

Our work in Grenada. Our Trinidad Mission is bearing fruit far beyond its own borders. Its reflex influence on India, as immigrants who have been Christianized during their stay in Trinidad, return to their homes in the far east, while not very noticeable, must have a leavening power wherever they go. But results are seen nearer home. Our readers are familiar with the work on St. Lucia, carried on by Mr. Cropper, a young man in Government employ, aided by catechists and teachers from Trinidad and an occasional visit of a Missionary. The cheering letters of Mr. Grant in this issue shows the results in Grenada, jointly with the ministers laboring there. Trinidad, as its own light grows brighter, is letting that light shine farther. All this is the bright side. Let us not forget the wearing waiting, the hindrances, the discouragement, that our Missionaries keep so well in the background, and pray for them as they do our hard work among the heathen.

To friends of the Missionaries. You receive from the Mission field quite a number of letters; just the kind that people love to read, familiar, free, chatty, letting you see them, and their surroundings in a very vivid way. Why keep these good things to yourselves. They are well fitted to deepen the Missionary interest in the church. "O but there are things in them that it would never do to print." Of course there is more or less in every private letter that should not be made public.

Listen to two proposals:—

(1) If you will entrust to me any such letter when you have read it, I will print no part of it that should not be made public, will not print your names if you object to it, though it gives definiteness to a letter to have the name, and will return it to you if you wish it.

(2) If there are parts of it which you do not wish me to see, keep them out and send the rest, and if you cannot do that, please copy any part that might be made public and forward it, though I would very much prefer to see the original letter, as I can often get matter for an item, from that which you might not think worth sending. A worthy minister of our church one day handed me a letter with the remark "Oh it is just on some business matters, nothing in it that you would care for." I looked over it and found it rich.

There are such letters by the dozen, among the families and friends of our Missionaries that would do much to deepen the Missionary interest throughout the church. No matter how short or how unsuitable for the public you may think it, I will be able to glean something from it, even though it be but a ten line item. Please do not keep such treasures laid up in a napkin, when they might be doing so much for Christ and His cause.

LETTER FROM REV. J. WILKIE.

INDORE, Nov. 9th, 1892.

Editor RECORD:—

MY DEAR SIR,—Over 300 people here have publicly renounced Hinduism and profess faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour from sin. This happened several months ago, and though as yet we cannot speak as definitely of the movement as we could wish before reporting it, yet I believe the friends at home should know the facts that they may by their prayers at least, join us. It is most cheering to us all, but causes no little thought and prayer.

If we had followed the plan now followed by so many here, we should have baptized at once all who professed their faith in Jesus; and possibly we have followed a wrong method, and exposed these new people to special temptations from their heathen neighbors, as some so zealously maintain. As we saw them in large numbers at our church services, and the large congregations that always gathered and listened so patiently and earnestly to the simple Gospel story every Sabbath morning; and especially when the whole body rose up and asked for baptism we felt inclined to receive large numbers of them, though as yet we have only baptized four.

I do not believe in hasty baptism, nor in wholesale conversion. Being a Christian is a personal and individual relationship, not a community one. Serious harm has resulted from undue haste in the past and may do so again. If a person is truly converted a little delay can do no permanent harm, and on the other hand baptism before real conversion has taken place may seriously retard the very work we wish to hasten on. All large movements also carry with them such a great momentum and such tremendous possibilities for either good or evil that we feel especial need for the "watch and pray." We are, therefore, seeking to discover and to follow as rapidly as we can the work of the Holy Spirit. It is possible we may see many an ebb and flow before the large ingathering.

The enemy is busily at work. One of the men baptized was beaten with the shoe by some of his caste people, all manner of misrepresentations and untruths are being circulated, and angry threats held over the heads of the disciples; but the movement seems to thrive under it and is now spreading to other centres, though as yet almost wholly confined to the one caste.

The Catechist says there are not less than 300 others ready to publicly renounce their old faith in favor of Christianity, though I fear the number of those who really know Jesus as a living personal Saviour is comparatively small as yet. They all belong to the Mangs, one of the lowest castes in the city—the basket makers, the horn-blowers and drum-beaters at the marriages, births, and other heathen ceremonies, sometimes