

knowledge of Bible stories both in the Old Testament and the New shows what faithful work has been done among them in the past, for many of them can read but little. Here as well as in the Princetown school, I see daily results of the good work and faithfulness of Miss Semple, while engaged in her work here.

I can scarcely realize that it is six months since I left home. I have enjoyed excellent health and suffered very little from the heat.

Am very sorry for our sakes that Mr. Grant's family are going home, but glad for them because they need the change and a much deserved rest.

Yours sincerely,

ADELLA J. ARCHIBALD.

FAREWELL TO REV. K. J. GRANT.

An event of deepest interest, not only to those more immediately concerned, but to all friends of the Mission, as showing the progress that has been made, took place just before Mr. Grant left Trinidad. We cannot do better than copy the statement given in the *San Fernando Gazette* of May 31.—ED.

"On Wednesday evening last, the new and handsome dwelling of Mr. T. Sirju, in Prince of Wales street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering. The place was very tastefully decorated and illuminated, and at 7.30 it was filled to overflowing with guests, the occasion being the presentation of an address to the Revd. K. J. Grant, by the members of the Canadian Presbyterian Church in this district. Mr. Grant, who has for the last twenty years laboured for the advancement of the Indian Population in our midst, having arranged to take a well-deserved furlough, the members of his flock determined to show their appreciation of his invaluable services by presenting him with an address and a purse of 25 sovereigns. Refreshments of the kind in keeping with the profession of tea totallers were plentifully provided. Mr. Jacob W. Corshie presided, and during intervals, Mr. James Mahabir discoursed music on the harmonium. After the preliminaries usual on occasions such as this, the Chairman rose and read the address, as follows:

TRINIDAD.

SAN FERNANDO,

28th May, 1899.

The Reverend Kenneth James Grant.

Our Dear, Beloved Pastor,—We the undersigned members of your flock, on behalf of the congregation, desire to take the opportunity afforded by your departure on a well-

earned furlough to express our very high appreciation of your many invaluable services in our behalf since your arrival in this colony.

As a Missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission for the last twenty years, you have, in the face of many unfavorable and trying circumstances, toiled with faithfulness and zeal, essentially characteristic of you, in dispensing the Word of God in its simplicity and promoting our spiritual and social welfare.

We are very much indebted to you for coming, and to the Canadian Presbyterian Mission for having sent you among us at a time when no one seemed to do anything in the way of promoting the spiritual, moral and intellectual aspirations of our people.

Before the advent of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in this island, the moral and intellectual condition of the Asiatic people was described by Sir Joseph Patrick Keenan—a gentleman appointed by the Secretary of State to report upon the state of education on this island—in the following terms: "The moral and intellectual necessities were overlooked, the East Indian's mind was left a blank, no effort was made to induce him through the awakening intelligence and dawning prospects of his children to associate the fortune or future of his family with the colony."

To-day we are in a position to testify both to the glory of God and to the credit of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, that the moral and intellectual necessities noted by Sir Patrick Keenan have, to a great extent, been supplied, and there is promise of greater good in the near future, altho', it is true, much remains yet to be done, for instance; there are about sixty to sixty-five thousand of our people in this island who have not yet accepted the blessed words of the Gospel preached to them. The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; we pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

We are hopeful that as the Government here, at the present time, are, with a liberal principle, legislating on the Education of the people, and with the special provisions which are being made as far as our race is concerned, the education of our little ones will be placed on a better and surer footing.

The present system of teaching which is carried on in our Central School is a commendable one, but it does not answer all the purposes which a High School might. We think that more systematic efforts should be made in the training of young men for the work of evangelization, etc. We would, therefore, urge upon you to use all your in-