

an undertaking, as it was then late in October, and we should require at least 160. I bought the cloth however (a pretty bright print), and cut the articles required, and I was ably assisted in the making of them by the following ladies, who kindly offered their aid:—Mrs. Herriot, Mrs. Binns, Mrs. Minty, Mrs. Matthers, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Henderson and Miss Norah Shannon. The last mentioned, a child of nine, made six overall pinafores very neatly. On Christmas Eve we distributed the clothing, and gave 190 children a treat of buns and sweets. There were several ladies and gentlemen present, who were much pleased with the children's behaviour on the occasion. Amongst the visitors was an amateur photographer, who took pictures of the schoolhouse and children. The former is fairly good, but the children did not come out well, as they were simply huddled together, there being no time to arrange them. I shall send you a copy of each, so that you may have some idea of the school and scholars. On the day after our treat there were 211 children at Sabbath school. We should have liked very much to have given the Sabbath school children prizes of some kind, but we could not afford it this year. I am sure a little encouragement in this way would do much toward securing regular attendance. Coolie children with few exceptions dislike school, and their parents encourage them in this feeling, and often hide them underneath beds, in barrels or boxes, to prevent their being taken. We have great hope however that many of them will outlive this aversion. During the holidays we have been speaking to some of the children on this estate, and they seem anxious for school to reopen. In the early part of the year I spent all my spare time learning Hindustani and teaching two of the most clever boys in the Nitvlugt school. They came to me daily in the afternoon, and I taught them reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar and geography, and read with them "Line Upon Line." They made very satisfactory progress, and are now monitors in the school. Mr. Gibson and I are much pleased with these two boys, and trust they may continue in well-doing. Maullabaccus, the younger of the two, when I showed him a pretty straw hat with bright blue band, and told him I intended to give it to him at Christmas, did not look so pleased as I expected, and I was puzzled to know why. In two or three days after he came and said that he and Somera would rather have a copy each of "Line Upon Line" than anything else for Christmas. I cannot tell you how pleased and encouraged we were to hear this. We gave them the books, and our sincere prayer is that the Spirit may accompany the truths therein contained, and bring forth fruit in the hearts of