

Trinidad.

LETTER FROM MR. MORTON.

Dear Mr. Scott:

We have had rainy weather for nearly three weeks which has in many ways been a blessing, but it has hindered sugar making, and there is still a good deal of sugar to make. A few weeks dry weather would be a great blessing, as with low prices we require a full crop. It is quite wonderful that notwithstanding the dry weather of last year our crop of sugar if it can be manufactured will be almost an average one all round. On some Estates it is more than an average one.

It has been my habit for several years to supply the doctor of ships taking immigrants back to India, with books and tracts for the people to read by the way, and I ask them to leave any left over at the Calcutta Agency, for the use of Immigrants coming to Trinidad.

A few months ago a young man lately from India, called upon the Arouca teacher, showed him some tracts and asked if he knew where others could be got. He was told to come to the Service on Sunday, which he did, bringing three tracts. I at once recognized them. He had got them from the doctor of his ship. They left Trinidad Sept., 1884, and returned in Dec., 1885. This young man can read well and attends church occasionally.

It is too soon to say what the result may be; but it was interesting and touching to be thus handed back by a Hindu fresh from India tracts scattered on board ship sixteen months before.

Yours,

JOHN MORTON.

LETTER FROM REV. K. J. GRANT.

SAN FERNANDO, May 24th, '86.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Joseph Benny a dear good Christian had of like faith and earnestness with his father and mother of whom he speaks, handed me the enclosed to be forwarded to you.* He is thoughtful, observing, intelligent, an apt scholar, and gives promise of being at no distant day a valuable helper. Even now, apart from school work, he is very useful. He is the leader in a juvenile prayer meeting that has sprung up, on Sabbath mornings. All the

young people, boys of the school, pray in turn. The eldest is not above fifteen. Our little boy, Georgie, is one of the number. I believe our little band will supply not a few Christian workers. Benny appears to have but one aim to instruct his own people, and that aim is in harmony with the wishes and counsels of his parents.

On Sabbath last we opened a new place for worship and instruction at Rusillac. When we made our estimate at the new year this new building did not enter into our calculations. In March, the teacher reported the building unsafe, and on examination we found the posts quite consumed, and the palm-leaf roof leaked so badly that repairs appeared out of the question. We resolved at once to build. We took native wood for foundation and posts, and imported boards and roofing we purchased here. The roof is of galvanized iron. The building is 30 x 14 ft., and cost about \$180. The people of this district contributed \$40, the balance must come from those whose hearts the Lord may open, to give.

Babu LalBehari preached the opening sermon, and I then administered baptism and dispensed the sacrament of the supper; 35 partook. The whole attendance was above 80. Several travelled eight miles; a drenching rain made our return very uncomfortable. We got home at 6.30, in time for evening service, having been out 12 hours. This little house stands midway between two villages, eight miles distant, and it is the only place in which instruction is given, or religious worship conducted. Of the eighty present, about 70 were Christians. Those districts are rapidly filling in, and judging from present indications these communities are destined to be leavened with Christianity, and the form of worship is likely to be Presbyterian.

We are greatly interested in watching the response made by the Woman's Societies to the appeal of Mr. Annand for a Missionary to accompany him to Santo. It is Christ-like in the Annand's to quit their more limited sphere where the light shines to go to a larger field entirely uncultivated and till now shrouded in deepest gloom. The money we feel assured will be supplied, and is there not some young, earnest brother in a small charge at home who might do with his people as Mr. Annand proposes to do with the Christian