

forward to. Coming home from prayer-meeting this evening I saw something that I think may interest you, although Miss Sinclair, who explained to me what it meant, thinks you will have heard all about it ere this. An old man was standing at the door of a small, dark-looking house, ringing a bell. Now the ordinary native bell here is simply a large flat plate of metal usually copper, with a hole in it. This metal is suspended from a tripod, and when the bell is to be rung the "sexton" strikes it with a hardwood mallet. One of these is used as a town clock, near here. Well, this native was ringing the bell to waken the gods inside the temple. When he had them thoroughly aroused he would go in and do *puja* to them. Then when he came out he would ring the bell to put them to sleep again. Miss O'Hara joins me in sending our love to you. We ask for your earnest prayers on our behalf.

Mhow: Appointment of Mission Staff.

Rev. N. H. Russell, in writing of the Viceroy's recent visit to Indore, says:—"Should Government interest go not one step further the visit of the Viceroy to our college and of his esteemed wife to our hospital, have done wonders for us. The princes, the chiefs, the whole aristocracy of Central India were present to do Her Majesty's representatives honour, and they both saw and heard, and he who knows the Indian character will understand the significance of this; whither the breath of royalty draws, the princes of India follow. We saw it in our prayer-meeting last night. It was full to the door. Yesterday evening, for the first time, were our lady doctors summoned to attend the Maharani Holkar's wife. The eyes of all, English and Hindu alike, have been turned on us and the work of Christ."

Mr. Russell has been placed in charge of Mhow Station, Miss Ross will take over the girls' schools formerly conducted by the Misses Stockbridge, and Dr. W. Grant Fraser will take up the medical work and dispensary. The schools in Mhow are spoken of as in good condition, and promising well for results in the future. Our missionaries began work in this (to them) new field on Dec. 1, 1891.