

I am specially pleased with the Sunday morning meetings. My heart has been cheered and my hands greatly strengthened by the attendance of so many, and by their manifest interest in the study of God's word.

Will not more of our young men join us? Whatever they regret, they will never regret doing this. I long for the time when the young men shall be, not as they too often are now, the chief anxiety, but the chief strength and glory of our congregation.

Most cordially do I thank the Trustees for their constant and cheerful readiness to promote in any way they can the welfare of the church; the Elders, for their counsel and cordial co-operation with me in the work of the pastorate; the Superintendent and Teachers of the Sunday School, for their unwearied interest in their work and in the welfare of the scholars; the members of the Ladies' Association, for their labours of love towards the poor; the leader and members of the Choir, for their faithful attendance at practice, for the invaluable assistance they give in the services of the Church, and for the readiness with which they contribute of their "gift of song" to so many of our different meetings. I must thank the children for the way in which they give their time to the Church—it is a joy to all of us to hear their sweet young voices leading us in our praise of God.

I take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging contributions amounting to \$160, sent to me by one or two members of the congregation, for private distribution amongst deserving poor; this has been a real boon, enabling me to give relief in cases which could not have been otherwise met.

That the new year on which we have entered may be one of continued prosperity and peace—of health and happiness in your homes, of success in your callings—of greater prayerfulness—of holier life—of deepening love to Christ and growing charity toward others is the earnest prayer of

Your affectionate Pastor,

JAMES BARCLAY.