

a grateful people,—the chief outward return which they have yet been able to make for gospel privileges. However, they are not ignorant, that wherever gratitude to God for the gift of His dear son really exists, a necessary evidence is, a cheerful liberality in the support of the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

It is still more gratifying to remark, that, by the Divine blessing, there are evident tokens, that the gospel is not preached to them in vain. A marked improvement is perceptible in the case of some, as to propriety of speech. It is wished that the same remark may soon be applicable to many others.

No less evident, it is understood, is the growing regard for the sanctification of the Lord's day.

One Sabbath school has been in operation, and another has just begun under the direction of a valuable man in society, and in the Church, lately, an Elder in the Relief Congregation in Partick, in Scotland.

Habits of sobriety have been formed in some cases, where inebriety had been too frequently manifested.

The worship of God in the family, formerly neglected, except in one or two instances, is acknowledged as an incumbent Christian duty; and performed so far as the writer has been able to learn by personal enquiry—in all the families in fellowship with our Church. He suspects that it may not be constantly observed, morning and evening, in some cases; but of this he hopes soon to be able to satisfy himself. It is his hope and his prayer that the brethren in Adelaide may continue "to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ"—that their hearts may be comforted, and that they may be established in every good word and work.

In November, 1841, after a satisfactory acquaintanceship had been formed, and means had been afforded them to become acquainted with the principles of our Church, application was made by fifteen persons to the Session of the English Settlement Congregation, for admission to church fellowship. The petition being supported by the Moderator, its prayer was granted. In June, 1842, six other individuals were received. The Session having advised that they should select one of their members, with a view to ordination, to the office of Ruling Elder, William Shields was chosen, and after usual preparatory steps were taken, a deputation of Session repaired to Adelaide, and on the 24th of September he was solemnly set apart to that office, he having, more especially committed to his oversight, that portion of the church residing in Adelaide. On the same day, the deputation admitted others to church fellowship. Next day, being the Sabbath, the Lord's Supper was celebrated by more than forty communicants. It was a time of solemn gladness of heart, we hope, to not a few—a day which will long be remembered in Adelaide, and which will not be forgotten in eternity. It was as the beginning of days to some. To others it recalled vivid impressions of former times, in distant lands. When in Adelaide, as elsewhere in Canada, we saw