

has been supplying them for a lengthened period.

BAILLIE, &c.

At one time this congregation enjoyed the services of Rev. William Millen. In 1862 he was inducted over Bocabee and Waweig. In 1861 Baillie and adjacencies numbered 61 families. They have been enjoying the services of Mr. J. W. McKenzie, catechist, during summer, and should be exerting themselves to obtain a settled pastor.

ST. GEORGE, &c.

St. George, Mascarene and Pennfield at one time formed a congregation and had a settled pastor. St. George is now, we believe, in connection with Bocabee congregation. If Mr. Millen's congregation could support him without the aid of St. George, these three sections would form a very interesting field of labour and urgently call for missionary work.

ESCUINAC, &c.

This congregation is in the Presbytery of Miramichi, and at one time had the Rev. Thomas Nicholson settled over them.—Since his removal they have remained vacant. There are a quite a number of Presbyterian families here demanding attention.

BLACK RIVER.

This settlement contains about 100 families adhering to Presbyterianism, and at one time had a settled pastor Rev. A. Glendinning laboured among them for a short period last winter and was gladly received. They require missionary labour.

RESTIGOUCHE.

In 1859, Rev. Alexander McDonald laboured in this county. He occupied three townships, viz., Hopetown, Port Daniel and Carlisle. In all of these localities several Presbyterian families were found. Geographically these townships belong to Canada, but have always been supplied by the New Brunswick church.—Carlisle was at one time especially promising.

Besides these vacancies there are also a number of settlements containing some Presbyterian families, which demand occasional supply. In the St. John Presbytery there is Prince of Wales, Dipper Harbour, Lancaster, Lepreaux, &c. These have heretofore received some attention.

Buctouche also might be nurtured in connection with Shediac, now a part of Rev. John D. Murray's congregation, and eventually form a separate charge.

In the York Presbytery there are Caverhill and Southampton. These two localities, if united with Keswick, might become a congregation.

In Albert county again there is the Mines, Hopewell, Harvey, Lake, &c., in which with some aid and a zealous labourer our cause might be revived.

If these last named localities were visited by a member of Presbytery and urged to action, several catechists might be applied for during winter to occupy them in the spring. A meeting of Presbytery held at least in some of these vacant congregations would also be attended with good results. It would do more toward stirring them up than the visit of a probationer.

FREDERICTON.

Who that has visited the metropolis of New Brunswick during the summer season has not been charmed with the beauty of this little spot. Its streets regularly laid out in squares, with the intermingling of houses, trees and spires—its large cathedral, said to be one of the finest specimens of church architecture in the Lower Provinces—its University, a stone edifice occupying a commanding position, all tend to give Fredericton a splendid appearance, especially from the St. John River. But whilst wandering through the streets, admiring its beauty and gazing at its places of business, who has not been pained as he beholds the number of licensed taverns dealing out the soul-destroying poison. The stranger must inevitably be forced to the conclusion that Bacchus has many devotees here, that intemperance cannot but be blasting the prospects of many, both for time and eternity, and must be largely impeding the progress of the Redeemer's cause in this locality, one of the fairest portions of the New Dominion.

Notwithstanding, however, this antagonistic influence to contend with, several religious persuasions have a foot hold here and are endeavouring to push or the good work. The Episcopalians and Methodists are the predominant bodies, whilst the congregation adhering to our church is the smallest, numbering about 30 families. For several years they enjoyed the services of the Rev. Alexander Stirling, who within a short period tendered his demission, and they are now vacant. The severing of the pastoral tie to this little flock was in deed a sore trial. Faithfully and earnestly had their pastor ministered to their spiritual wants. Each Sabbath two diets of worship were held, and often a third in the outskirts of the city. Two prayer meetings and a bible class were conducted by him every week during the summer months, and a prayer meeting was held every night during winter. Ever a constant attendant at the sick and dying bed, administering counsel and consolation and mingling it with his prayers and tears. Sympathising with those in trouble and frequently visiting