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## FOREIGN LETTERS

FROM MISS TISSIE COPELAND.

SAN FERNANDO, TRINIDAD, 5th August, 1886.

Before me lies a manuscript of eight pages of foolscap, neatly and closely written by one of the converts here from Mohammedanism. He is very anxious to have it published, but, as it would take a great deal of pruning to make it interesting for perusal, not to speak of publication, it occurred to me that I might give the substance of it, together with a few facts from personal knowledge that might be of interest to your Society.

This young man was baptized about seven years ago; he is now about 22 years of age. He has, as his narrative indicates, passed through a trying experience, often being on the verge of despair; and at one time, while in charge of one of the mission schools, he sent for Mr. Grant and Lal Behari, and asked them to appoint another teacher in his stead, as he was too weak to continue, the real cause being, as his narrative shows, to take his life, having made all preparations for suicide. But words spoken turned him aside from his purpose, and light was again given him, to be succeeded, if possible, by still greater darkness. He would often come home from church melted, but only to harden still more. About two years ago relief came; darkness passed away, Christ became his light, and he is now an earnest, happy, active Christian.