

on their heads, to repair the roads ; for this they get 8c., 12c. or 16c. per day, according to their ages. Coolies are so fond of money they will not allow their children to go to school if they can get work, but I am glad to say they come to Sabbath School, and are becoming more deeply interested in it. I am sure you would be delighted if you could see our school full of these little brown children (who a short time ago had never heard the name of Jesus) and hear them repeat the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, and singing sweetly the hymn,

“ With humble heart and tongue,
To Thee, my God, I pray ;
Oh, lead me now, while I am young,
To Christ, the living way.”

They sing a number of Hindi hymns very correctly.

Maulla and Somera, of whom I wrote to Mrs. Harvie, are still at school and doing well.

The Hague day and Sabbath schools have been well attended during the year. There are about eighty children on the roll. At the last examination, several boys were able to repeat the “Golden Texts” for the previous half year. The school is situated quite close to the Coolie ranges, and the attendance of the children is much more easily secured than at Nitolut, where the school is a mile from the estates buildings. In rainy weather, such as we have here, it would be quite impossible for little half-naked children to go to school such a distance.

We have just passed through the rainy season, which was an unusually long and severe one. Our schools kept up pretty well through it all.

I presume you will have heard, before this reaches you, that we have lost by death, this year, one of the best supporters of the mission in Demerara, the Hon. W. Russell. He provided us with schools and teachers, and contributed £100 a year towards Mr. Gibson's salary. We hope his partner will continue to do as he did, if not, it will be a heavy blow to the mission, the funds of which are very low.

The ladies of the W. Coast are very busy preparing for a bazaar to be held in September, at the house of Mr. Minty (Mr. Russell's successor), in aid of the Coolie Mission. Mrs. Minty has very kindly undertaken all the responsibility in connection with it, which is a great deal. I hope it may be a success, as much depends on it. We have made and collected a lot of useful and fancy articles, if we can only get them disposed of. Mrs.