

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Letter from Rev. K. J. Grant.

*To the young ladies Helping hands Society
of James Church, New Glasgow.
San Fernando, April 24th '885.*

Dear Mrs. McCurdy:—

I have been long in responding, pray excuse me. Life is busy. I trust your society presents as good an appearance as on the day I met it. As you are all at work for us, let me give a few facts to encourage you to persevere in well doing.

Yesterday a man said to my assistant Babu Lal Bihari, "for ten years I have been listening to Christian instruction and perhaps you did not think that your words made any impression on me, but I now wish to tell you that I have got new lights, new hopes, and by God's help I will walk in this new way."

On the same estate we have had in this year many tokens of interest. The attendance at service there on Sabbath has been growing, and last Sabbath, 50 Hindus gathered and listened as attentively to the message spoken, as a Congregation at home.

Yesterday an old man died there. For several years he too listened. In his sickness he gave more diligent heed. When the hour of death was on him he sent, beseeching that he might be baptized, but before the message was delivered the spirit was gone.

On the day previous Babu and I, leaving at an early hour, drove to Rusillac, a distance of 13 miles.

The settlers there are East Indians who have accepted Crown lands in lieu of a return passage to India. It is fortunate in these very trying times of unheard of depression in the Sugar market, and when the cultivation is being curtailed, it is difficult for labourers to find employment, that these lands are obtainable. Rice grows abundantly as also root crops, and none need want who work and manage as they ought.

Our school there, as at Fyzabad and Barrackpore is supported by a special grant from Government placed in our hands. The grant meets nearly our whole outlay, the balance being supplied by contributions from converts, so that whilst the work there and the other two districts named costs our church at home nothing, she gets full credit for whatever may be accomplished.

After spending an hour in the school we commenced family visitation amongst converts. We conversed, read, and

prayed with nine families. In every house save one we found the Bible, and the people of that house being unable to read assured us that they joined the family by them at worship every evening. Family worship is observed every evening.

At nearly every house heathen neighbors joined us. In one house occupied by a childless couple I counted sixteen persons who devoutly listened. A Christian whom I feared a year ago would have become deranged, continued with us all day. He talked freely of his depression, of his darkness and hopelessness which lasted several months, but now told of light, and hope, and peace. Said he, I not only pray, but I feel assured that God hears, and that daily as I walk with him I get strength and guidance and peace.

Altogether the day was well fitted to cheer us and we were cheered. We are hopeful that all these new Settlements will become Christian Communities, or at least that Christian influence will be paramount. But I must stop here.

With every good wish for the prosperity of your society and seeking still a place in your prayers, believe me

Yours faithfully,

K. J. Grant.

Letter from Rev. J. K. Wright.

In a private letter to a friend, Mr. Wright writes from Couva, Trinidad, under date,

May 6th 1885.

We have had a good deal of extra work lately. Learning that the Board had passed our estimate for the year, I set about making arrangements to open the new school. In Spring Village no suitable building could be obtained except at very high rates. At this juncture the Lord opened our way at Perseverance.

Mr. Kiljour, the attorney offered a very nice house free of charge. Reporting this to the Council it was agreed to open this school on Perseverance Estate instead of Spring Village. The attendance has been over 30 since the opening. The generosity of Mr. Kiljour did not cease with this. At Waterloo, we had a very small and poor room. This gentleman gave us, free of charge, a house the same as at Perseverance.

Nor was this all, one day his butler came to my study bringing a subscription paper, and money amounting to \$52.00 for obtaining desks etc., for these two schools. You can imagine my surprise.

Mr. Kiljour had himself taken round