

### Send us Men!

This is the cry from nearly all the Mission fields. A sick missionary writing lately from Persia, says:—"We plead for reinforcements, and that *right early*. Great vantage ground gained will be lost unless the Board acts promptly. The openings are already wide; a wonderful spirit of inquiry is abroad. The foundations of Mohammedanism are shaking. There is a feeling after the truth. Send us men and means. The harvest is great, but alas, how few are the laborers!" On the 24th of November Mr. Ceehran returned from a tour among several stations. He writes: "The way is opening for great labors on the Mosul side, *but where are the men?*" the mission needs a young pastor of some experience for Oroomiah, and with him two men for some of our theological seminaries.

Missionary Shedd furnishes an interesting paper on "The Mission to Persia." The devoted Henry Martyn began it in 1811. The missionaries now on the ground are Rev. J. G. Cochran (1848), Rev. G. W. Coan and wife (1849), Rev. B. Labaree and wife (1860), Dr. T. L. Van Norden and wife (1866), and Miss N. J. Doune (1868).

### The Work Before Us.

The Missionary well remarks that this is present, not prospective; immediate, and not something that can be postponed for a generation. "The facilities for doing this were never so many and varied, while the people were never so accessible or receptive to right influence. Missionary influence and power are now appearing, the seed sown by these laborers are now yielding fruit, but a large force is needed to gather the growing harvest, or to scatter new seed into the places that have been prepared by them. Everything on mission ground is in a transition state. Preaching, education, with other spiritual and moral agencies are telling with effect upon many, but with these having sprung up counter evils like Brahmanism in India, that are massing their strength against the truth. Then missions are outgrowing their old limits, and are now ready for aggressive movements upon the regions beyond. The old Nestorian Mission was never intended to be confined to the comparatively few of this sect, but was designed for the people of Persia. It is prepared to go forward, but to accomplish anything really great and successful, it must be properly manned. With its present failing force, it cannot even hold its own. The same may be said of some other missions. We are among those who believe that there is a good deal of undeveloped strength in our body, and which

should be called forth for evangelistic purposes. We have known churches giving under one pastor \$50 or \$0, and under his successor \$400 or \$500 annually."

### The Old Missionary Land Marks.

A Moravian Missionary, after forty years work in Greenland, now returning to England, reports: "In all Greenland there is but one station in the neighborhood of which there are heathen. With this exception, all the Greenlanders now profess Christianity." What shall do with our favorite hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains?"

Such progress is also made "on India's coral strand" as to set those who do not profess to be Christians to furbishing their morality. We are told that on his return to Calcutta, Baboo Ceshub Chunder Sen organized an Indian Reform Association for the promotion of the following objects: 1. The advancement of women. 2. General and technical education. 3. Cheap literature for the poor. 4. Temperance; and 5. Charity. The Association publishes a journal called the *Sulad Sumacher*, or Cheap News, which is sold at less than a cent a copy. Special attention is also being attracted to Africa in many ways, and our operations there need to be greatly reinforced at once. If the present generation was really at work, the "Missionary Hymn" would soon give place to a song of triumph.

## Religious Intelligence.

### Calumny.

The French Bishops have systematically agitated their dioceses against the Protestants of their country as the co-religionists of the Prussians! They accuse their own countrymen of betraying their country, and thus in some cases they have succeeded in exciting frightful prejudices against the Protestant minority. Generally, however, the Bishops are disbelieved.—The course they have taken proves that they are conscious of the religious bearings of the war.

### The Bible.

A handsomely printed edition of Valera's Spanish Bible, in small pica type, with references, has been printed in Madrid, and is now ready for circulation.

An edition of 500 copies of St. Matthew in the Maltese language has just been completed.

The Moravian missionaries in Labrador have now finished their translation of the