

as to have Miss Ross and Mr. Russel with us. Instead of the usual Christmas tree, we gave a native Khana (dinner), had singing and a social time generally. In the morning we had service, at which three were baptized by Mr. Russel, one child and two on profession of faith.

The hospital is well under way and the corner stone is to be laid about the end of this month. We hoped to have had the Maharajah, Prince of Indore, lay the corner stone, but he has deputed his Prime Minister to do so in his stead. We were perhaps a little too sanguine, but when you think of the fact, that only a few years ago we were fighting for the privilege of carrying on any kind of Christian work, and contrast it with the fact, that the son of the late Maharajah deputes his Prime Minister to lay, after giving the land and R750 (Rupees seven hundred and fifty), the corner stone of a Christian hospital, surely we should take courage to continue the fight for the spread of the Gospel, knowing that God hath said, "My word shall not return unto me void."

We hope to get the Maharajahs of the surrounding states interested in our work and by this means secure financial help.

All the mission staff here are well and send united kind regards.

Out in the Jungle.

RAMPURA, *February 1, 1891.*

MRS. WILSON,—On the receipt of your letter I gave your message to the ladies. So I have no doubt you will have their reports in your hand in good time.

You ask about my work, but I do not at all feel that it is worthy the honour of a report for the Society. I have but the one little school in Bagana village, about which I told you in my last letter. When I left Neemuch about a month ago there were sixteen names on the roll, with an average attendance of eleven or twelve. During some months I did all the teaching myself. Then I got a Brahman pundit to assist, and now I have a Christian woman in charge. She is an unsatisfactory teacher. So, in the meantime, I keep on the pundit so as to try and stir her up a little, and also that through his influence more girls may