

I am working hard with my "pundit" every day, and hope I may soon be able to make myself understood. One thing which impresses me very much is seeing so many of the natives wearing the mark of their false gods in their foreheads.

FROM MISS LEYDEN.

Mhow, C.I., Dec. 8, 1896.

Three weeks ago to-day I arrived here, and they have indeed been very pleasant days. So many new and strange things to see; everything is so different from what we have been accustomed to at home. Mhow is a very pretty station, and we, who have so lately come from Canada and know what sort of weather we generally have in December, were greatly surprised to find the flowers blooming in every garden, and oh, what gorgeous colors.

I am studying Hindi, and while it is difficult yet I enjoy it. How I long for the time when I can tell these poor deluded brothers and sisters of Jesus and His love.

I have been very well since coming here, in fact, I feel better than ever I did before. I have gained nine pounds since I left Canada. I find the missionaries here and also those I have seen from other stations very friendly and kind. I find Miss Calder a delightful, helpful companion. Rev. N. Russell and Mrs. Russell have also been exceedingly kind to me. We are all regretting that they will soon be going home.

School Work in Dhar.

[FROM MISS DOUGAN.

Dhar, Nov. 17, 1896.

We seem to be at the beginning of a very bad year in India. Already the prices of food grains are so high as to press very hard on the poor, even in this, one of the richest parts of India. A friend who came down from the north last week was saying she saw a great deal of poverty there. At one railway station a number of starved beggars gathered round her and ate ravenously all the bread she had to give them from her lunch basket. She offered them eggs which they would not take for fear of breaking their caste. It has been predicted that this year is the first of a number of years' famine in India. To-day is cloudy and we are earnestly hoping for rain before it is too late to be of any use to the crops.