

And beyond our operations there is so much left untouched,  
I have written in much haste.  
Yours ever faithfully,

K. J. Grant.

Letter from Rev. K. J. Grant.

Trinidad, Sept. 5th. 1882.

Dear Mrs. McKeen:—

This day is the anniversary of the birth of Krishna the eighth incarnation of the good Vishnu. It is a jubilant day with Brahmins of our community who celebrate it. Saffron water, probably with them akin to holy water is used freely and their countrymen who would avoid having their garments stained and in some cases even drenched, have to be on the alert or keep within doors. By some mysterious manipulation Krishna appears in the form of a stone taken from a cucumber by a Brahmin whom I daily meet.

Vishnu took this incarnation it is said to destroy Kans a king who greatly oppressed the religious devotees of his day. Krishna who had 16,108 wives and eleven times as many children, for each woman is said to have been the mother of ten sons and one daughter, has his exploits recorded in a sacred book called Prem-Sagar. A missionary to India has chosen to call it Chhinal-Sagar. The former sacred title signifies an ocean of love, the latter and the more appropriate an ocean of adulteries.

As I now write, it is this book that is being read and its impure stories rehearsed amongst the people.

Gradually however, the Gospel of purity which teaches us to deny ourselves all ungodliness, and to live soberly, righteously and godly, is gaining ground. Who will not pray that it may soon be welcomed by thousands around us who this day attentively listen to the thefts, the deceptions, the adulteries and the murders of Krishna.

On Sabbath morning I conducted a service at Cropuche a comparatively new station eight miles distant. The attendance and attention were both good. There was a Brahmin of fifty years present. He recently arrived in the Colony, only two years ago. I was touched with his devout appearance, as with closed eye and thoughtful countenance he sang and listened. He was completely shaven with the exception of the churki or a small tuft of hair on the crown. For two months he has been hearing the truth and as an earnest intelligent convert, who earnest-

ly seeks his god said to me, in christian company he appears firm, but when he goes out and is taunted by his countryman his faith is shaken: it is unusual thing to hear that the Christian religion is but of yesterday, but ours is the religion of the ages.

Are you wiser than your ancestors who in the generations that are gone were steadfast.

Through grace bestowed I trust he may triumph.

Sincerely yours,  
K. J. Grant.

## SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

### ART. 4.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?"—"go ye therefore and disciple all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." In obedience to this command of Christ the apostles and early Christians went forth preaching the gospel with great power and success. Three thousand souls were converted under one sermon and the number of converts soon increased to five thousand. Every believer was an evangelist.—an earnest worker for Christ. No sooner was a man gained from the forces of the enemy than he was enlisted among the soldiers of Jesus to fight the battle of truth and righteousness. The messengers of Christ went forth into all nations preaching the gospel which soon proved itself to be indeed the power of God unto Salvation—the power to dethrone idols, to close pagan temples, to enlighten the multitudes, to reclaim men from vice and crime, to inspire them with hope and courage, to renovate society, to conquer nations, to break down barriers and to surmount difficulties.

The infuriated rabble at Thessalonica brought Jason and others before the rulers of the city, crying, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." It is evident that if the gospel had continued to make the progress which it made during the first century that long ere this the whole world would have been reclaimed for Christ, and consequently there would be no need for foreign Missionary agents. Today however the large majority of our fellow men are living in absolute ignorance of Christ—millions and tens of millions of