

the effects of Thomas Bissessors work in the Fyzabad district.

One day the missionary was visiting the school, milk was brought in for his refreshment, he had enough and to spare and shared it with the children. In passing it round there was only one cup, and he noticed that not one of the school children put the cup to his lips until with folded hands and closed eyes he had offered his little prayer to God. 'Whether therefore ye eat or drink,' &c.

The Missionary proposed moving a lad of 16 to another District to be placed under another helper. The Father of the boy objected, after some delay he ascertained that the ground of his objections was, that the helper to whom the transfer was to be made had on one occasion been seen at a gathering of Coolies where sleight of hand feats, &c., were performed, and the father who was a Christian feared that his boy would be spoiled if he consented to the proposal. What a blessing it would be to the children if all Christian parents were as careful.

Under the same instructor is Kokoram a man of simple faith and unusual earnestness. He came out and from his friends and neighbors the separation was real they all forsook him, and threw the odium of the advance of the new religion on his head. Kokoram not only patiently endured but openly and earnestly told what he knew when he could get any to listen. He sent his boys, aged 6 and 8 respectively two miles to school, half the distance was by a narrow path, through a tangled jungle where there was a liability at any moment to find a serpent stretched across the way, he himself going in the evenings when the labours of the day were over to receive instruction, and often remaining till a late hour. Sickness invaded the family, his eldest daughter of 10 years died, and then his second son. He groaned under his affliction and when he rose up, sold one of his two cows or \$40.00 and gave the whole amount to the work of the mission, as a thank offer-

ing that his dear departed children had learned the name of Jesus.

In entering his house you do not need to propose reading the word or having prayer, he is sure to anticipate you. Let Christians who watch the progress of the Lord's work praise him for his converting grace, let them entreat too, that these dear Christian converts may never lose the freshness and ardour of their first love.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

In the last issue, was mentioned the opening of the assembly, and one or two of the matters that had come before it during its earlier sessions.

On the third day was presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath observance. A bill on the subject was introduced last winter into the Dominion Legislature, but never got beyond a first reading. The form of Sabbath desecration which is most prominent and persistent is the working of railways on the Sabbath, the Canadian Pacific being built every day in the week, as if there were no Christian Sabbath.

Following this there is the running of passenger trains, excursions, &c., all tending to lower the moral tone of the country with regard to the Sabbath. There was long and earnest discussion, when the following resolution was passed unanimously.

'That the report be adopted, and that the assembly express its strong disapprobation of the various forms of Sabbath profanation mentioned therein, especially the running of trains, making up of mail matter, holding funerals unnecessarily, etc., and the assembly hereby urges on persons within the Church to abstain from and discountenance these several forms of Sabbath profanation.'

The next important item of business was the reception of reports on Foreign Missions, that of the Eastern Section was given in full in our last issue. A large and enthusiastic public meeting was held at which addresses were given by Messrs. Grant, Robertson and Campbell.

The Assembly resolved that the unification of the Foreign Mission work of the church is desirable, and appointed a committee to arrange the details. This is a matter that will likely come before our Synod in the autumn.

A resolution was also passed, granting \$2500 from the funds of the western