

upwards of forty days, while one received only thirteen. From unavoidable circumstances the supply is necessarily limited and irregular. In the winter six months when the services of students are not available, the number of labourers is greatly diminished; and in the experience of some stations, there is in religious services a regular summer and winter, corresponding to those of nature. In the one season the regular Sabbath services, week-day meetings and family visitations are enjoyed; in the other, the church door is closed, the spiritual instructor has disappeared, and all the warm, refreshing, and nourishing influences of Gospel tuition are withdrawn. On various other grounds there cannot be a regular or permanent cultivation of the different fields. From the paucity of labourers they cannot be left in the same congregations or stations for a lengthened time, but their service must be so distributed as to allow some supply to every mission locality. Probationers also seem generally anxious and nervous about a speedy settlement, and desire as quickly as possible to travel the whole round of vacancies; and occasionally the labourer is so unqualified for the work, or what seems to be more frequently the case, so little interested in it, that he cannot be left more than a few weeks in the one place, unless at the risk of serious injury being done; he is a person not desired but borne with by the congregation, and the burden cannot be left with safety beyond a very limited time.

In the present circumstances of the Church, therefore, the mission field cannot in the full sense of the word be cultivated. The amount of supply given may serve the purpose of keeping together and preserving in connection with the Church those who are decidedly attached to it, but cannot possibly accomplish what is the proper mission work, the gathering in and establishing in religious habits the ignorant, careless and worldly of the community. In order to the proper cultivation of the mission field two things are necessary; the possession by the Church of unselfish, disinterested, self-denying and zealous labourers, who desire the privilege, honour and happiness of labouring for the salvation of souls, wherever or in whatever circumstances the Lord may be pleased to appoint; and of these a sufficient number to admit of one being permanently placed in every mission locality. The College of our Church is the main source of hope for the realization of these requisites, and yet in the meantime it might be proper, that a distinct and official intimation be given to sister Churches of our necessities and of the desirableness of additions to our staff of labourers from their fuller ranks. Many of the efficient pastors of our Church were obtained in former years through the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and our Canadian Church is not yet in a position that will admit of her being indifferent about the assistance which might be obtained from these friendly and generous denominations.

The Buxton mission and the French Mission of St. Anne and Kankakee are not included in this statement, as not belonging to the ordinary missions of the Presbytery. They may receive a separate notice in a subsequent number of the *Record*.
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INTELLIGENCE FROM REV. R. JAMIESON.

We have lately received a letter from the Rev. Robert Jamieson, dated Nov. 4th, 1864. We subjoin some extracts. "Congregational matters are progressing quietly and slowly. The place does not grow much. But few families are coming in: and Cariboo has been a great disappointment to nearly all without exception. New mines, however, have been discovered, in a more habitable region, and great hopes and entertained of a *rush* next season; to that quarter, Kootanais,—and consequently a season of prosperity. It is thus