

with your congregation, at which you occasionally preach?

5. Are there any settlements in your neighbourhood destitute of the means of grace; and do you give any of your time to Missionary labour?

6. How often in the year do you visit your people?

7. How do you conduct these visitations?

8. Do you make it a regular part of your ministerial work to visit the sick, and those unable to attend public worship?

MISCELLANEOUS.

9. Do you hold Diets of catechizing; and how are they conducted?
10. What interest do you take in the educational system of the Province?
11. Do you regularly attend the meetings of Presbytery and Synod?

Queries to the Elders.

12. How many Elders are there in the congregation?
13. Has each a district assigned to him?
14. Do you regularly attend the meetings of Session?
15. Do you visit the families in your respective district; and how do you conduct your visitations?
16. Are you in the habit of visiting the sick and infirm.
17. Do you promote the formation of meetings for prayer, reading of the Scriptures, and Christian fellowship?
18. Do you try to ascertain the fruits of the Gospel ministry in your several districts?
19. Have you signed the prescribed formula of our Church?

Queries to the Deacons or Managers.

20. How many Deacons or Managers are there in the congregation?
21. Have the former districts assigned to them; and have they signed the formula?
22. How are the latter elected; and who are eligible for office?
23. Have you a Church and Manse? On what tenure is the property held?
24. Is there any debt upon the property?
25. How many sittings are there in your Church; and what number of them are allocated?
26. Are seat-rents charged? If so, what are the rates, &c.?
27. What is the amount of your Minister's stipend; and is it regularly paid?
28. How is it collected; and what is the number of contributors to it in your congregation?
29. Have you made all the collections appointed by the Synod, including contribution to Knox College? If any were omitted, state the reason.
30. What is the weekly average of your Sabbath collections; and how are they appropriated?
31. Have you made any special collections; and what has been their nature and amount?
32. What amount has the congregation contributed for all purposes during the past Synodical year?

Queries to Kirk Sessions.

33. State about the number adhering to your congregation?
34. What is the average attendance at your Church.
35. What is the (general) distance from which the Congregation come to Church?

DISPENSATION OF THE SACRAMENTS.

36. How often is the Sacrament of the Supper dispensed?
37. State the number of Communicants on the Roll.
38. Is the Roll carefully kept; and are means

taken to purge it preparatory to each Communion?

39. Under what kind of training do you put intending communicants?
40. With what forms do you admit them?
41. Is Baptism generally administered publicly? Under what circumstances is it privately dispensed?
42. Is it ever administered to the children of non-members?
43. Is the duty of family worship insisted on as a *sine quid non* to Baptism?
44. Are parents examined before Baptism is administered to their children?
45. Is the use of the Standards of the Church recommended to such parties?

DISCIPLINE.

46. What are the offences most common in your congregation?
47. What is the usual mode of exercising discipline?
48. How many cases of discipline have occurred during the past year?
49. How do you deal with parties who frequently absent themselves from the Lord's Table?
50. Do you inculcate on the congregation the duty of upholding the authority of the Session in matters of discipline?

STATE OF RELIGION.

51. Have you any ground for believing that the Gospel is effecting spiritual good throughout the congregation?
52. Can you mention anything as particularly noticeable in the present religious state of the congregation?
53. Can you specify any of the means employed that have been specially blessed for the conversion and edification of souls?
54. Is family worship generally attended to?
55. Have you a stated congregational or week-day meetings, and how many usually attend it?
56. Is much interest taken in missions; and is there a stated missionary meeting?
57. Are scandals on the increase or otherwise?

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE YOUNG.

58. Do parties attend to the religious training of their children?
59. Is there a Sabbath School connected with your congregation; and what is the attendance?
60. How is it conducted; and what books and mode of instruction are employed?
61. What is the number of teachers; and how are they admitted?
62. Does the Session exercise any superintendence over the School?
63. Have you a Library for the use of the School; and what is its general character?
64. Is there a Bible-Class and how is it conducted?

PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH.

65. Can you state the amount of population in your district, not connected with your Church?
66. Do you use any means for communicating religious instruction beyond the limits of your congregation?
67. What additions have been made to your congregation during the past year?

MISCELLANEOUS.

68. Have you an annual congregational meeting?
69. How is it conducted; and what matters are brought before it?
70. Have you a Congregational Library.
71. What is its size and character; and how is it conducted and supported?
72. Have you any case of difficulty which you wish to bring before the Presbytery?
73. Have you any complaints to make, or suggestions to offer?

MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The annual meeting of this body took place in May Street Church, Belfast, on the evening of Monday, July 6th. The Rev. Dr. Goudy, of Strabane, was appointed Moderator. We publish the following synopsis of the proceedings of the assembly, from the columns of *The News of the Churches*:—

INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

The Rev. David Hamilton read the Report of the Church and Manse Fund Committee. It stated that fifty-two grants had been made during the past year, viz.,—for manse, thirty-two grants, amounting to £2852 11s. 10d.; for new churches, £1850; for debt on churches, ten grants, amounting to £559 18s. Total grants made since the formation of the Fund, 134, amounting to £11,869 11s.; being for manse, £7038 3s.; for new churches, £3270; for debt on churches, £1291 8s. The amount received by the Treasurer from the 16th June, 1856, till 15th June, 1857, was £4783 6s. 5d. The total amount received for three instalments, was £18,025 6s. The Report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. J. H. Moore, Connor; seconded by Mr. Alexander, elder.

Dr. Morgan read the report of the Committee on Ministerial Support for the past year. The Report traced the history of the ministerial report movement since its commencement, the difficulties that had to be encountered, and the success that had been attained. The result in each of the Synods was noticed separately. In the Synod of Ballymena and Coleraine, which consisted of ninety-five congregations, the synodical commission stated that, with the exception of two or three that had declined to receive deputations, all the congregations in the Synod had been visited and addressed; and, in general, the people evinced a good spirit. Forty-one congregations had reported additions to the income of their ministers, amounting to £859 4s. 11d., and in others arrangements were in progress. In the Belfast Synod, which consisted of 147 congregations, arrangements were made for visiting all the congregations. Reports had been received from fifty congregations, showing an increase of about £1150; from twenty-eight, stating that measures were in progress within them; and from thirty-five, that they had been visited, but that no immediate results had appeared; leaving thirty-four, for all of which appointments for visitation had been made, but from which no return of the result had been received. In the Synod of Armagh and Monaghan, which consisted of eighty-five congregations, almost everywhere something, in one form or another, was being done. Twenty congregations were stated to have increased their stipend to the extent of £410; others were adopting measures towards similar results, but there was a considerable number in which nothing tangible had yet been done. In the Synod of Dublin, in which there were eighty-three congregations, the Report showed that about one-half had been visited. In thirty-two congregations, there had been an increase of about £1000 in the revenue of the ministers. In the Synod of Derry and Omagh, all the ninety-nine congregations, of which it consisted, had been visited, and addressed on the subject of ministerial support, either during the present or previous years. In sixty-eight congregations, an increase had already been made, which it was expected would amount to at least £1100 annually. In the whole Assembly, 211 congregations had made additions to the support of their ministers, amounting to £4500.

A deputation was heard from a meeting of elders, deacons, and members of Committee of