

each Presbytery, together with an account of the number of families, and the salary promised in each, might be the means of drawing labourers into the field, and of exciting an interest in the church's work which would be productive of good. I believe that in every Presbytery of our Church in the Maritime Provinces very important charges are at present without pastors; but although I am pretty familiar with the affairs of the Church, I confess that, beyond the bounds of our own Presbytery, I am almost ignorant of the number and the importance of the vacant stations. If asked to-day about the vacancies in the Presbytery of Pictou, I could name one or two; but as to the extent of the field, the amount of salary promised, the existence of Manse or Glebe, the size of the church and congregation, I would be entirely in the dark. Had the different Presbyteries interested themselves in seeing that the questions prepared by the Synod's Committee were properly and fully answered, and returned to the Convener, a complete statement of all our charges, both vacant and filled, might have been in the hands of every one interested in the work of our Church. But, alas! it seems useless to attempt to get certain of our ministers to understand the importance of having correct information on the state of the church. In our Church in Canada, and also in the sister Presbyterian Church in these Provinces, there are full statistical tables published in the *Records* every year, from which one may see at a glance what charges are vacant, and learn all about them. In this way many charges find supply, either from abroad, or by men at home who find themselves unsuited to the sphere they are in, and feel that a change would be productive of good both to themselves and their flocks. The Statistical Committee hope to have prepared for publication, in the January number of the *Record*, a table of all the charges in several of the Presbyteries. Only four returns have yet been received from Pictou, and not one from Prince Edward Island.

In the Presbytery of St. John, we have seven regular charges. Connected with these are eleven church buildings, and the number of pastors is eight. This statement may seem at first sight to indicate no great lack of men, but we must see how our men are distributed before our poverty becomes apparent. In St. John city we have two churches and three ministers; in Fredericton we have one church and two ministers; and the same in St. Andrew's. Here, then, we have four congregations presided over by seven pastors or their assistants. At Richmond, where the Rev. Mr. Kidd officiated for about seven years, we have a neat church capable of seating about 450 people. The country is well and thickly settled by an intelligent and comfortable agricultural population; and if their exertions are seconded to a small amount from the Home Mission Board, they can give a salary of about seven or eight hundred dollars. There is no Manse, but we have good reason to know that a Manse and Glebe would soon be secured if an energetic and acceptable man could be induced to become their pastor. Provisions of all kind are plentiful, and to be had at a moderate price. A salary of seven hundred dollars at Richmond would be more than equivalent to \$1000 in a city like St. John or Halifax. There is also daily communication by Rail with St. John, Fredericton, St. Stephen's and St. Andrew's.

At Woodstock, where the Rev. Mr. Wilkins, now minister of St. Paul's, Truro, was formerly pastor, there is a neat gothic church erected, chiefly by the efforts and energies of Mr. Wilkins. The church is not finished inside, but a fine spacious Session-Room is comfortably finished and seated for about 100. Woodstock is 10 miles from Richmond, and contains about 2000 people. The Presbyterians are not numerous, and are unfortunately divided into Free and Established. They all alike look forward, however, to a union between the two churches at no distant day. At present they have so far cast aside the old bitterness as to unite with each other in the Sunday services. In Woodstock there is no Free Church, and, when all the Presbyterians unite, they make quite a respectable flock. At Upper Woodstock there is also a Kirk, but at present it