

regarded by, and affect the honor of Him who is THE LEADER and commander of the people.

Let the subject be taken up in a candid, prayerful, earnest spirit, as is becoming in christian ministers and men, whose main inquiry should be, "Lord what wouldst thou have us to do?"

### PRESBYTERIAN PROGRESS IN ENGLAND.

The success which has attended the effort to plant a church in Norwich has induced Presbyterians to turn their eyes to Ipswich, also in the east, and arrangements have been made for opening a mission-station there. They are also in hopes that the mission-station which they have just commenced at Gravesend will be equally successful. Some are very anxious for the setting up of additional churches in London proper, but the difficulty is in regard to funds. An appeal is to be made to the wealthier friends of the body and to the congregations, and what may be done in church extension in the metropolis will depend on the response made. New churches have been planted at Croydon, and Camberwell, over which, as at Norwich also, pastors have been settled within the past few months. The United Presbyterians have had their attention turned to Hammersmith, one of those densely-peopled suburbs of London where ranges of streets rise up as if by magic. The population is said to number upwards of 50,000 and the whole church accommodation is only 7,000. There is no Presbyterian congregation in the district, although there are a number of Presbyterian residents. The district was to be surveyed this week by a committee of the London Presbytery and one or two of the Presbyterian inhabitants. Favourable reports have of late been received from several of the new congregations in other parts of England. The English Presbyterians are actively pushing on their new mission congregations in the Presbytery of Lancashire, where there is a large representation of the Scotch element. The fluctuating nature of the population in the centres of industry in the manufacturing districts, and the anxiety manifested by the well-to-do classes to take up their abodes as far as possible from their places of business, imperatively require the erection of places of worship, if the Presbyterians are to retain their members and adherents, and to speak of the extension of their cause. The Presbyterians of Lancashire are fully alive to this, and hence the steps they have recently taken in originating fresh congregations. This is, however, felt to tell upon

existing congregations, and the difficulty of harmonizing these somewhat conflicting elements is not slight. In some instances stations have been opened in various parts of England where there was no proper field to work upon, and the consequence has been that the energies of the parties have been frittered away. It is also felt that in the altered circumstances of England, it were well if some modification were made in the manner of working Presbyterianism; and accordingly we find that, at a late meeting of one of the Lancashire Presbyteries, there was a departure from the ordinary mode of procedure in carrying out calls to ministers in Scotland to settle in England.

### Home Missions.

In our last number we briefly answered the question, How are Home Missionaries employed? We subjoin reports, or extracts from reports, furnished by those who were supplying vacant congregations in New Brunswick, which will aid in answering the question then raised.

*To the Reverend the Presby of Pictou :*

I arrived in Chatham on the 4th of last September, and laboured as a missionary within the bounds of the congregation for eight successive weeks. The services on Sabbath were very well attended, and I was much pleased with the character of the audience. The Sabbath school and Prayer meeting, conducted in the usual manner, are in a healthy condition. Dr. McCurdy has returned from Scotland about six weeks ago, but such was the state of his health since his return that he has not been able to leave his room. I am sorry to add that it is the opinion of his medical attendant that he will not again be able to preach the gospel to his people, and may not survive long. May the gracious presence of the Lord sustain him, and bless to his flock the affliction sent them in the illness and probable removal of their pastor.

SIMON FRASER.

*St. John, N.B., Nov. 1, 1867.*

*To the Reverend Presbytery of Pictou :*

At the beginning of November, 1867, I arrived in Chatham, N.B., in accordance with instructions received from your Presbytery, through the Rev. P. G. McGregor. My orders were to supply the pulpit of St. John's Church, and to continue doing so until further commands were forwarded to me. The congregation gave me a most cordial welcome, and acknowledged the