

temple and worship, and sacrifices to be offered before the gods, that the dread disease might be stayed. From one of the gates of the city a buffalo, a pig and a goat were sent forth in company with a little girl about twelve years of age, whom His Highness had bought from her parents. The girl and animals went out a short distance in company with a *lipatu*, when the price paid for the girl was struck with a sword, the animals were killed, and the girl sent away from Dhar, never to come back. Until the British Government interfered and put a stop to it, the girl was also sacrificed, and I believe in some parts of India this still takes place. From all the other gates of the city animals were sent out and slain, and thus the gods were to be appeased. Poor India! This went on for several days, but with no effect.

There are many dark pictures in this Eastern land, but we have our bright ones also. Mr. Russell has had a number of baptisms here in Mhow within the last few months, the last about three weeks ago, when a Moham-medan woman and her two sons were baptized, this last being the direct fruit of Miss Calder's work among the women. But I need not tell you the facts here, as she intends writing to you herself about it.

We are glad to know you are able to send us three new helpers this fall; already we are beginning to look forward and count the months until their arrival. Our home-going is drawing near, and with the great joy this thought brings is also the thought how hard it will be to say good-bye to those who have grown so dear to us in this distant land.

A Plea for a Hospital at Dhar.

FROM DR. MARGARET O'HARA.

Dhar, Central India, August 26, '96.

I do hope for the sake of the work here that you will soon see your way clear to allowing us to go on with the hospital. You mention that we should begin with a dispensary, as was done in every other station. We did so and yet the circumstances are entirely different. In the three stations where the ladies' medical work was first opened, there are Government hospitals. In Dhar there is not. All these stations are connected by rail. Dhar is thirty-three miles from the nearest railway station. In the other stations it has been most difficult to get property. In Dhar His Highness has given us land for the express purpose of having a woman's hospital built by us. Last, though not least, I have on hand towards the erection of the hospital over two thousand rupees, which has been given me for the express purpose of building an hospital, and the offer of furnishings for two