

## Settlement of Surgi's Case.

FROM MRS. WILKIE.

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The Surgi case that I wrote you about two weeks ago came off on the tenth. The pleader that the Mohammedans had provided for the mother saw that they could not make anything out of the charge of wrongful detention, and so before the case began fell from that charge, but they went on with the charge of assault. She accused Miss Sinclair of having struck her on the head with a big stone the day she went to the Boarding School to take away her child. Her own witnesses showed that the charge was false, and so the judge said there was no need to call the witnesses for the defence and dismissed the case. He however fined her Rs.50, or a month in jail, for bringing a false charge against Miss Sinclair. This fine her Mohammedan friends did not pay, and to-day she was recalled on a charge of perjury. To this she pleaded guilty and was sent to prison for six months. Not a single friend was there to help her of all those that have brought her into this trouble in their efforts to get her little child. It was very sad to see her led off to jail, but when spoken to afterwards she seemed to realize that it was her own folly, and possibly it may lead her to give up her bad friends and seek again to lead a better life. In any case it will stop the efforts that have been made to get the little girl out of the school for a time at least, and possibly we may be able to get her other little girl, who at the present time is in the hands of one of these bad men in the city. We are hoping anyway to get the mother to do this, by being as kind to her when in prison as we can, and especially by taking her little girl over to see her sometimes.