

Miller was also present at Merigomish as a corresponding member. The attendance of the congregation at Barney's River was good. The visitation elicited that the minister discharges his duties diligently and faithfully, and that the elders visit the sick and for the most part attend and take part in prayer meetings and Sabbath schools. There are five prayer meetings within the bounds of the congregation, three of which are union meetings, and three Sabbath schools, two of which are union schools. One prayer meeting has ceased to exist in consequence of the members of the congregation in the vicinity failing to attend.

The Presbytery found the organization of the congregation for the management of financial business very defective, and consequently a considerable amount of confusion in that department of their work. There are no deacons or managers and it was stated that not more than two-thirds of the people contribute to the maintenance of ordinances. It was somewhat difficult to ascertain the amount which that section of the congregation feel obliged to contribute to the support of their pastor, owing to the fact that they do not know themselves. It appeared, however, that there had been paid for many years an average of about \$250.00 per annum. The following are the amounts contributed by the congregation at Barney's River during the past year for the schemes of the Church:—

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| Foreign Missions..... | \$13.00 |
| Home Missions..... | 4.00 |
| French Evangelization..... | 5.22 |
| Supplementing Fund..... | 3.50 |
| Aged & Infirm Ministers Fund,... | 5.00 |
| Assembly Fund..... | 3.00 |
| Synod Fund..... | 2.00 |
| Presbytery Fund..... | 1.50 |

Total.....\$37.22

At the close of the visitation the following finding was adopted:—

“The Presbytery after hearing the answers given desire to record their sense of the diligence and fidelity of the pastor, and their gratification at finding the elders endeavoring so earnestly to co-operate with him in looking after the spiritual interests of the congregation, especially in connection with the prayer meetings and Sabbath schools.

They regret, however, to find a lack of organization in the congregation for the management of their financial business, and they would recommend an immediate effort to remedy this defect by the appointment of managers. They would

further recommend a deeper interest in the schemes of the Church, and enlarged contributions to the same, and they would strongly urge the congregation to make an annual collection for the College Fund.

They desire, moreover, to commend the congregation and its Pastor to the care of the Great Head of the Church, and they earnestly plead for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them.”

VISITATION AT MERIGOMISH.

At Merigomish the attendance of the congregation was small. Its organization, however, was found to be excellent, and its working upon the whole encouraging. The pastor visits the whole congregation regularly once a year, and meets with the Bible Classes in connection with the Sabbath schools as often as he can. The elders are attentive to the sick, and for the most part when not prevented by infirmity or indisposition, attend and give help at prayer meetings and Sabbath schools. There are four weekly prayer meetings in the congregation with an average attendance at them all of from 150 to 200 persons. There are five Sabbath schools with an average attendance during the summer season of about 28 teachers and 140 scholars. The salary of their pastor, which is \$700.00 and a manse, is fully paid. The contributions to the schemes of the Church are as follows:—

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| Foreign Missions..... | \$72.50 |
| French Evangelization..... | 20.00 |
| Supplementing Fund..... | 20.00 |
| Home Missions..... | 14.00 |
| Dayspring..... | 12.00 |
| College..... | 10.00 |
| Presbytery Fund..... | 9.00 |
| Assembly Travelling Expenses.... | 7.00 |
| Synod Fund..... | 6.50 |
| Aged & Infirm Ministers Fund.... | 5.00 |
| Assembly Fund..... | 4.00 |

Total.....\$180.00

The following is the finding which was adopted:—

“The Presbytery rejoice to learn of the completeness of the organization existing for the purpose of carrying on the work of the congregation, both in its financial and spiritual departments; of the diligence and fidelity of pastor, elders and managers in availing themselves of the facilities furnished by such organization, and of the measure of success which has been attained in connection therewith. They would urge upon the congregation, in their attendance upon