

he passed. He has worked hard, and you can see from Dr. Grant's letter that he has conducted himself as a student should.

For a long time he has loved and trusted in the Lord, but his Moham-
medan friends and his mother were so opposed to his becoming a Christian,
that he shrank from a final break with them all. But you see faith has
gained the victory over weakness, and he will I trust do good work for the
Master.

The following portion of Joseph's letter to his friend and former
teacher, will be of interest, especially to our young people :—

San Fernando School, 4th Nov., 1895.

DEAR MISS B.,—I hope you are feeling better than what you felt
some days ago. I am really sorry for not letting you know about my
baptism ; no doubt Dr. Morton told you about it. Miss Fisher's boy and
I were the only boys among the rest of the students who were not baptized,
and we felt that it is time that we should be converted. I did believe on
Jesus before, as you know, by reading and hearing the beautiful sermons
preached concerning Christ. I hope that God may bless me and those
that fear Him. I took the communion just the next Sabbath with three
others, professing Christ in public. I hope it may be the Lord's desire
to help me in keeping His commands. I think hardship happens to peo-
ple for the best. No doubt if it wasn't for my father's death I won't
have been in Trinidad, and my dear mother won't have had to work so
hard in the Estate, as the day when she went with the basket on her head
and the little boy beside her, weeping together for her old home ; and she
won't have had the occasion to take another partner as a helper, as she
thought he would have been, but I am sorry to say he is not. And yet it
has happened for the best to us. If it was not for Trinidad I won't
have been converted and won't have known Christ. The day when I got
ready to baptize I remembered my mother, and tears came out of my eyes
to see that I was going to follow the better road and my mother left in her
paganism. I only wish that I may be able to convert her. I hope God
will bless her and show unto her that I might be her comfort, as my desire
is to be her comfort, by the help of God. I only hope that I might pass
as a teacher to take the care of the little ones, and to bring wandering
souls to heaven. May it be the Lord's pleasure to make me worthy of
such a good act. Tell Raumath to stick to his studies, and Chin also. I
do feel sometimes of the kindness of our missionaries. God has civilized
their forefathers in ancient days and they are civilizing us at the present
moment. Tell my mother that I am well.