

The Manor.

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Raffar.

Kulu.

Nov: 30th

My dear Mrs Roerick.

Thank you very much for your letter, which Dr. Javalenko gave to me on the evening he came down to see us. We were all so delighted to see him, & I think he has a queue of patients lined up already to see him, even before he has had time to unpack all his medicines. I am one of his patients, & he has been most kind to me, as I have had a poisoned toe for over a month, & it just wouldn't get better, but now that Dr. Javalenko has been attending to it, I can walk without limping, so quite soon I shall have a normal foot again.

It is very kind of you to ask if there is anything you can do for us, well at present

I don't think there is anything, but what we do so want to know is, where can we find a good dentist, as my sister is having trouble with her teeth, we seem to be a couple of crocks don't we, but we used to go to Dr. H. Lal, but since partition we do not know what has happened to him, now we don't know of any other dentists.

Kulu is still lovely, but has turned very cold, there has been a sprinkling of snow on the mountains, but we still get the lovely sunshine during the day. How terrible that Cyclone was in Bombay, do hope you & Mr. Roerick did not suffer in any way, & that things are becoming more normal again.

There is a new D.F.O. in Kulu, he has just come back from the continent where he has been for his studies, he is a nice man, & I think he will be able to help us over our charcoal difficulty, of which there is none to be had in Naffar, & he

told Sr Talavento that he would try & help
over getting the road from the Castle to
the Hall Estate repaired, which will
be very nice, as nothing has been done to it
since the awful rain we had in March.

The Postmaster we have now, is not a
telegraphist, the one who was, fell in love
with a Nochi's sister, & when he heard
he was being transferred, he tried to commit
suicide by swallowing poison, as he
couldn't take her with him, but we don't
know since that day whether he is alive
or dead, or gone with the Kulu girl.

Hope you are all quite well - with
kind regards & best wishes from us
both

Yours sincerely

Barbara Donald

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Naggar. P.O.
Kulu.

Jan 6th.

Dear Mrs Rorrick.

Thank you very much indeed for the lovely, & much appreciated hunting calendar which you 6th sent us for Christmas. It was very kind of you to think of us in Kulu.

We all spent our Christmas in Manali, with Dr. & Mrs Burfoot, who gave us a very cheerful time, & also lots to eat. On Christmas day there was a party for children & grown ups, & the patients of the hospital, it was a lovely big Christmas tree, & everyone received presents off it. The four days we were there, the weather was very kind to us, although it looked threatening on the 24th, & very much like snow, it kept away, so we enjoyed the four days without having to

worry about weather conditions. My sister
& I found Maui warmer than Nagasaki, but
those from Raisen & Katrain found it as cold
as it is famous for. Dr. Tolavenko also
enjoyed himself, but he was glad to get back,
& see how his workers were working.

It was good to get the news on the Radio
about the cease fire in Taiwan & Kashmir,
a cheerful beginning for 1949, & to let us
hope the whole world will become peaceful.
Hope you had a good Christmas Tour
end.

With kind regards from us both, & all
good wishes for 1949. to you both.

Yours very sincerely,

Barbara Donald.
