

the company having reasons for concentrating its efforts on the latter ; and to these, accordingly, the most of the miners have been transferred. Since this, however, there is among them a smaller proportion of Scotchmen. From Dr. Thornton's figures, I should judge Scotchmen have decreased by a third, giving place to Cornishmen, of whom the mining population for the most part consists. The state of society, I think, must of late have somewhat improved. I never saw a quieter Canadian village. I should judge the people to be industrious and sober in a high degree ; many excellent, intelligent, manly fellows are to be found amongst them and, so far as my intercourse with them went, I by no means considered them as a body characterized by a careless, irreligious spirit. The managers of the company deserve all praise for their policy, which has been to foster the settlement of worthy men, and gradually rid the place of the lawless and debauched. With these exceptions, the statements of the gentlemen named apply pretty accurately at the present time.

I was instructed by the Presbytery, should I see fit, to organize a congregation, and dispense the Lord's Supper. In the exercise of the discretion allowed me, I was not long in resolving that it would not be proper to propose such steps, till such time as we shall have taken a better hold of the station, and have, by our acts, given the people some guarantee that they may count on regular safety in connection with our church. I was not met among them by the severe expressions of dissatisfaction I had calculated on, but, as before my visit they had not seen the face of one of our ministers or preachers for two years, they had, in truth, some ground for supposing they were neglected. I was able to show them that earnest efforts had been made to provide for them, and that the failure of the Presbytery to send them such supply as they required, arose wholly from its inability to do so with the limited resources at its command. A special appointment for the whole summer should be made for the mines. All efforts to effect this through the Committee, or more privately, have failed, it is to be regretted, these two years. Not having the correspondence with the Committee in my possession, which took place at the time the station was placed under our charge, I am unable to state exactly to what extent we were warranted in entertaining the impression that the Committee would give particular attention to its claims ; but, should it remain under our charge, I hope we shall succeed in obtaining a special appointment for it hereafter. It is most desirable that a suitable settlement should be brought about as soon as possible, in such an exceptional field ; and that in the meantime we should retain it by suitable attention. It will be hard doing this with the ordinary supply of labourers placed at the disposal of the Presbytery.

The mining region is developing very slowly on the Canadian side, though on the other a large population is gathering, and a large traffic is already supporting a considerable fleet of trading vessels ; so that any day the tourist can calculate on meeting, in the St. Mary River, with a propeller on its way to Detroit. The causes of this difference are to a great extent inexplicable, and it is enough to make any one who has the honour of his government and the welfare of his country at heart, to blush, as he hearkens to an intelligent recital of these causes ; for they are neither summed up in want of capital nor want of enterprise. It is to be hoped the incubus now resting on the Canadian shore will soon be shaken off it when it will make rapid strides in prosperity.

The miners being for the most part Cornish, the denominations which find most favour with them are the various classes of Methodists. Both the Primitive and Wesleyan branches have considerable congregations with ministers, in the place ; and most of the Scotchmen, I am sorry to say