

fortably fitted up and centrally situated. About 100 families connected with the Congregation live within a radius of less than half a mile from it. It can scarcely be expected that all the members of these families should be able to attend, but were each family to begin from this date to send regularly a representative, there would be little, as regards attendance, of which in future to complain.

The monthly Missionary Meetings which have been for various reasons, during the past year discontinued, are again about to be resumed. A collection will be taken up in connection with them as formerly. At the Presbytery's Annual Missionary Meeting, there was an unusually large attendance. The amount collected at and subscribed in connection with this meeting, was larger (so far as known) than that realized on any similiar occasion in the history of the Congregation.

POOR FUND.

This Fund continues to be in a very satisfactory state. The disbursements from it for the past year amounted to \$122.40. This sum, for the most part expended in wood, groceries, bread &c., was found amply sufficient to relieve the necessities of all who could establish any claim to connection with the Congregation. On account of wood having lately advanced so much in price, a considerably increased demand on the fund is expected during the ensuing winter.

II.—PASTORAL LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS :—

At our annual meeting, I was asked to prepare for your perusal a statement as to the spiritual condition of the Congregation. Believing that, in the performance of such a duty, it is always unsafe to assert positive results which can be known only to God, I have contented myself with simply placing before you, in part I. of this report, a summary of facts. It now only remains for me to make, in reference to them and the thoughts which arise out of them, a few comments suggestive of improvement in the future conduct of our Congregation ; and

(1). As to our Sabbath Schools. The day has long gone by when it is necessary to defend Sabbath Schools, or to argue their right to a place in the Christian Church—statistics of undoubted authenticity and drawn from various sources, unmistakably shewing that they have done