

these has been a real pleasure to me, and I trust they have not been without profit to the members.

I would like to know the young men of the congregation still better than I do, and it would be a privilege and a joy to me to be of any service to them. I find it most unsatisfactory to visit them either at their lodgings or in their places of business, with the risk of missing them or finding them engaged, and I ask them, if it is at all convenient, to come and see me on the Thursday evenings.

Amid much that has been cheering, there have been saddening experiences during the past year. Trial and trouble of various kinds have visited hearts and homes amongst us; business cares and domestic afflictions, awakening our sympathy and sorrow and calling forth our earnest prayers. Death too, has not spared our congregation, taking away, amongst others, Mr. R. A. RAMSAY, one of the Trustees, whose loss was deeply felt not only by our own congregation, but by the whole community; the death of his wife, so soon after, deepened our sadness and drew the hearts of many in full sympathy to the orphaned children and the sorrowing relatives.

Not long ago I intimated to you the sad and sudden death of the wife of our young missionary Mr. Murray, in India and, as I write, the deeply affecting news has reached me that God has taken away Mr. MURRAY from his work in the world—one in heart and one in the Master's work, he and his dear wife have not long been divided in death—they are both at home with God. I have a letter from him, received in all probability after God had called him away, intimating that all doubts as to carrying on his work single-handed had passed away, and that he was going into Ujjain full of hope and zeal to preach Christ to the heathen—"Man proposes, God disposes." It was not to be; God's purpose with him here was accomplished. It is a somewhat sad beginning to our mission; it will not decrease our faith, however, but deepen our love for those who take their life in their hand and leave home and friends for Christ's sake. I hope very soon to be able to tell you that another has gone to take Mr. Murray's place and carry on his work.

Last year I had to report a deficit for this mission, this year I have to report a surplus. The income for the year is

from 42 subscribers	\$1142.00
" Sunday School Association	100.00
" Wednesday Evening collections	85.65
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