

Coolies, I bestowed more attention upon them, and the number in attendance now of children, is about 30. The adults vary, say an average of ten. Here we do what we can to interest, instruct and impress. But my labors are not confined to the school.—As I am now struggling with the difficulties of a strange tongue, I much prefer teaching in my own house, or from house to house; and this work has been prosecuted with a measure of success. Several boys have come to our house from day to day to be instructed in reading, and have made gratifying progress, and in families in which I was coldly received a few weeks ago, I am now welcomed. But I can report something even more positive.

A REMARKABLE YOUTH.

About the beginning of the New Year, I obtained a lad in his 17th year, whom I regard as a gift from the Lord. His name is Aziz Ahmud. His father occupies a respectable position as a teacher in the city of Lucknow, India. Aziz was an only son, well instructed, highly indulged. From unkindness at the hand of his step mother he formed the resolution to quit his home. He travelled to Calcutta, and finding a ship about to leave for Trinidad with Coolie emigrants, he embarked too. He arrived here in April 1870, and shortly after found himself plying with his hoe in the "cane piece." The work to him was altogether new. The allowance for a task is 25 cents, and it often took him three days to accomplish one. There he remained for about eight months, and often has he said to me, "Ah I was in very trouble!" Weak, disheartened, and unable to do his task, he would fall down and cry to Allah, for he was educated in the Mahomedan faith.

About the time of our arrival here, the Agent General of Immigrants received a letter from his father, imploring him to take an interest in his boy, and as Mr. Morton had obtained the promise of a grant for a Coolie school in San Fernando from the Governor, the Agent General, Dr. Mitchell, transferred the boy to me. He came penniless and in rags, but how true, "the mind's the measure of the man." He had received a good education for his years. His mother tongue is the high Urdu, a dialect of the Hindustani, but he can make himself quite intelligible to those who have only the Hindi dialect. He speaks also the Parsee and can read the Arabic. For two years he studied the English language in school, and has acquired not only a fair knowledge of words, but also of the grammatical construction of the language. But with all his attainments he was entirely ignorant of the Gospel. I did what I could to awaken his interest in the book of God, and finding him clear, searching, thorough,

I devoted from two to three hours daily in instructing him in the Bible. He never wearied. He listened attentively, read with avidity, and I believe soon began to pray devoutly; and now I am persuaded if examined side by side with some of our young men at home of the same age, who have been from earliest years under parental training and Christian instruction, he would put hundreds of them to shame. Farther, his demeanour is such as becometh the Gospel. He is not only intelligent but devout, reverent. He always goes with me to interpret, and I can say as Brainard said of his interpreter, that the truth lost nothing of its power by the medium through which it was conveyed. Farther, God has endowed him with a kind, winning disposition, which renders him a favourite with his countrymen. Will you not unite with us in thanking God for Aziz Ahmud.—Desirous of retaining him for a season on probation, I did not propose baptizing him, but recently in reading the Acts of the apostles he noticed the connection between believing and being baptized, and when I counselled delay he urged the readiness with which the apostles complied. I consulted with Mr. Morton, and we have resolved to administer the ordinance on the second Sabbath March.

ANOTHER INQUIRER.

Another young man, a shopkeeper here upon whom Mr. Lambert has bestowed considerable care, and with whom I have been in daily contact, is to be baptized on the same day. He is acknowledged by all to be a most exemplary young man. These, with one or two others who have been baptized in India, will constitute a nucleus around which I trust ere long not a few will rally. I have now a few other promising young men under instruction. They come to our house to be taught.

THE SCHOOL.

I may mention that the Coolie school referred to in my last has been opened this week. We have three teachers, I should rather say monitors. I take charge, but I think the teachers will do very well by and by. Four days ago we opened with 16—to-day we had 30 present. With the allowance made by the Government, together with the aid which generous friends here will give, I have no doubt but the whole expense of the school will be met. Our Sabbath school and religious services will be conducted in the same building in which we keep our daily school. The annual cost of the building is \$165. As it was formerly a store, the expenses of fitting it up this year is about \$20 additional.

GOOD PROSPECTS.

I am full of hope as to the success of our