

the breezes are much stronger and cooler since October set in. Our island is quite healthy and a good sugar crop is expected.

Coolies often tell us that Trinidad is a very bad country. I asked one woman why she thought so; she answered, "In India you can live by begging, but if you don't work in Trinidad, how will you be fed?" Others like the place, but for no more worthy reason perhaps, than the soldier who said to his newly arrived comrade—"Splendid country this? always thirsty and plenty to drink." The truth is that the E. Indian people have greater opportunities of improving their circumstances in Trinidad, than they ever could have had in India, and the climate is also much more healthy and pleasant than their own.

When they abuse Trinidad we remind them of the dreadful famines that occur in India, whilst here none who are willing to work, need suffer from distressing poverty.

With kind wishes for all.

Yours very truly,
Sarah E. Morton.

Letter from Rev. K. J. Grant.

The following extract of a private letter from Rev. K. J. Grant, gives us a glimpse into a very small part of their many sided work, and the need of increased effort on the part of the church to keep up with it.

"We are always in need, but we have recently made an arrangement that involves an outlay of above a dollar weekly, not a large sum yet it is an item.

Our school work is of such a character that we have to instruct our teachers. For a long time we have had them on Saturday, but it was exhausting for them and we really felt sorry in not being able to provide for them as we would. Deeply conscious of the necessity of pushing them forward in their English work, I got a room fitted up as a sleep apartment, and intimated to all the Indian teachers my desire to have them meet on Friday at 4 p. m., to receive instruction until 9 o'clock, taking an hour for their evening meal. Then on Saturday to resume work at 7 o'clock, to continue until 11 o'clock. This involved three meals for, say an average of twelve, the trouble of preparing &c. This is Friday evening, and the class is now at work; Lal Behari is teaching the class as I write.

Excuse me, but I assure you that you have not an adequate idea of the extent of our work and of the daily exhausting toil experienced in carrying out our plans. But God is kind, He gives us much strength, He often gives us good cheer of heart, He gives us friends and provides for us means, abundant cause for encouragement and thankfulness.

Since the beginning of the year I spent \$150.00 in fitting up, rather in adding an infant department to our school here. This involved the salary of another teacher, or \$10.00 a month, or this provision in estimates; the sudden rise of the school from 60 to 100 forced the matter on us.

Yours very truly,

K. J. Grant.

Letter from Mr. Christie.

As our readers are aware Mrs. Christie and her children have come home from Trinidad for a rest. Her health imperatively demanded it. The letter from which we make the following extracts, was written after their departure.

Couva, Aug. 14th 1882.

Dear Dr. McGregor:—

You would no doubt be greatly surprised to see my wife and children; but she would be able to explain their presence. It is rather lonesome work for me here, and a years separation seems pretty long to look forward to; but I have plenty to do, and am feeling very well.

The weather is very trying now so much so that I avoid as much as possible going out between 11 and 4 o'clock.

There is at present a good deal of sickness, but cases of ordinary fever. I feel that I am improving continually, gradually, but I hope surely.

I spent the Sabbath and Monday of last week in Mr. McLeod's field as he is absent. The meetings were good and the schools on the whole are doing very well. He is being bothered by a Roman Catholic priest who has started a school that interferes with one of his; but I do not think the priest has much chance.

I have my school started on Milton at last. I think there is every prospect of this being a very good school. I have had to put up a school house, at a cost of \$175. The grant from the Board for the first half of 1881 i.e. \$60. will go towards it, and I hope in the course of next year to get the balance wiped off without troubling the Board with it.