

called to rest from his labors, states that thirty-nine adults had been baptized and ten received into full communion, and that about 600 children were receiving instruction in the schools.

Mr. Gibson married a lady resident in Demerara, who took a great interest in his work, and did what she could to carry it on after his death, and letters of hers written for the LEAFLET give the last details which have come to my knowledge of the work begun by her husband. In one, dated May, 1890, she acknowledges the receipt of a box sent by the ladies of the Ottawa Presbyterian Society, containing gifts for the schools, and tells of the delight of the children receiving them. She says: "If the kind ladies could only have seen the beaming countenances of the little folk on the day of distribution, it would have rewarded them in some measure for their labor. The dolls, as usual, were in great demand, some of the tiny boys preferring them to any others of the numerous toys. Lydia, the most clever of my scholars, left the coast a few weeks ago. I was sorry to lose her, she was so bright and intelligent. She is about eight years old and can read both English and Hindi very nicely. She is the daughter of Christian parents, and I hope she may yet be a worker in the Master's service. I sent her her well-deserved share of the Canadian gifts."

In a letter written a few months later, Mrs. Gibson says: "You will, I have no doubt, be glad to hear that, at our last communion in the parish church, there were thirty coolie communicants present. Before the Canadian Church commenced its good work here, so far as I am aware, a Coolie communicant in a Presbyterian church was unheard of. Our minister regrets greatly the withdrawal of the Canadian support, and would much like to see one or two Canadian ladies laboring among the women and children for whom so very little is being done."

Lack of funds to meet the necessary expenses of the work seems to be the chief, if not the only, drawback to its extension, the report of the Presbyterian Mission Council of the Colony stating, at the time of Mr. Gibson's death, that though Foreign Mission work had been brought to their doors, the members of their churches were not yet sufficiently interested to give it the encouragement and support which was essential to its success, and they could only hope that the prevailing apathy might soon be succeeded by a warmth and interest which would result in the advancement of the kingdom of Christ in their midst.