

third person in the buggy, if I had seen the 'Life of Christ', in Hindi, on the counter of a Christian shopkeeper. When I replied I had not, Lal Behari stated that he had ascertained that the plan of this shopkeeper was to tell as many as possible of his customers something to incline them to the Christian religion, and that the Bible or some Christian book was always open for his own benefit, and for the profiting of others. Don't however infer from the foregoing facts, that as we journey along, we always enjoy a cloudless serene sky.

K. J. GRANT.

San Fernando, April 6, '88.

LETTER FROM JOSEPH BENNY.

The following letter is from Joseph Benny, one of Mr. Grant's young Indian converts in Trinidad, of whom he wrote some time since. Joseph has returned to India and the letter is one which he wrote to Mr. Grant. It is of interest from various causes.

(1.) It shows the value of our educating and Christianizing work in Trinidad.

(2.) It shows how our work in Trinidad is reacting in India. The Christian Coolies returning to India from Trinidad carry the Gospel with them and thus do their little part in leavening the mass of heathenism and superstition in their native land.

No. 13 MOONSHEE DEDAR, BUS LANE,

WELLESLEY SQUARE, CALCUTTA.

26th February, 1888.

Dear Sir:

We arrived here on the 22nd of January. I am very sorry that I had no opportunity of writing you earlier because I had not settled down.

During my voyage from Cape Town to here was not so pleasant as from Trinidad to Cape Town. The Captain and Doctor with some of the apprentices and myself went on shore. It is a very large and populous town with very strong and large buildings. The said day a steamer came from New York before we went on shore. When we were standing by the Telegraph office we saw a large carriage very nicely decorated and flags on the sides of the horses with these words printed on them, "The American Indian Corn Doctor from New York city."

On the following day we left Cape Town for India. Then it was very rough weather and the water would come over the

decks and also in the twindeck. I was put as a guard on the middle hatch to hinder the people from coming on deck, and also help Mr. Alfred and Mewa in sharing out the medicine. Every evening Teelucksingh, Rambalsingh, and myself would make three different classes and talk the truth with them. Sometimes they would say that one of these days the ship will be drowned for the Christian's sake.

Teelucksingh and family are not with us, they have gone to their country. And one of our Christian brothers, Charles Ramsacal, is dead.

Father has started a business on bakery with another man who was the steward on board the same ship. He is a very quiet and religious person and also a very good Christian.

Henry and myself are going to the Free Church of Scotland, of which Mr. Milne is the minister; and my parents are attending the Bengali Free Church of Scotland of Mr. or Baboo Maitra is the pastor.

Mr. Milne was very pleased with the certificate and he received us very kindly, and they are trying to do all they can for us.

The first day Baboo Maitra's wife came to our house she offered a very solemn prayer with us. She is fond of us and she is visiting us very often, and her oldest son is well educated; he is M. A.

We went to the Zoological garden to see the animals, it was a very amusing sight. We also went to our parents' place to see if their families are still alive. We saw our nephew, three cousins and two aunts, but the old people are all dead. One of my cousins is a very rich man and he has a sugar estate. They were all pleased to see us.

We went to one of the festival called the festival of Gora Chand; the place was very crowded by both Indians and English men. There was a little girl with three feet.

By the help and mercy of our only Mediator and Saviour we are all well.

Give our compliments to all our Christian friends and brothers and to Mrs. Grant, Miss Copeland, Mr. Geddes, Miss Bessie, Master George, Miss Maggie and Claudia, Mr. and Mrs. Lal Behari, and Mr. and Mrs. Amir, Mya and all the school children.

With kind regards,

From your sincere and ob'dt. servt.

JOS. C. BENNY.