

the *Record* some account of the REGENT SQUARE CHURCH of which Dr JAMES HAMILTON is pastor. The building is commodious, quite new and well finished. There are 635 communicants on the roll—exhibiting an increase of one hundred names for each of the last five years. The office-bearers are 32 in number—the Minister, 9 Elders, and 22 Deacons. There are public services at 11 o'clock A. M. and half-past six P. M., every Lord's day, both of which are well attended. A weekly prayer meeting is held on Thursday evening, and district prayer meetings are held by the Elders in private houses. Social meetings are held in the Lecture Hall of the Church to secure the more intimate acquaintance of the members of the Church with each other. These meetings, I am assured have proved very beneficial in promoting and perpetuating that peace and harmony for which the congregation is remarkable. There is a Psalmody Class which meets frequently during the winter evenings; and the excellence of the congregational singing shows that their labor has not been fruitless.

There is a YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY which has kept up its weekly meetings uninterruptedly for twenty years. All the members of Session take a warm and active interest in it. There are 80 on its roll, and the average attendance is 32. Many have thankfully confessed that to the protecting and improving friendships formed at its meetings, they owe their preservation amid manifold temptations, their continuance in well doing, their position and prospects in life, and their hope of heaven. Distinct from this is "the Young Men's Class" for the study of the Scriptures, conducted by Dr Levi. This class frequently does good service in furnishing teachers for the Sabbath school.

The Sabbath school has 22 teachers and an average attendance of 160 pupils. There is a CLOTHING SOCIETY to look after the poor and the sick—especially children.

The income of the Church during the year has been £1,043 sterling. Dr. Hamilton's stipend is £600. Besides this "income" the congregation raised £130 for the College, £143 for the Home Mission of the Synod, £48 for the School Fund of the Synod, and £160 for the Foreign Mission. All this is exclusive of nearly £1000 raised to pay the debt on the building.

The congregation sustains a mission to a destitute locality in the city, called SOMER'S TOWN. They have a missionary who conducts service every Lord's day. Lectures are delivered on week evenings. A Ragged school and a Sabbath school are being sustained; also a weekly prayer meeting and a "Mother's meeting and Sewing class". The Sabbath school is attended by nearly 600 children and 50 teachers are engaged in it. This is a noble sample of a Mission school. These 600 children, were they not taken care for, would grow up in heathen darkness. A day school is also maintained in connection with the same Mission, the pupils numbering 280.—Also a Saving's Bank in which they may deposit their scanty savings.—8600 payments were made into this fund last year, and the poverty of the depositors may be inferred from the fact that the aggregate amounted to but £450. The Bank is managed gratuitously by Mr Brodie, one of the Deacons of Regent Square Church. The whole expenditure in connection with the Somer's Town Mission amounts to upwards of £500 annually.

The history of this congregation from the days of the Rev. Edward Irving, to the present day is very interesting, but space will not allow me to dwell on it. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is now dispensed four times a year; and the sacrament of Baptism generally on the last Sabbath of every month.