

DEATH OF REV. R. C. MURRAY.

Nearly two years and a half since, Rev. R. Murray, a native of Pictou, went out to India in the service of the Western Section of the Church, and supported by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Montreal.

About a year later Miss Charlotte Wilson, also of Pictou, went out to be his wife, and they were married in Bombay about the beginning of 1887. A few months since news came that she had died after but a few days of illness, and he was left alone, as before, but lonelier far, at his solitary work in the ancient city of Ujjain, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, city of India.

Now the wires flash the message that he has too rested from his labors. He died from sunstroke some time the second week in January.

Those who knew them well knew that they both were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in death they were scarce divided.

The Foreign Mission Committee, West, was in session when the telegram came with news of his death. They passed the following resolution which has been forwarded to us for publication.

"The Foreign Mission Committee having learned this day by cable of the sudden and entirely unlooked-for death of Rev. R. C. Murray of the Central India Mission, desire to record their sense of the loss sustained by the Mission and the Church in the removal, at such an early stage of his missionary life, of one who, by his gifts and graces, seemed peculiarly fitted for a career of fruitful service among the heathen. The sense of loss is to them intensified by the fact that his death followed so quickly that of his most estimable and devoted wife. The removal of two such members of the Mission staff at the very time when they seemed almost ready to enter efficiently on the great work upon which they had set their hearts, is a severe blow to the Mission, by which some of Christ's followers may be not a little cast down.

The Committee desire to record their conviction that, in this sore trial, there has been given to the Church no real ground for discouragement in her foreign work, but she has been incited to cling more closely to Him who holds the stars in His right hand, and has been called to trust more in the unchanging Head of the Church, who "must reign until all His enemies are put under His feet," and less in the changing human instruments which He employs to advance His cause.

The Committee feel deeply with the members of the Mission staff in Central India, under the great trial which has befallen them, and they earnestly hope that this dispensation of God's Providence may be much blessed to the missionaries; and that a sense of their common loss may draw them closer to each other and to their Divine Lord, and stimulate them to more entire consecration to His service.

The Committee desire very especially to express their deep sympathy with the family circles in Canada which have been so sorely bereaved, and they pray that as those sad tidings are carried to them, the abundant consolations of the gospel may be so richly poured into their hearts, that even in the midst of their sorrows they may rejoice that their loved ones were enabled to devote their lives to a cause dear to the heart of Christ, and were so soon counted worthy to enter into His glory.

THE CANADIAN MISSION TO CHINA.

The Western Section of the Church has entered a new field, the Province of Honan, in China. With a population of fifteen millions, three times that of the Dominion of Canada, that vast province has hitherto had but one missionary. Rev. Jonathan Goforth, who completed his studies last spring in Knox College, Toronto, has been appointed to that field, and with his wife left for his field of labor on the 19th of Jan. He is supported by the Students and Alumni of Knox College. The reason for his speedy departure is the terrible flood that has devastated the Province of Honan, in which it is estimated that three quarters of a million of people have perished, and millions more have been reduced to poverty.

In the great famine in China a few years since the missionaries were among the foremost in distributing food among the perishing. They thus gained the confidence of the people, and the gospel made progress in the famine districts as never before.

Mr. Goforth is anxious to be upon the field as soon as possible to help the sufferers and thus win an entrance to their hearts.

Mr. Goforth is to be followed in a few months by Rev. Dr. Smith, a medical missionary to be supported by the students and Alumni of Queen's College, Kingston.