

The ready and generous response to the appeal that was made for a special missionary of our own to Central India, is one of the most cheering experiences of my whole ministry. It marks an era not only in our congregational life, but in the history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and is hailed by the General Assembly as the first fruits of a new and growing source of supply for our Foreign Mission work.

Mr. Murray, whose services we were especially fortunate in securing, has already entered on his work in a spirit of devotion and hopefulness. I hope ere long to give you full information as to the field he labours in and his experience. His chief message to us is "Remember me, and pray for me." The sum of \$1485, including interest, was subscribed. One of the largest subscribers has left the country, and there may be other deficiencies to make up, but I have not the slightest fear that you will abandon the work which you have begun. In due time I will make a statement regarding the mission and its needs, and that of itself, I feel sure, will secure continued support.

I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$185. for private distribution amongst the poor, and I have had abundant opportunity of dispensing this kindly charity.

May God's richest blessing rest on every home and every heart in this congregation, and on their friends far and near. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Your affectionate pastor,

JAMES BARCLAY.