

year?" The best answer to this would be to allow the unlucky enquirer the privilege of sitting in the present school room during a wet season shower. After flitting from bench to bench in the vain endeavor to keep dry, and taking observations of the weather through the holes in the roof, he would be decidedly of the opinion that we had better build at once, and, doubtless, he would put his hand in his pocket, too.

Since writing you last we have received notice of a donation of \$30 from the W.F.M.S. of Kingston, Ont. What would we do without the women? Let no one for a moment suppose that there is any implied reflection here. Gentlemen do sometimes surprise us in the same way. Only last week a young gentleman of West River, N. S., sent us \$5 to buy "tools" with.

One of our young men, John Allahdua, with his wife and two little ones, has gone to live at the Island of St. Lucia as Hindustani interpreter. We are sorry to part with them, but hope they will be made useful there; there is abundant opportunity. There are about 1,300 Coolies on the Island, but none of them understood English, nor could anyone speak to them in Hindustani. Allahdua is very steady and well behaved, but he never developed any capacity for school work. He was a pupil in our first Mission School.

My work among the women is going on as usual. It is a work from which much visible fruit may not be expected and especially in a new field such as this. There are so many different places to be visited that we cannot see the same people very often. At Orange Grove Estate, which has had fortnightly services for a long time, we were not satisfied with the attendance. A good many children came and those of the sick who were able to walk from the Estate Hospital, about 100 yards off, but very few came out from the barracks; we therefore changed our plan, and instead of calling them out, we go to their homes, while our

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