

under censure in other congregations ; have no stated meetings for conference and prayer ; have not sufficiently thought of exercising a superintendence over the conduct and training of the baptised youth so as to lead them to a full discharge of the vows that rest upon them ; exercise a superintendence over the Sabbath School in which three of them are teachers ; the following amounts were given to the schemes of the church last year, including \$9 raised in the English Settlement, the total sum was \$43.77, divided as follows : to Supplement Fund, \$16, to Home Mission, \$6, Foreign Mission \$12, Synod Fund \$5.25, *Day Spring* \$4.52 ; the ordinance of praise is generally observed ; the state of religion is not such as might be wished, but there is a due reverence of all the ordinances ; family worship is generally observed ; the affairs of the congregation are transacted by trustees ; and there are no circumstances connected with the congregation which they wished to report to the Presbytery. The pastor conducts one weekly prayer meeting, and has also a cottage prayer meeting. There are in this section about 35 families, the communion roll numbers 80, and these are regular in observing the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Six joined the Church during the past year, and some others are expected to become communicants soon. Young men seldom do church work and only a few take part in prayer meetings.

The managers answered that this section promise their minister \$200 per year ; they deem this as much as they can pay under the circumstances ; they are \$38.66 behind hand up to the present month ; the subscriptions are liberal, and promised half-yearly but not punctually paid ; the highest subscription is \$10 per annum and only one pays this much ; four families pay \$8 each ; the managers meet once a year, and the financial year terminates 1st March. There are 16 copies of the *Record* taken in this section.

An announcement having been made on the Sabbath previous that a missionary meeting would be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, your committee thought it advisable to defer their remarks till then. At the appointed hour the congregation arrived. The meeting was opened by praise and prayer and reading of the scriptures by the pastor. After this your Committee in turn delivered as forcible addresses as they could upon the several schemes of the Church, plainly setting forth their nature, object, and the claims which they had upon their liberality and frequent prayers. They commended the pastor's diligence, energy and faithfulness ; urged upon him the necessity of holding regular diets of examination in the various sections of the congregation ; pointed out the advantages of assigning to

each elder a district for his special supervision ; while they admitted that money was scarce they thought a higher degree of liberality ought to be aimed at now ; upon the whole they expressed great satisfaction upon the favorable state of affairs in this section, upon the love existing between pastor and people, and felt assured that the time was not far distant when we would yet hear better things from them.

ENGLISH SETTLEMENT.

The visitation of this section of the congregation was held on the morning of Wednesday, July 20.

After an able and practical sermon from the Rev. Mr. Houston, the representatives of the congregation were called to stand forward. They comprised the pastor, Rev. Lewis Jack, Edward Hamilton and David Murray, members of Session ; and as Trustees, Dr. Murray, Adam Murray, Dougald Carmichael and William Lawson.

The pastor's answers were the same as given at Springfield with the exception that in certain cases he administers baptism in private, and to children whose parents are not full members of the Church when their character is good.

The Elders answered that they do not visit, advise and pray with the families of their congregation ; that they do watch over the members carefully ; they visit the sick when sent for ; attend the meetings of Session, but not of Presbytery ; one of them attends and takes part in prayer meetings when possible, the other does not.

The Session answered that they had five Elders ; four of them were able to act, the other being removed to too great a distance ; they have not districts allotted to each ; do not admit to sealing ordinances persons under censure in other congregations ; have no stated meetings for prayer ; do not exercise careful superintendence over the training of baptised youth ; the pastor and teachers conduct the Sabbath School ; have contributed \$9 for the schemes of the Church ; the ordinance of praise is generally observed ; the general business of the congregation is transacted by managers ; there are about 40 members ; the communion roll is purged yearly ; two added this year ; the number of families 23 ; one Sabbath School which is well attended ; and 9 copies of the *Record* are taken.

The Trustees answered that they give the minister \$160 per annum, the highest subscriptions varying from \$6 to \$14 ; there are \$6.25 arrears for the last two years ; the salary is raised by subscription and is payable half-yearly ; the managers meet once a year for business, and the financial year terminates 12th July.

Your Commissioners then addressed those