

vice on Sabbath evening and in the Sabbath School.

We have had two examinations this year. One, a public examination, was held in April before closing for the Easter holidays; and the Inspector's, for result fees, in October, at which, of the scholars who had made over 200 attendances, 39 passed in the standards, and 17 infants.

The Hon. Mr. Fenwick, a manager of the school, intimated the Governor's intention to visit us on the 19th inst., but later His Excellency found that he had to postpone his visit until early in next year.

On Christmas morning we had a meeting in the church for the children of all the schools. There were about 300 present. Before going to the church we distributed about one hundred of those little suits, sent from the ladies' societies at home, to the little ones who had come in very untidy from the estates. I am sure it would have gladdened the hearts of these ladies could they have seen the improvement in the appearance of the bright little recipients. When they had dressed themselves they all came into the church. After a short service some of the children were examined in the Shorter Catechism, for which prizes had been offered, and then cakes and candy were given. One little boy about four years old, from Petit Morn Estate, stood up and recited the tables of weights and measures, and also gave a short recitation first in English then in Hindustani.

Of course I render all the assistance in my power in the Sabbath School, and several of the more intelligent boys of the school have been baptized during the year. I like the work. It is very interesting. Generally on Sunday afternoons I visit some of the families connected with the Mission with a view to be useful.

My home is very comfortable. Mr. and Mrs. Grant are exceedingly kind to me.

I am, yours faithfully.

TISSIE COPELAND.

BIBLE SOCIETY WORK IN CHINA.

During the year 1834 the agents of the British and Foreign Bible Society distributed in North China 51,613 copies of Scriptures, in part or in whole, reckoning Bibles in four vols., and Old Testament in three vols., as one copy respectively. It is most remarkable to notice that, of this

very large total, only 190 copies were given gratuitously. The total circulation of the above society over all China in 1884 was over 275,000 volumes. We have more than once felt compelled to acknowledge the immense missionary force this great society has wielded and is wielding in China. The above numbers speak for themselves, and they are not all. The additional fact must be remembered that, engaged in this great work, there is a large body of able and efficient agents, foreign and native, who commend, by their constant addresses, the glorious Gospel of God's grace revealed in His precious Word.—*Nel.*

CHRISTIAN GENTLENESS.

A heathen who stood in a crowd in Calcutta, listening to a missionary disputing with a Brahmin, said he knew which was right; though he did not understand the language. He knew he was in the wrong who lost his temper first. For the most part, this is a very accurate way of judging. Try to avoid debating with people. State your opinion and let them state theirs. If you see that a stick is crooked, and you want people to see how crooked it is, lay a straight rod beside it; that will be quite enough. But if you are drawn into controversy, use very hard arguments and very soft words. Frequently you cannot convince a man by tugging at his reason; but you can persuade him by winning his affections.—*Spurgeon.*

In 1881 Presbyterian mission-stations in the Northwest numbered barely 120; now 340. Since 1832, there have been erected in the mission fields 55 new churches, 11 manses, and three church manses, at a cost of not less than \$160,000. Within four years, families and communicants have trebled, and contributions (despite the general severe depression) quintupled. The area of settlement is about 30,000,000 acres and the population less than 200,000. There are at present three self sustaining congregations without pastors, and 1200 families of our Church without any supply.—*Witness.*

The true Christian is like the sun, which pursues its noiseless track, and everywhere leaves the effect of his beams in a blessing upon the world around him.—*Luther.*