

"FAITHFUL PASTORS."—An eminent christian layman once said:—"If I had but one sentiment to express, and but one minute in which to make that expression, it would be couched in the following words: 'O Lord, give to thy churches not talented preachers, but faithful pastors.'"

Never was earnest prayer for "faithful pastors" more needed than now. The harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few. "Talented preachers" also are a valuable gift from the Head of the Church, and happy is the church whose quiver is full of them. If we pray for preachers and pastors we must honestly use the means for securing an answer to our prayers. "God carries people only when they cannot walk: He pities our weakness, not our sloth."

### PRESBYTERIANISM IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

In a former article we have given a necessarily imperfect sketch of the rise and progress of our Church which is located in New Brunswick. We propose now to give some further information respecting the position and operations of our Church in that Province. We have said that in the city of St. John there are four congregations in our connexion. Of two of these,—St. John Presbyterian Church (Rev. James Bennet, Pastor), and St. David's Church (Rev. N. McKay, Pastor.)—we have already made mention. Calvin Church, of which the Rev. Wm. Alves is pastor, is another of our congregations in the city of St. John. The Church occupies a central and important position, is a neat and commodious building, and is comparatively new. The congregation, which is principally composed of Irish Presbyterians, has worked with great vigor and steady purpose ever since its formation. Their church was opened in 1839, with \$4800 of debt upon it. This debt has been reduced one half. Carlton Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. James Baird is pastor, occupies a conspicuous position in that large and growing section of the city lying on the western bank of the River. This congregation has always been a comparatively weak one, and of late has suffered more than any other in the city, from the suspension of the extensive shipyards in the neighbourhood. Many families have been compelled to seek a livelihood elsewhere, and many who remain are unable to deal as liberally as they were wont with the cause of Christ. Mr. Baird, however, with a most commendable determination, presses forward in the face of difficulties which would overwhelm a less courageous heart, and he is not without tokens of en-

couragement in his labours. The three other congregations falling under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of St. John, are those of the Rev. Messrs. Jas. Gray, Lewis, Jack and Andrew Donald. These congregations lie upon or contiguous to the line of Railway from St. John to Shediac.—Mr. Gray's preaching stations lying near the railway, Mr. Jack's to the left, and Mr. Donald's to the right as one goes up from St. John. These ministers are all men of "many labours." Springfield and English Settlement, and Campbell Settlement and Londonderry, the respective congregations of Messrs. Jack and Donald, are comparatively compact; but Mr. Gray's charge extends, in the form of sparsely scattered Presbyterian families, to a distance, between its extreme sections, of more than fifty miles. His chief stations are Hammond River, Lower Norton, Upper Norton and Sussex; and in each of these he manages to preach at least once a fortnight. He has organized and is managing these stations, as separate congregations, each one having its own session and officers for the management of secular affairs.—In addition to these congregations, all of which are well organized and working vigorously and well, it is contemplated immediately to organize important stations within the bounds of this Presbytery into regular congregations.

### PRESBYTERY OF ST. STEPHEN.

Within the bounds of the Presbytery of St. Stephen there are four regularly organized charges, viz: St. James, Rev. J. Turnbull, Pastor; St. Stephen, Rev. P. Morrison, Pastor; Bocabee and Waweig, Rev. W. Millen, Pastor, and Baillie, with adjoining settlements, now vacant. This last congregation enjoyed the able ministrations of the Rev. William Bennet from 1854 till 1861, but has remained unhappily vacant for the last six years. There are also several important stations within the bounds of St. Stephen's Presbytery. Of these, Town Hill and Magaguadavic are the chief. We are informed by a correspondent, that in connection with the latter station there are about 75 families nominally Presbyterian, and willing to aid in the support of ordinances. It is evident that this station requires but a little care and culture to become a self-sustaining congregation. The brethren of this Presbytery are men of much ability and devotedness to the work. Situated as they are, however, they have had much to contend with. Surrounded on every side by keen denominational competition, and exposed to constant depletion by the removal, especially of the young men, who in large numbers seek employment in the United States, the cause of Presbyterianism has made encouraging