

For the Young People.

Dear children, home is a lonely place when you are not there. The sitting room seems to want something if there are no little chairs. The bedroom is incomplete if there is no little bed by which little prayers are prayed and on which little dreams are dreamed. The table lacks something if there is no little mug or cup for little mouths. The house noise wants music if there is no patter of little feet nor clatter of little voices. The church looks gloomy without little folks filling up the gaps in the pews, and our thoughts of a better world are the brighter because Jesus has said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." If room can be made at the table I don't like to see the children have to wait until they grow up before they can sit down and eat with older people, and I do not wish you to wait for years before you can feel that the paper with whatever food may be spread upon it is for you. I want you to feel that some of it is for your own selves just as much as the other parts of it are for your fathers and mothers and elder brothers and sisters, and in spreading my table I try to get just as good food to put upon your part of it as upon theirs, and will give you, to begin with, a letter from Mr. Alex. Campbell, teacher in Couva, to the S. School at his home in Pictou County.—ED.

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Dear Friends:

I was happily surprised, a few days ago on receiving a letter from home, stating that you had collected \$5.00 in your Sabbath School, in aid of our Coolie Sabbath school in Trinidad, and shortly afterwards received the money through the Mission Agency. Now as you have so speedily complied with my request I think it is right for me, in return, to give you a brief description of our work, and how we spend the money.

The people of India, as you are already aware, worship idols, and their minds from youth are so filled with heathen super-

stitions that it is hard to get them turned out of the old rut of their fathers, and especially turned out of it into the "way of salvation." Most of them are very ignorant, and consequently believe the most absurd traditions which can be conceived by their Babagees and Pandits.

These Babagees are of the Brahmin caste and are looked upon with a kind of veneration by the common people. A great many of them make a living by going around on Sabbath, reading their heathen books and holding sacrificial services among the people, after which they take up a collection which keeps them quite comfortable till next Sabbath. Like the Romish church their stronghold is ignorance, in which if they can keep the people they are sure of success. They are a great drawback to our work, having such an influence over the people; and they look on christianity as a sort of intrusion on their religious rights, which in reality it is, looking at it from their standpoint. For we with christianity bring in education, and these once rooted in the mind of the Hindoos, sap the heart out of their heathen folly.

As you can see it is rather difficult to make much impression on the old people, therefore we gather the young people together, principally the young men and boys for like all heathen nations they look on their women as slaves and think they need no instruction. These we teach in the day school in reading, writing, arithmetic, etc., with religious instruction daily. Some of them study their own language, others prefer English as it is the language used by the overseers and managers on the estates. Some of the young men work on the estates half a day and come to school the other half.

The main object in school is to get them to read the Bible, and of course understand what they read.

On Sabbath we visit the hospitals and have meetings in the church something similar to what you have at home.

Some time ago we started a morning Sabbath school, and found the funds rather weak to furnish Sabbath reading for those