

Springville on the 10th inst., and at Sunny Brae and Blue Mountain on the 11th.

The attendance of members of Presbytery was small. At Hopewell, besides the minister and ruling elder of the congregation, the only other members present were Messrs. Wm. Stuart, E. A. McCurdy, A. McL. Sinclair and R. Cumming. The attendance of the congregation was also small. After sermon from Mr. Stuart from the text, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power," the Presbytery proceeded with the visitation. The congregation was found to be in a fairly prosperous condition, ordinances are well attended, hearers are attentive, pastoral visitation is regularly attended to, the elders visit the sick and look after the spiritual interests of the congregation. Sabbath Schools exist and are efficiently conducted. Prayer meetings are held and for the most part fairly attended, and the financial obligations of the congregation to their pastor promptly, liberally and well fulfilled. The congregation contributed last year to the schemes of the church with the exception of the College Fund and the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund. Their contributions were as follows:—

Foreign Missions.....	\$180.00
French Evangelization.....	11.00
H. Mission & Sup. Fund.....	9.00
Assembly Fund.....	7.00
Other religious and benevolent purposes.....	53.00
Total.....	\$260.00

Besides these contributions, during the past year a manse has been erected for their pastor on which there is a debt of only \$800, which debt will likely be all removed next year by the payment of the remaining instalments of the subscription for that purpose. At the close of the visitation the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"The Presbytery having heard the answers given, desire to put on record their sense of the diligence and fidelity of the pastor, their approval of the efforts of the elders in looking after the spiritual interests of the congregation, and their appreciation of the way in which the managers transact their business. They rejoice in the favorable indications which appear as to the state of religion within the bounds of the congregation, more especially as manifested in the interest taken in Sabbath School work and in the Foreign Missions of the church. They would however urge upon the congregation the importance of a larger atten-

dance at the prayer meeting in the centre section of the congregation, and the necessity of making contributions to all the schemes of the church, and they desire to commend the congregation to God and to the Word of His Grace, and to seek on their behalf a plenteous out-pouring of the Holy Spirit."

VISITATION AT SPRINGVILLE AND SUNNY BRAE.

The attendance of the East River congregation both at Springville and at Sunny Brae was large, and though the Presbytery was reinforced at the former place by Messrs. Laird and D. Cameron, and at the latter by Mr. Scott, there was some disappointment felt and expressed by members of the congregation at the small meeting of Presbytery. Mr. R. Cumming, in the absence of Mr. Carruthers, preached at Springville from the text, "Finally brethren pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified," and Mr. Laird in the place of Mr. McGregor at Sunny Brae from the text, "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven."

The state of matters here was found upon the whole to be encouraging. Though the congregation is large, consisting of 180 families, the pastor succeeds in visiting them all once in two years, while every alternate year he holds diets of examination which are well attended. The elders visit the sick, attend and take part in the prayer meetings, of which one exists in every section of the congregation, and most of them are active in Sabbath School work. There is some lack of promptitude on the part of the congregation in the payment of their pastors salary, too large a proportion of it being left to be paid at the close of the year. At Springville a small balance of arrears for 1880 was reported, but at the meeting at Sunny Brae on the following morning it was stated that this had been swept away. The stipend paid by the congregation since 1876 has on an average been \$941 per annum. The congregation contributed to all the schemes of the church and other objects as follows:—

Foreign Missions.....	\$125.00
Dayspring.....	10.00
Home Mission.....	12.00
Supplementing.....	15.00
College (ordinary).....	15.00
French Evangelization.....	5.00
French Sabbath School.....	8.00
Aged & Infirm Ministers.....	10.00
Assembly Fund.....	5.00