

the benefit of their services; that individual members and adherents of our Church, in places where only occasional sermon is heard, are not fully conscious of their duty to contribute cheerfully and liberally, when a Preacher does appear among them, excusing themselves till they procure a settled Pastor; and this may be one reason why the Lord, of the harvest, who weighs the efforts of his professed people against their ability, may be withholding a greater supply of labourers, their services not being duly appreciated, if we may judge of the way in which they are remunerated. A letter has been sent to the Clerk of each Presbytery, calling attention to the fact that vacancies are doing very little for the Preachers who are appointed to them, but we are not able to say whether Presbyteries have taken any action in the matter. Perhaps it would be well if the statistics of vacancies were included regularly in the annual returns, as well as those of settled congregations. Vacancies would have thus presented to themselves the actual extent of their endeavours, and might be incited to greater activity and faithfulness, on beholding its smallness, and understanding that they had a place among the Churches and were expected to exert themselves.

Mr. Andrew Kennedy has been labouring, with his usual diligence, in the bounds of the London Presbytery. A Report of his labors has been transmitted to the Committee by that Presbytery, who characterize it as very interesting, and add that it was highly approved when read to them. The same Presbytery have transmitted a Report of the labours of Mr. John Frazer, Catechist, from 1st October, 1851, till 31st March, 1852, in the Townships of Hubbert, Fullarton, Flat Creek, Baddulph, Macgillivray and Bosanquet. Mr. Frazer's heart appears to be in his work: he is an honest, patient and persevering servant, and is doing not a little good among the families in these localities. According to agreement, he is paid at the rate of £39 a-year, and he has realized £6 12s. 2d. for the half-year embraced in his Report.

A letter has been received from the Revd. Mr. Somerville, and read at a meeting of Committee held on 16th September last, earnestly requesting that information be communicated to the Mission Board, in Scotland, of the wants and prospects of the Church in Canada, and such descriptive accounts of particular localities as may be thought interesting. According to instructions given to the Convener, letters were sent to the different Presbyteries, acquainting them with this desire, and referring to the injunction of Synod contained on page 165 of the printed Minutes. Replies have come to hand from nearly all the Presbyteries, but they are not sufficiently full and specific: it is only of late, moreover, that they have been received, so that it was impossible for them to transmit them to the Secretary of the Mission Board in Scotland, that he might avail himself of the information they afforded, in drawing up his Report for Synod.—The Convener is at present engaged in abridging these Reports and preparing them for transmission. Although not in time for Synod, it is expected that they will reach the public through the pages of the Missionary Record, and it is hoped that they will incite a livelier concern in our state and for our prosperity among the Old-country congregations; engage the attention of Preachers, and show them that there is here room for their services, and a population that is willing to receive them for their Master's sake. Yet, your Committee would recommend earlier compliance, on the part of Presbyteries, with the instructions of Synod. As congregational statistics extend only to the close of the year, and are collected, generally, it is believed, in the month of January or February, could they not be forwarded to the Convener of Committee in season to be sent to Mr. Somerville, so that he might avail himself of the latest information in preparing his annual Report for Synod?

It is recommended to supplemented congregations that they regularly forward their statistics. In general, their petitions come certified by Pres-