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## FOREIGN LETTERS.

FROM REV. K. J. GRANT.

ON BOARD R. M. STR. "ESK,"  
BARBADOES, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1887.

Had you the outlook that I now have at this hour you would be charmed with tropical air, scenery and vegetation, "Every prospect pleases." I take this opportunity when all is quiet to acknowledge the receipt of the "Eleventh Annual Report of the Woman's F. M. Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." I have been reading it on shipboard, and with pleasure and gratitude. The addresses and reports are admirable; and who can estimate even the probable results when the mothers and daughters of our Church have so vividly before them the extent and needs of our Mission Fields both at home and abroad. How wonderful the growth of your Society and the enthusiasm that pervades it. But it is the Lord's work, the Lord is with you, and you desire to give God the glory, hence the blessing.

Why were not women to the front and in force earlier? I entirely sympathize with your efforts to get qualified lady missionaries with medical knowledge to visit the homes of the women in India. Even here the women on their first arrival completely cover up their faces in the presence of men, but gradually the veil is drawn back; they accommodate themselves to the usages of the country, and the women as well as the men come to church, and on the estates are giving an attentive hearing to our message. Never in the same period have we had as many baptisms as in the eight months of this year now passed. In my district alone I have baptized ninety-seven people, about one-third children, two-thirds adults. The tendency towards Christianity on some estates is becoming marked,