

writings and would come over at his convenience. He sent a reply, "I do not wish to rent my house to you any more, and I shall be much obliged by your vacating by the evening at the latest." I then went to see him, taking with me Mr. Russell's two men, who were present when the agreement was first made. He said his only objection was that he did not want his house to be used as a place where Christianity was taught. He was willing to give his house for a dispensary if I would use it only for that purpose and not teach my doctrines. I told him if his religion was the true one it had nothing to fear from Christianity, and that if it was not, then surely he wanted to know the truth. He became quite angry and said the house must be vacated and that in Dhar I could not get another in which to carry on the work. Judging from the success I have had the past two days he knew whereof he spoke.

I came out to the tent and talked the matter over with Mr. and Mrs. Russell, and they advised asking the Assistant Prime Minister's opinion. He said I could not be compelled to leave the house without one month's notice, so I wrote telling the landlord that I required one month's notice. The following is the reply I received under registered cover :

"Dhar, Jan. 13, 1896.

"Respected Lady,—Yours of this date. I am not aware of any rule requiring one month's notice to be given to you, when there is a written agreement for six months. As, however, you wish it, you are hereby informed that I allow you to use the house for one month, i.e., thirty (30) calendar days from 13th January to 11th February, 1896, both days inclusive. Please therefore arrange to vacate the house on the morning of the 12th February, failing which you will have to pay one rupee per diem.

Yours sincerely,

"MADHAW RAO POWAL.

"To Miss M. O'Hara, Esq., M.D.

"C. I. Mission, Dhar."

The "Esq." is a new appendage to my name, and struck me as the most amusing one I have had yet.

This trouble about the house has its affect on our Christians, and is drawing us all nearer to the Master. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have helped me so by their sympathy and prayers. On Sabbath, Mr. Russell's sermon was so helpful, and after it Bhagaji came to me and said, "Gangabai and I have wanted to give something towards the new hospital, but did not see our way clear to do it; but after hearing the sermon I feel we must. Take rupees five this month, and rupees five next month from Gangabai's wages, and let it go towards the building. How glad and thankful we were that the Lord is opening the hearts of His own children here.

Mrs. Pillay, my assistant, has been very ill for a long time and is away; her daughter, my compounder, is with her, so the work is rather heavy; but strength is given according to the need.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell make a perfect home for Miss Dougan and me. Our Mem Sahib is a beam of sunshine shedding joy and gladness on all. "A three-fold cord is not quickly broken;" but with a four-fold one like that in Dhar, all the opposition of heathendom can neither depress nor discourage us. We know that the work is His and He will carry it on in His own way.