

places in a tiny railway van, about 5 ft. x 6, drawn by a mule which seemed to understand every word of French spoken by the Bengalee Coolie who drove it. This carried us five miles up the valley at the distance of a mile from our destination.

Prominent on the hill-side, we could see the one Coolie School house, of St. Lucia. When we reached the foot of the hill we were delighted to hear "There is a happy Land" and to be greeted at the school house by over forty dark-eyed, bright faced children. I felt as if I had always known these children, and when I talked to them in their own language they looked as though they would soon know me. We spent three hours and a half in the school broken only by an hour for breakfast. After breakfast one boy whose shirt I had remarked as being very dirty came with a clean one. Mr. Cropper said to him "So you have got another shirt." "No," replied another boy "he has only one shirt, but he washed and dried it while you were at breakfast." Every boy and girl who had attended well received a new garment from those sent us from Nova Scotia—doubtless sewed by some of your readers. Three were too small for any of the garments but were promised suitable ones within a few days. In the meantime one at least of them had a hearty cry over the matter.

When the children had been dismissed the adults who had been under the instruction of the teacher Sadaphal and of Tageshwar the government Interpreter (both Trinidad boys) came in with a few others making a company of thirty. Of these, eight were candidates for baptism. After praise and prayer I preached to them from Acts xvii 22-31, Of God the Creator—dependent on none—sustaining all—near to all—to be worshipped, not by images, but in spirit—by all everywhere—to be sought after by prayer, with repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus.

After another hymn, led by one of the applicants for baptism and joined in by many, questions were invited, which led to a pointed address on sin and the way of Salvation. Candidates were then examined as to their acquaintance with and acceptance of the principal doctrines of the Christian faith, and addressed as to the Spirit in which they should enter upon the new life. At the close of the Service we announced that we would return on Sabbath (the 7th) when the accepted candi-

dates would receive baptism. We then returned by the tiny van and mounted our horses at dusk to climb over the Morne by moonlight. I thought I had little to gain in the way of experience as to roads and riding, but from the factory to the summit of the Morne was certainly the roughest and steepest road I had ever passed at night. A heavy shower compelled us to take shelter and delayed our arrival at Castries and the dinner table till 8 o'clock p. m.

On Sunday, Nov. 7th, I left with Mr. Cropper for Crown Lands at 7.30, a. m. We were so delayed by rain and its consequences that we only reached the school house, 6½ miles distant, at noon. We arranged as many children as possible on the writing desks around the wall, packed the men on the benches and the women on the floor as closely as we could till a space of about two feet by six was all that was left for ourselves—even the gallery before the door being crowded. Names were first selected for eight men, and after appropriate services they were baptized. A woman came next, her husband engaging to continue her instruction—then those children whose parents or near relatives had been baptized—then other children whose parents, though not yet prepared to be themselves baptized, came forward and gave them up to the Christian band to be baptized and instructed, which trust and responsibility the Christians present solemnly accepted. I will not trouble you with their Indian names, which we require them to retain as a surname; but the following list of their Christian names may be interesting: Joshua, David, Henry, Charles, James, John, Clarence, Jacob, Sarah, Peter, Thomas, Albert, Robert, Lawrence, George, William, Herbert, Joseph, Edward.

As the children were now weary and the crowding was excessive we gave an interval of twenty minutes, after which the place was comfortably filled for another very enjoyable service, when the last on our list, Edward Gaya, who had walked from the Morne, a distance of five miles, was baptized. This made in all 9 men, 1 woman and 9 children, the first fruits of mission work in St. Lucia.

At 4 p. m. we bade farewell to Crown Lands most thankful for what we had been permitted to see and do there. The school-house is to be enlarged immediately