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LETTER FROM DR. BUCHANAN.

A MOST INTERESTING STORY FOR THE  
YOUNG PEOPLE FROM OUR MIS-  
SION IN INDIA.

INDORE, June 28, 1889

Dear Mr. Scott,

Your request for a conversational letter makes me feel like telling you about what is going on here.

During Mr. Campbell's absence at the hills we have had semi-charge at Indore, and have had good reason to thank God for his grace bestowed upon us. The duties were not heavy, as some of the workers speak English, while I do not yet speak Hindu well enough to be kept preaching the word. The good work goes on slowly but surely. One of the best tokens of which is the enmity of the powers of darkness, arising to the surface from time to time. You have heard of the bitter opposition to the

#### BAPTISM OF THE BLIND WOMAN.

who has been cared for by Dr's. Beatty and Oliver, and won to the Saviour.

Again the evil one has been gnashing his teeth. This time it is upon one of the workers, a catechist,

#### CHIRAG MASIH;

formerly his name was, Chirag Ali, "that is 'light of Mahomet.'" Now his name means what he is, Light of Christ.

One Wednesday morning the christians were all astir, Chirag Masih has been accused by a number of people of taking money from a girl at the station at three o'clock in the morning. Our catechist had been in the habit of going to the station during the day to speak of Christ to the many travellers, and who are generally at the station an hour before the train comes in.

As he is a convert from Mohammedanism, that section of people were especially angry. The constables forbade his preaching at the station, he was threatened, but still he preached. One of the policemen, as he laid the charge before him with a kind of fiendish exultation, exclaimed "Now I've got you." Had bail not been given he would have been thrown into prison to await his trial on Saturday.

That evening I called the christians together at our bungalow, and had read to them a number of passages relating to the command to rejoice in persecution for so we are made partakers with Christ. We continued in thanksgiving and prayer.

Friday night we met again and took up the subject. "Testimony before rulers" emphasising the truths that we were not to plan what to say but trust the Holy Spirit to give the word, and that we were all to be ready to speak for Jesus if there were an opportunity. I felt we were going to have a good time.

On Saturday, to my surprise, it was to me God gave the opportunity to testify. The magistrate and some others who speak English were sitting in the magistrate's office, when an Englishman, whose hatred to christianity was so great that he stayed all day in the court without food, and whose life is said to be anything but moral, began to speak against christianity. The words of our Lord came to my mind, "This is the condemnation that light is come into the world and men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil." So by the grace of God I spoke for about half an hour to them there of sin, of righteousness, and judg-