

using the foulest language—saying she was a bad woman and would make her child as bad as herself. We have since been told she had sold Surgi to some bad Mohammedans for Rs.200, having received Rs.10 of the amount down—hence her anxiety to get the child away. About three weeks ago she, or rather the Mohammedans at her back in her name, entered a case in the criminal court against Miss Sinclair. At first the case was to be tried by the native judge here, but he showed himself so prejudiced, being a Mohommedan, that we claimed our right to be tried by a European judge, and this has been granted.

The case will come off on the tenth of March. As it is a test case, and one that is plainly intended to ruin the girl, we are doing our best to make a strong defence. I should say the step-father of the girl is still a Christian, and most anxious to have his wife defeated in her efforts to gain the child. We can prove that the mother gave the child willingly to Miss Jamieson, and so do not fear any serious consequences to Miss Sinclair. Further, as the child and step-father are still Christians and wish the present arrangement to continue, and on the other hand the mother is a bad, immoral woman, and said she wished to make the child like herself, we hope to be able to defeat her. The case is complicated by the fact that she calls herself a Mohammedan, and she is supported in it by all the followers of the Prophet, both by their money and their influence. But the Master reigns, and we believe will answer earnest prayers and save this little lamb from the snare of the evil one.

Two weeks ago I was able for the first time to see the horrid Swinging Festival at the temple of Khandoba, just on the outskirts of the city of Indore. Formerly it was held almost every Sabbath at the side of the Maharajah's palace, but since the young Maharajah has come to the throne this has been stopped and it is held out of the city a short distance. Though the gov-