Bonanza." (Cheers.) They had also received marks of sympathy in other directions. The hall of that memorial wing was built by contributions from merchants, and to a certain extent from persons more or less connected with the colony. On that very evening they had received a further mark of appreciation from a gentleman in no way connected with the Colony. They had received a promise of £50 from the Resident Director of the Margarita Pearl Fishing Company. (Loud cheers.) With regard to Short-hand and Type-writing, the Government had been kind enough to encourage the latter class by giving them two type-writing machines. There had been a certain amount of bad fortune attending those machines. He only mentioned that because he wanted to tell the students of the