

Presbyterian church in St. John, or in New Brunswick; but what the extent of those labours may have been we are unable to ascertain. The Rev. John Spratt also visited St. John and preached at an early period in the history of New Brunswick Presbyterianism. It would be interesting to collect as far as possible information respecting pioneer missionary labours in all these Provinces—much information might be now obtained which will pass away with a generation of which we have now left but a few veteran representatives.

MORE ABOUT THE PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

Let us now refer to some additional matters relating to the present, in this section of the field. We are in receipt of communications from members of the Presbytery of Miramichi which enable us to write more definitely than we did in our last. There is much need of additional labourers in this section of our church. One of our correspondents refers to a recent visit which he had made to a group of Highland families from Cape Breton who had settled in New Brunswick, about ten years ago, and who never were visited by any minister save once, on occasion of a wedding. These families must occupy some peculiarly out of the way locality. They will be henceforward cared for by one of the brethren resident nearest them. He writes that he will visit them again about the end of May "if the woods will be dry enough to travel through." But much spiritual destitution prevails in many places which have long been receiving supplies.

In Moncton, Shediac, and adjoining settlements there are numbers of Presbyterian families, for whose spiritual interests no special provision is made. They have not been visited by any minister for many months. Shediac and the settlements near it form a promising nucleus which though at present disheartened by neglect, requires but care and a little temporary aid to develop into an interesting charge. Black River, once a part of the Rev. James Fowler's charge is now supplied by the Kirk Presbytery. The church is private property. The Congregation of Escuminac, of which

the Rev. Thomas Nicholson was for some time pastor has been vacant for three years. It is an interesting field, and had in 1864 two hundred and fifty adherents of whom fifty were communicants. There are also other stations languishing for want of ministerial supply—able also to do something to provide for expenses if their energies were called forth. But, as our correspondent truthfully says, "spiritual starvation does not whet the appetite for the gospel."

There is at present no Home missionary labouring within the extensive bounds of this presbytery. This state of things is greatly to be regretted. Surely some of our Probationers should be sent to these vacant congregations. How can they call ministers if they do not know or hear them? Has the Presbytery of Miramichi applied to the Home Mission Board for labourers? If so why have some at least not been sent? Upon whom rests the responsibility of the destitution in the Presbytery of Miramichi? Our scattered Presbyterian people should be cared for, and if they cannot raise the means necessary to pay for support, they should be helped as far as the resources of the whole church will permit.

YORK PRESBYTERY.

Respecting affairs within the bounds of the York Presbytery we are also in possession of further particulars. This Presbytery is working with praiseworthy activity. All the stations within the bounds, with a single exception, receive at least occasional supply. Nerepis, an interesting station, hitherto connected with the Presbytery of St. John, is about to be associated with Jerusalem, hitherto a portion of the Rev. A. Stirling's charge. With a popular pastor these will soon become a self-sustaining congregation. The Rev. Mr. Barnard has been ordained over Glassville and Florenceville with very fair prospects of success. Richmond and Woodstock are also bestirring themselves. There is an extensive district of country on the banks of the St. John waiting for missionary labour, and an important station is rising in the neighborhood of the Grand Falls. We regret to