

The harvest truly is great in these Maritime Provinces, but the laborers are few. There are about thirty vacancies, besides mission Stations, within the bounds of our Synod and but few men to supply them. With many of our people an oft repeated, anxious question is, When will we be able to get a minister? and the question with the church concerning laborers for these vacancies is, "Whom shall we send and who will go for us?"

The recent deaths in the ministry, Messrs Meek and Creselman cut down in the midst of their usefulness, when as yet life's work seemed little more than begun, and Messrs Glass and Patterson at three score and four score years, make the call for laborers more urgent, while the small number, coming forward to study for the ministry is an additional matter for prayerful thought by our church. There is a loud and earnest call to Christian parents to seek to train up sons for the ministry, to young men to ask the question, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do, and to all, to pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth more laborers into His harvest.

The many friends and acquaintances of Rev. Samuel Bernard will regret to learn that his recent visit to New York did him no good. For some time his eyes have been affected, and, in addition, the lids seemed paralyzed, so that they could not be raised except from without. Some time since he went to New York for advice, but without success. He is in no wise improved, has lost the use of one eye entirely, and says no tongue can tell what he has suffered. Mrs Bernard had to go to New York to help him home.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The prospects of Presbyterianism are brightening in St. John City. There are five Presbyterian churches there, and during the past six months but one of them, St. Stephens, has enjoyed the ser-

vices of a settled pastor. Dr. MacIise, the pastor of Calvin church has been absent on furlough, while St. Andrew's, St. David's, and St. John's, have been vacant and having the care and troubles incident to vacancy.

The tide is now turning. Mr. Bruce of St. Catharines, Ont., has accepted the call to St. David's, and Mr. Fotheringham that to St. John's, in which Dr. Bennett has served for many years. It is a matter for thankfulness that workmen, such as Messrs. Bruce and Fotheringham have proved themselves to be, are coming to the help of Messrs. McCrae and Burgess in the work in St. John's and Carleton. We hope that ere long we may have to record the happy settlement of St. Andrews.

It has sometimes been said that there are too many Presbyterian churches in St. John's. Not while there are enough people not connected with any church to fill them. Get good men in them, and then let pastors and people go out into the highways, and compel them to come in that the houses may be filled.

Not only in the city but throughout the province is Presbyterianism taking a decided step in advance. Most of our readers are aware of the vast extent of the Presbytery of St. John. It reaches from Moncton in the East to beyond Fredericton in the West, and from the borders of Maine at the sea to the bounds of the Mirimachi Presbytery on the North. Throughout this wide stretch of country there are many small presbyterian settlements, some of which are grouped together into congregations, and by aid from the Supplementing Fund are able to give a very moderate support to a settled pastor. Many of them are yet but Mission Stations, usually receiving some supply from Catechists during summer, and often left the whole winter without preaching. The Presbytery has now appointed for the first time as missionary, Rev. J. McG. McKay, late of Woodstock, to travel within its bounds, to take the oversight of these scattered mission sta-