

found ourselves confronted by a black stone about four feet high, placed upright in the centre of a grass plot. On one side of it was inscribed a square divided into compartments like a multiplication table, with a Tamil letter in each division. This we found to have been erected by some Saunyassees in former days, and the use to which it is applied is the following:—When cattle are sick they are taken thither. Water is then poured abundantly upon the stone, and through the pool which thus collects, at the base of it, the diseased bullocks are led. We did not, however, hear of any restorative power being exercised by this ceremony.

When we began to sing, the people soon came round us, and then Narrayana, Patcha, and I, made known the gospel to them. In approaching our great subject we naturally and necessarily spoke of their sin and error in worshipping idols. They seemed a simple, ignorant people, and but little disposed to argue for their usages. One young man, however, maintained that the village-idol was divine, on the ground that if a lime or fruit were placed in front of it, it would after a time be found to have changed its position. The doctrine of Christ fell upon their ears as strange tidings, but though respectful to us, they had little inquiry among them. We found only one boy who could read, and gave him a tract. We left them with the sorrowful feeling that they were sunk in much ignorance, which we hope, in future visits, effectually to assail.—*Children's Record.*

A LAUDABLE EXAMPLE.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL, QUEBEC.

Among the many instances of juvenile efforts in the cause of the Shepherd of the Flock, we are glad to be enabled to state, that the children attending St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Quebec, recently decided to do somewhat towards aiding deserving young men to qualify themselves for the sacred office of the ministry. They accordingly took up a collection for the purpose, which realized the handsome sum of upwards of £20. Out of this they have appropriated £12 10s for a bursary to a Student at Queen's College, and intend to continue it. This is right. These children may thus help some deserving youth to the ministry, and much good may be the result. We trust that while they contribute their pence, they will also pray for the young men, to whom their offerings are appropriated. We are glad to see such an effort prosper. May there not be some among our