

the Red River, from the great Lakes to Hudson's Bay, she spreads her branches. Her strength is but small in Canada East—her Ministers and Missionaries few and far between, and her people thinly scattered among the bigoted adherents of the dark creed of Rome. But she is planting new stations, forming new congregations, inaugurating missionary enterprises in this darker portion of her field. But in Canada West her hold is very powerful, and a large proportion of the wealth, the intelligence and the piety of this great and flourishing country is in her bosom. Not a town but has its Presbyterian Church; and along the great rivers, and by the shores of the beautiful lakes no spire or steeple attracts the eye more frequently than those that belong to the Presbyterian Church. Nor is she behind in the learning, the piety, the zeal and the eloquence of her ministers. It is admitted by common consent that to her belong the finest pulpit orators of British America.

The Union formed there in 1861 has been entirely satisfactory, and no trace is now to be found of the old "cleavage." Ministers and people are alike unanimous as to faith and practice, and the only wonder seems to be that they could have stood apart so long.

The Home Mission field of the Canada Church is in the highest degree inviting. New congregations are being constantly formed, and the supply of labourers is behind the demand. The College at Toronto is in a state of transition—the venerable Dr. Burns having resigned on account of the infirmities of old age, and Professor Young having accepted an influential position in connection with public education. Principal Willis was thus left alone in charge of the institution. Dr. Burns however finds his strength adequate to the discharge of half his previous duties; and the Rev. W. Gregg and Rev. W. Caven have been appointed to fill the vacancies for the time being. One or two Professors will probably be appointed at the next meeting of Synod. Some propose the appointment of Dr. Cairns of Berwick, but it is not in the least likely that he would accept the appointment.

There is a movement on foot to open a Theological Seminary in connection with the Synod in Montreal. Many strong reasons are urged in favour of this step. It is stated that when young men go to Toronto for their education it is extremely difficult if not practically impossible to bring them back to the less inviting fields of Eastern Canada. It is also urged that the Students of Theology in Montreal would be of immense service as city and suburban missionaries. McGill College will furnish the literary and scientific training, and even the Hebrew, so that the Church will not require to appoint more than two Professors.—These and many other considerations are urged in favour of the scheme.

We confess to a feeling of regret that the scheme has taken so strong a hold on the affections of a section of the Church. The true policy of the Canadian Church would be to improve the institution at Toronto and urge forward more students from the east and the west. Very considerable difficulty has been encountered in raising sufficient funds to support Knox College. Will it be easier to support when two more Professors have to be paid in Montreal? If we mistake not the multiplication of Colleges in Scotland is now generally regarded as a mistake, and the policy of concentration is commending itself with renewed force and energy. But the Canadian Church is no doubt the best judge of the policy most suitable to her circumstances.

RECENT TROUBLES IN TURKEY.

We quote the following account from the *Free Church Record* for October:—

"It is well known that for several years there have been large and increasing sales of the Turkish Scriptures in Constantinople. Missionaries, British and American, have prosecuted their labors with undoubted effect. Several converts from Mohammedanism have been actively engaged in promoting a knowledge of the gospel among their countrymen. The spirit of inquiry both among Turks and Greeks has recently been aroused to such a degree, as to compel attention, and cause many to doubt 'wherunto this would grow.'"

A little book, written by Dr. Pfander of the Church Missionary Society, and called