

surplus which you wish to invest profitably in the Master's service, the Providence school is an object worthy of consideration.

At Calcutta village, about three and a-half miles distant from Couva village, we have built a very nice school-house, with money borrowed by agreement of the Mission Council. The land, school-house, and furniture cost \$334.98. This of course is not a heavy debt in such a large field as Couva, yet it is very satisfactory to be able to lift such ornaments from our buildings as speedily as possible. Application has been made to have this school placed on the list of Government assisted schools. This school has no aid from proprietors. The people of the village are free people, *i. e.*; they have finished their term of indenture and have obtained small grants of land, but have not worked them long enough to make much money, so they cannot aid much. In this school there are some very bright boys. Mr. Wright says that yesterday the children recited very accurately the first twenty-five answers to questions in the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

Last Sabbath I accompanied Mr. Wright and Abraham Lincoln (the Interpreter) to California, where we have a service every Sunday at mid-day. There were very many people present; one of the Overseers at Esperanza was there. The service was truly interesting. The people repeated the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. They sang several of their "bhajans"; of course I did not understand them. Their music is wild; it appears to give expression to all shades of feeling. Some of the tunes are pretty, but perfectly indescribable.

Mr. Wright read the lessons in Hindi quite fluently. I had a conversation with the Overseer, after service; he bore this testimony:—These Christian coolies give us no trouble; they do as they are told and do it well; it pays to Christianize our coolies.

The people were catechized on the sermon and said some catechism in Hindi, which I did not understand. They answered some questions on leading points of theology. A man of 40 years and a woman of 30, who are shortly to be married, were baptized. Then the benediction was pronounced and salaams exchanged, and the people went away to their own homes.

The estate officers and their wives are very cordial and kind; we have received some very substantial aid from them

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