

plead for us and for this people that through our instrumentality they may be given to Christ.

J. W. MCKENZIE.

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### Letter from Rev. K. J. Grant.

*Sanfernando, Aug. 8th, 1874.*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I am indeed thankful for the evidences of a growing interests in this mission, as furnished by mail just arrived. Passing by many items of home news I will simply note the movement in Dr. Bayne's Congregation, I believe principally amongst the young men, by which the full salary of a nature Catechist or Evangelist is provided—

#### OUR EVANGELIST.

The young man named, Lal Bihari, is proving most faithful and useful, and I feel assured that the young men who generously undertake his support will not regret that they have come to the front. We are out nearly every day of the week and we have no reason to think that our labors are in vain. Applications for baptism are of frequent occurrence.

#### EFFECT OF TEACHING.

And as a specimen of the influence of our Schools, let me tell you of some recent accessions to our numbers. In May, a young lad of 10 years, who had attended our school regularly about two years and-a-half, and who reads the Bible freely, and who is a very promising boy, came to me one Sabbath, wishing to be baptized. Knowing the influence we had over him, I felt free to baptize him if his father would consent, but anticipated opposition. However, I lost no time in informing the father of his son's request, and contrary to my expectation, he not only agreed heartily that the boy should be baptized, but earnestly requested that he himself should be baptized. For two or three years he had been hearing the word, but this was the first clear evidence we had of his sympathy with the truth. After a season of faithful dealing, Harisingh and his son Birbal were baptized together, the father by myself in the Hindustani and the son by Dr. Anderson, of America, in English. All appeared unusually solemnized.

#### MORE ACCESSIONS.

Again, on Monday, Harisingh returned with two others similarly exercised with himself, but now no longer ashamed to avow their convictions. Never did men urge more resolutely for admission to the Church, and the inconvenience to which they subjected themselves in being further taught, convinced me of their sincerity. These also have been baptized,—then the

senior boy in school, Grice, who had been well grounded in the Iere School, now about 15 years, on profession of his faith, was baptized. Also the eldest girl in school.

Thus from one school in the country and out of the Bible Class in that school we have received 3 young people who are intelligent and thoughtful into our little circle of converts, and largely to the influence of that school may be attributed the accession of the other three to our Church membership.

#### NATIVE LIBERALITY.

As an indication of the Christian liberality of our converts, let me tell you of improvements effected by them in our Church. Our seats consisted of boards extending across the body of the Church without back supports, &c.,—in short they were very uncomfortable. Our young men thought the time had come to provide more comfortable seats. A subscription list was opened, about \$75 were subscribed. One subscribed \$8, another \$7, a few \$5, and the rest smaller sums, all the members contributing. They have materially improved the appearance of the Church, and provided comfortable seats for about 100 people at a cost of about \$90. I believe they will raise \$75 by subscription, and the balance can be paid from the Sabbath Collections.

#### ESTATE SCHOOLS.

In April I opened 3 Estate Schools in my District. The number enrolled in these for the quarter ending June 30, is 65, the average daily attendance is 49. I omitted mentioning these schools in any former letter. They are supported by Mr. Lamont, Proprietor of these Estates.

I presume, the intimate connection between Estate Schools and our higher work is sufficiently appreciated by the Church at home.

The Scripture illustrations from the Book & Tract Depository will be very helpful, and particularly in impressing the lesson important to teach the Hindoo that our Blessed Saviour was not an Englishman.

Yours, very truly,

K. J. GRANT.

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR.

### Evangelical Alliance.

A Conference of the branches of the Evangelical Alliance in the Dominion opens at Montreal on Thursday the 1st October, 8 o'clock. It is expected to last nearly a week, and eminent men from abroad as well as from the different sections of the Dominion are to take part in the proceedings.