

the horse-leech, "Give, give," and is never satisfied. From all over the land, the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," is resounding, and in many cases without the least response, not so much on account of lack of funds, as on account of the scarcity of men.

There never was a time in the history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada when men were so much needed for the work of the ministry.

Cannot our ministers who are settled over large congregations do something to encourage young men of piety and ability in their congregations to devote themselves to the work of the Lord? Surely in every congregation *one at least* of such promising young men may be found who only need a word of encouragement to devote themselves to this great and glorious work. The supply from the Colleges at present is far from sufficient to fill up the vacancies at home. Hence unless the number of those devoting themselves to the work of the ministry is largely increased, the whole work will inevitably suffer.

TURKEY IN ASIA—KHANOOS.

The following extract is taken from a letter written by the Rev. Robert Chambers, of Erzroom, formerly of Oxford, Ontario. The Khanoos plain referred to lies south-east of Erzroom, nearly midway between that city and Lake Van.

Our first notice of an American missionary's visit to this district, occurs in the record of a visit paid by Mr. Peabody to Moosh, on which occasion (October, 1849) he spent three days in the house of a wealthy Armenian, of the town of Khanoos, the capital of the district. He was well received and attentively listened to. The auditors complained of their inability to read, and of the inaccessibility of the Word of God, as well as of the dark-mindedness of their spiritual leaders.

On this occasion, however, Mr. Peabody does not appear to have learned of the existence of Protestants in any of the villages, but it must have been very shortly after the date of his visit (though possibly before it) that the Protestants of Chevermeh sent a deputation to Erzroom to acquaint the missionaries with their condition, and, if possible, secure a teacher.

Their story was as follows: In the first years of this century (now eighty years ago), an Armenian priest from Khanoos district, travelling in Europe, learned something of Evangelical doctrine. Returning to his village (Chevermeh,) he began to preach "that way" to his people, and succeeded in persuading fifteen families to walk in it. He was severely persecuted, his nose was cut off, and he was subjected to many indignities, but he remained steadfast. Later, however, an organized plot against his life caused him to flee to Erzroom where he embraced Mohammedanism, in which faith he died.

During the Russian invasion of 1827-28, the fifteen families he had led to the light fled to Russia, when, their Protestantism becoming known, they were severely treated, but did not fail to "witness a good confession." About the year 1847, two of these families returned to Chevermeh, and, as a result of their efforts, we find the number of Protestant families, in 1852, *eight*, embracing sixty souls. Between the years 1849 and 1852, delegations from this little company repeatedly solicited missionary supervision and a teacher, but no suitable teacher was to be found for them. Being again ill-treated during the winter of 1851-52, they sent two of their number in the spring to entreat the protection of the Erzroom missionaries. This step only increased the bitterness of their lot. They were spat upon, beaten, and stoned. One man's wife was forcibly taken from him, and Erzroom brethren who came to comfort and strengthen their dis-