

the poor young man has threatened to leave off coming to church, commence to smoke tobacco, leave the island, or drown himself, if she will not become his wife. The girl, unable to stand the constant persecution of her advisers any longer, consents to marry him. If the marriage takes place, a month thereafter 'tis found out they are not living happily, and if she is the cause of it, the friends gather to "tas ehelen" (give her a good talking to), and she hears all they have to say, and then informs them they are the cause of all this trouble, for they talked her into the compact, and she never loved the man, and only said so at the time to please them, but it was not from her heart, but only from her lips out.

In my next I will give a description of a happy courtship and marriage ceremony, where there were no opposition and no match-making, and hence nothing to cloud the sun-shine of their happy home is ever heard of.

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To the Board of Foreign Missions Presbyterian Church L. P. B. N. A.

Another year has passed to its account, and your Board looks for a report of its labours and their results. I have abundant reason to be thankful for health to labour, and I confidently leave results to the Master whom I serve.

REVIEW.

Your Board will remember that once on each Sabbath I preach to the small English-speaking congregation here, that on Thursday afternoon I give religious instruction to the children of the Ward school, and that we hold a weekly prayer-meeting.—Part of my time was also given to the COOLIE SCHOOL here, but not so much as on previous years; as other work pressed for attention and Soodeen proved trustworthy. The average attendance at the Coolie school shows a slight decrease on that of last year, arising principally from the fact that a number of the boys have grown large enough to find profitable employment, and thus to be of considerable assistance to their parents. It is not at all strange that in these circumstances they were sent to work and that the school suffered. It is our intention, however, when the school is reopened after the holidays, to change the hours, so as to give these boys at least an hour or two in school each day. You are aware how much Selal's conduct grieved us. His mother a week or two ago offered to pay Soodeen to give him a lesson late in

the afternoon, so that he might be able to continue work on the Estate and yet get a lesson every day. I hope, therefore, that the proposed arrangement will be appreciated. Some of the boys who appeared backward at first have been making good progress. Among these there is a very well-behaved lad whose Coolie name is Bauka, who was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church before we came here and bears the christian name of John Dharm. His attendance has been very regular, and he is now, I think, the best reader the school has produced. Notwithstanding discouragements, those who know the circumstances consider the school successful.

ADULTS.

Considerable attention has been devoted to the adults. Nearly every Sabbath in the year an average of 35 have assembled in the church here for worship. Every second Sabbath an early meeting was held at Palmyra Estate, with an average attendance of 24. And on the alternate Sabbath morning I held a meeting at "The Lothians." Some years ago there was a school on this Estate, and I found that several of the boys could read a little and were anxious to learn more. A Coolie who can read Nāgāri had formed a class to be taught by him gratuitously. Eleven were attending this class every evening after their work.—I was pleased to find that under him they were making progress in reading and writing their own language. To these and some four or five others I have been giving a lesson in English every Wednesday evening, and they form a class for religious instruction when I hold service on the Estate. Seven or eight of them were baptized some years ago by the Church of England Bishop. The proprietor takes an interest in our work, and gives me every encouragement. I hope we may soon be able to do something more satisfactory for the instruction of these young people.

HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION.

During the greater part of the year a meeting was held in the hospital at Malgretoute Estate. For the last three months this meeting has been changed from a week day to noon on Sabbath. This secures the attendance of some of the Estate people in addition to the patients, and has given an average of about 30. During the last month I began a weekly service in the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando. The attendance has been from 45 to 55. You will thus see that my regular work on Sabbath is three Coolie services and an English one, and two Coolie meetings and an English one during the week. I also paid ten visits to the convicts at Irois penal settlement, holding service in Hindustani and English each time. This outline was filled up by