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FROM MRS. WILSON.

NEEMUCH,
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You ask me in your last letter for news of our Neemuch field, and for information concerning the prospects of work among the women here.

I think you know about our boys' school in Old Neemuch, and also about the dispensary, both of which were opened last year, before we moved from Mhow to Neemuch, Mr. Wilson visiting them every two or three weeks during the few months that elapsed between his choosing of Neemuch for his field and our coming to reside here. The school is steadily growing under Bala Ram's care, and the average attendance is now about forty. Bala Ram takes the English and the higher vernacular classes, and an assistant teacher attends to those who are not so far advanced. For some time much restlessness was shown among the boys during the daily Bible lesson, and some of them refused to answer the questions put to them on the subject of the lesson. Lately, however, two or three of the Mohammedan boys, who seemed to cause most of the trouble, have left, and now Bala Ram finds no difficulty with his class. About half of the boys attend a singing-class held once a week in our church building, and some of them are learning to sing our Christian hymns very nicely. So far they have learned only hymns written in the style of their own sacred songs, and sung to purely native tunes. But they are fond of English tunes, and, fortunately, we have translations in the same metre of many of our best English hymns, so by and by we intend to teach them these. One of the Rajputana missionaries (of the U. P. Mission) told me that many object to the singing of Indian tunes to Christian hymns, as the