

little boys begged for "babies," as they called them. Mr. Stephen, I presume, will give an account of both distributions in his annual report, and I shall ask him to forward a copy to you. The Mission work is now being carried on under his supervision by a catechist and teachers.

WEST COAST COOLIE MISSION.

About the close of last year, a number of ladies in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, sent a large number of prizes and presents for the pupils attending the Coolie Schools on the West Coast. Owing to the sad death of the Rev. J. Gibson, the distribution had to be postponed. The first distribution took place on February 7, at Uitvlugt School. Mrs. Gibson presided, aided by Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Herriot, Miss Nora Shannon and the Rev. G. Stephen. The second distribution took place at Hague School on Monday last. There were present 150 children, with many of their parents. The prizes and presents consisted of clothing, books, dolls, toys, etc. Mrs. Gibson was unfortunately unable to be present, but the work of distribution was effectively performed by Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Henderson and Miss Nora Shannon.

Thereafter the children adjourned to Mr. Thorpe's house, where they were regaled with buns and sweets. Before parting, three cheers were given to the kind ladies in Canada, also to the ladies present, and to Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe.—*Extract from Demerara Newspaper.*

There were about 230 children at the Uitvlugt School who received prizes. There were more than 300 on the Sunday-School roll.

The Sioux and Cree Children at Boarding School.

INDIAN SCHOOL, BIRTLE, APRIL 27TH.

MISS MACLAREN.—My brother received a letter from you some time ago. He told me that he had written, giving some of the information desired, but had left the question of *clothing* to me. My only excuse for not writing earlier in the month is, we