

says Dr. Anderson in his memorial volume, "Assembled in Constantinople declared it not to be desirable to erect a Church edifice in any place, whether city or village, at the very commencement of our evangelical work.— They thought the spiritual building should precede the material; that a Church should first be formed, and a congregation gathered." The letters of Mr. O'Flaherty, as published in the *Free Church Record*, and which we purposed to have inserted in our present issue, but have been prevented by want of space, show how faithfully a man may labour there without a building, and how efficient may be the labours of a single individual. Then again while £200 sterling was demanded for schools, we have seen it stated in an appeal by the Turkish Missions Aid Society, that the average sum required to support a school in Turkey is £30 sterling. With such facts before us, it may be found quite within our means to resume Missionary operations in Turkey.

It may indeed be argued that it is better to concentrate energies on one field. But the experience of every Missionary Society, and of every Church that has taken up Missions in earnest, is that they must go forward not merely in increasing the efficiency of one Mission, but in increasing the number of its Missions. This is the law of progress in Missionary operations. No Church has ever found herself able to stop with attending to one sphere, but if she would act a part worthy of her responsibility, she must be prepared to enter upon others as God calls. Of course care must be taken that we do not attempt to outrun Divine Providence, and enter upon fields to which he does not call us. The whole matter then resolves itself into the question, what does God in his Providence seem to indicate as his will. If the Church earnestly seek direction from him, we doubt not that they will see the cloud of glory rise and light their path, as they follow its guidance.

While the Foreign Missions will engage a prominent place in the deliberations of Synod, other matters of perhaps equal importance will engage attention. The withdrawal of the grant from the Free Church of Scotland to our Professors, will bring before the Church in a very pressing manner the Theological Institutions of the Church. Then the question of a preparatory school must be definitely settled. For two years permission has been granted to make a temporary arrangement, and now the question of its permanence must be decided. And as there is already an institution of the kind in Halifax, this may involve the question of the propriety of uniting the two institutions, which we see has undergone some discussion in the public press.

Then the Home Mission, though not exciting so much attention as the Foreign, has its own importance, and at present is in an interesting position. The gold discoveries of the past year, and the consequent influx of population, which is likely to result, is opening up new fields for Home Mission effort, and calling the attention of the Church to the Southern Shores of the Province, hitherto so much neglected by Presbyterians. It is a matter for devout gratitude to God, that the principal points were gold has been discovered have previous to the discovery, been efficiently occupied by our church, and thus a Christian character impressed on the population before the influx of the immoral, and the degraded, of whom so many usually follow in the track of gold discovery.

Several other matters of importance might be noticed, but we will confine attention to one. We hope that the present meeting of Synod will not pass without the organization of a Minister's Widow's Fund. The scheme contemplated is similar to the Minister's Widow's Fund of the Established and Free Churches of Scotland, and the Dissenting Minister's Widow's Fund of