

the way is a Canadian, and resides in Toronto.

I may mention, farther that we contributed to the support of a Coolie monitor in a Ward School to the extent of twenty-four dollars as an experiment. We hoped to induce the children to come from the Estate to the Ward School, but after persevering for six months we gave it up, feeling that we had signally failed, and convinced that Estate Schools must do the preparatory work.

In the six Schools under my care which receive no aid from Government, religious instruction is daily given. Twenty-five pupils daily read the Scriptures, who did not know the alphabet when these Schools were opened. We aim in reading the Scriptures at something higher than a correct pronunciation. The children are growing in knowledge, and in the fear of the Lord, and avoid evil, I believe from a higher principle than one more highly favored, who one day at my elbow was pouring out a volley of oaths, but when reminded of his wickedness, he humbly begged pardon, saying "I did not know you were a parson."

Our San Fernando School is doing well, but during school hours no religious instruction is given. On every Tuesday evening the children come to the Church for religious instruction. About 50 usually attend, but the Sabbath School is the most efficient agency.

#### A SABBATH DAY'S WORK.

From 8 to 9½—Sabbath School; from 11 to 12½—service for Scotch Congregation; from 1 to 2—English service for children; from 2 to 3½—assisting Mr. Morton in the Hindostani service. Evening spent either on an Estate or in breaking the Bread of Life from door to door.

In our Sabbath School we enrolled 120, our largest attendance 100, daily average 75. In this work we were aided by several young men of the Scotch Congregation, by some of our converts as well as by Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Grant. This is a deeply interesting part of our work, and if in the Providence of God I should ever again labour at home, I would watch more carefully over the Sabbath School even though I should preach less. Often a little after sunrise we have heard the little ones singing their hymns in the House of God awaiting the hour for school. From a home stand point, this may not appear strange, but it must be borne in mind that up till the hour of nine o'clock the street is all astir. Market is open, in all the petty shops people are buying and selling, yet through all this commotion our little folks wend their way to the Sabbath School, neat and clean generally, and many with

the Bible in hand. We have prosecuted a connected course of Bible instruction, generally taking up a Scripture character and filling up the historical gap with oral instructions, and reviewing every Sabbath and on Tuesday evenings. The interest has been well sustained and the progress of the pupils very encouraging. The attendance daily of Asiatics for the year was from 55 to 60, many of the more advanced rarely missing a Sabbath. At the end of each quarter special notice was taken of those who were present 13 Sabbaths. We are under great obligation to the managing committee of the Book and Tract Depository, Halifax, for the abundant supply of suitable papers, &c., from that Depot.

#### SCOTISH CHURCH.

At 11 the Scotch Congregation met. Mr. Morton preached in the evening of every 4th Sabbath, and I conducted service 38 Sabbaths, and the \$200 paid by them in lieu of service rendered by us has all been paid over to Lal Bihari, our Catechist, to the monitor at the Ward School, and to the Point-a-Pierre School.

The Rev. Rev. S. T. Anderson, D. D., of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of the United States, has recently arrived here, with a view to open a Mission in Venezuela where at present I am informed there is not a single Protestant Minister. He will remain here for a time prosecuting the study of the Spanish language, and has agreed to supply the Scotch Congregation. This arrangement will be an unspeakable relief to us.

#### OUR BOYS.

During the year we have watched the growing interest of our School boys with pleasure, and in the month of July arranged an additional service for their benefit. Several of them are Madras, some are Chinese, and have no knowledge of the Hindustani, but speak English pretty well, and even the Calcutta children show a preference for the English. This service is at one o'clock, and is attended by about 25 young people. This we regard as a nucleus of an English speaking congregation. Of the 2 o'clock service Mr. Morton will speak more fully.

Farther, several young men are nightly taught to read in one or other of your Mission families. There is a noteworthy feature which I may mention. Four of these young men were friendly when we first came here, afterwards they forsook us, so that we felt as if they were lost to the mission, but they have returned evidently with a determination to get on.

#### OUR GIRLS.

Then to gain the little girls, a special effort was put forth which added 6 or 7 to our list, under the promise of new dresses,