

which may illustrate my present difficulties.

The manager kindly wrote to the attorney of the Estate and represented the claims of the Mission and the prospect of having a good school in this locality. The Attorney in answer said he was most willing to allow the use of a building for a school house but could not give further assistance.

With this offer I opened the school and paid the teacher a small salary until the end of the year. Then the manager on his own responsibility undertook to pay the teacher's salary for the present year. There is an average attendance of over 40 children, and the teacher is doing his work well. On Sabbath last there were 62 children present, 30 of whom could repeat correctly the text for the day, "The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins."

At the close of the service the teacher begged me to try and get him a supply of books and slates, as the children were not able to get along without them.

* * * They are entirely dependent upon the kindness of the manager for what has been done, but without assistance to provide school materials and increase the teacher's salary, the teacher will become dissatisfied and will give up the work, and there is no one who could take his place.

I will give you another example of our want of funds. We had a flourishing school at Tuschen, the average attendance for the month of August was over 60. On the evening of the 8th September the Tuschen House in which the manager, Mr. Turner, resided, was burnt to the ground, and the manager's little child, nine months old, perished in the fire. Mr. and Mrs. Turner were dining at a neighbor's house some two miles distant, when they were

STARTLED BY THE SIGHT

of a fire in the direction of their home. They lost no time in starting for Tuschen, but only arrived in time to see their home, in which was their helpless child, hopelessly wrapped in flames. The house which we formerly occupied as a school house has been required for the new manager, and we are in the meantime without a house or grant for school purposes.

Mr. Russell, who has aided us liberally, has already suffered heavy losses, and this

will be an additional discouragement during the exceptionally hard times against which he has to contend.

On the other hand we have

SOME THINGS TO ENCOURAGE US.

The Uityugt (pr. Iflugt) school is improving; there were 96 present to-day. A few days since I baptized and married a couple at Uityugt (Iflugt.) Their names were Daniel Gopi and Jane Khiro. After the usual Sabbath service we have a Bible class for those who can read Hindi. There were 15 present who were able to read and several who cannot read. In addition to reading of Scripture different members of the class lead in prayer. One man who reads Hindi fluently had purchased a Hindi Bible in May for which he had never paid.

When we commenced the Bible-class this man had a question to ask, but we thought better to postpone the answering of his question until after the lesson had been explained. The lesson was the ninth chap. of Matthew, from 1st to 18th verse, the healing of the palsied man. The subject had been announced on the previous Sabbath. Prabhu Dayal had compared this passage with the first verse of the tenth chapter of John, and had come to the conclusion that the men who went upon the roof and let down the palsied man must have been thieves and robbers. We failed to explain the matter to his satisfaction, and the meeting ended by Prabhu Dayal throwing down his Bible and refusing to pay for it. This was the method he took to relieve himself of the debt which he had been owing so long.

I saw no more of him until to-day when he and Daniel Gopi met me on my return from school and told me that Jane Khiro, who was married and baptized four days ago, was dead. She worked in the mill on Monday and Tuesday until nine o'clock when she was brought to the hospital, where she died this morning.

Such a sad and sudden event made a deep impression on the mind of Prabhu Dayal who had acted so proudly on Sunday.

P. S.—Oct. 24.—Attendance at Uityugt School to-day 149.

Dr. Lorimer doubts whether racing has improved the breed of horses, but is certain that it "has wrought a marked deterioration in the breed of men."