

THE TRINIDAD MISSION.

Extracts from a letter to Mr. Grant written by his assistant Lal Behari.

San Fernando, June 1884.

We all hope that by the mercy of God until this hour from the time of your departure your health has been improving because on the time of going you were not well. We hope too that you and madam and the children may go up from the ship to meet in life and in health those you love and desire to see. The work is carried on just as arranged before you left. I enclose the weekly report of schools. Padri Morton Sahib was with us last Sabbath. In the morning he went to the new church at Oropouche and was greatly pleased in seeing the congregation there. The other Padris I will take round in order as they visit us to the other stations that they may see our whole district. The work is travelling well in these days, and eight or ten are now resolved to trust in Jesus as their Saviour, to walk in his religion, and no doubt will seek and obtain Baptism bye and bye. When God's work goes well it makes us glad and we knew you are glad.

Letter from Miss Blackadder.

Tunapuna, April, 25th, 1884.

Dear Mrs. McColl:—

For seven weeks I have been put aside. Fever of a low kind went on for eighteen days, I grew very weak, but I am making such progress towards health and strength that I hope to commence school on the last of May.

The Grants leave the last of the month for home. The Mortons are all well, Mr. Wright, the new man, is a great success.

I have not seen Mrs. Wright yet. Mrs. McLeod and children are well. Mr. McLeod is now building a very pretty church. We intend having a sale at Christmas, so if any would like to send a box of things for a sale (not garments) we would thank them.

I cannot tell you any Mission news of our own field or school, that has been a blank to me now for so long, but I have been out with the Morton's. A new school-house has been built at Arouca, where a teacher from home, may some day reign.

Miss Semple has a fine school, increasing in numbers, advancing in knowledge, and if the prayer and labour of a devoted Christian are of any avail, advancing in

the Christian life. The services are well attended, but they have some hindrances here, that are not felt in other places.

Saturday 27th, I spent the morning with Mr. Falconer, they intend to leave Trinidad next year. Mr. Rob. Falconer has again done well, he came out ahead of all the rest at College.

In February last we had some trying days, a mob of 400 or 500 came out one day during the Carnival threw bottles, stones, coalpots at the Police, and Constables. The order was given to the Police to fire. One person was killed. Three so badly wounded, that they died soon after. Others were wounded, but they hid themselves and so escaped the imprisonment which they so richly deserved.

We were all ready to run if the mob had overpowered the Police and Constables, one of the latter braves went up a tree, and from that comfortable place he could safely see all that went on. Another ran away, and passing a house he saw an old woman looking out, asked for shelter, but the prudent creature said, "Oh! no, too late for visitors," so like "Excelsior" he passed on. We hope never again to see such trouble.

Agnes Morton has a large Sunday school at Orange Grove Estate, she has over 40 children in the school, and it will probably be larger as the work goes on.

Three miles from Tunapuna Rev. J. Hendrie is stationed. He used to live in India, so he has the language, Mrs. Hendrie too can speak Hindi, they will we hope be towers of strength to the Mission. I am sorry that the places at Demerara are not yet taken, do try and get some one to go, it is a sadly neglected place.

Two of the old girls, Fanny and Sugeeah are now married and living near Mrs. Morton. Fanny has become a very useful woman, she goes to visit the women, brings children to school, reads, sings, and is really one of the most intelligent woman we have. She has two children, her husband Jeffrey Subaran is a carpenter, a very useful young man. Sugeeah has married Dharm Banks, she too is doing well, she attends school, sits with her book and baby, rather odd it would look at home, to see a scholar in school with a baby.

I only have two girls with me now, lame Annie Mena, and Jessie Ankler, the latter is only 13 years old, but she had been tormented by four men who are in need of a wife, she, wise girl, says she will not marry any one till she is 16 years old.