

Official.**CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF B. N. A.**

The Churches, Stations, and District Secretaries will please remember, that by appointment of the Society, the annual accounts close on the 1st of April. Up to this date I have not received from the four districts of Canada more than \$100. I borrowed from a friend fully one-half the amount to pay the January quarterages. This has to be repaid, and the whole amount due on the 1st of April to be provided by collections prior to that date. I am forbidden to close the year in debt, carrying it over to the following year.

HENRY WILKES,

General Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, January 15, 1866.

News of the Churches.**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, OTTAWA, OUT OF DEBT.**

"A Congregationalist," sends to the *Daily Union* newspaper at Ottawa, Dec. 11th, 1865, the following interesting and cheering statement:—"Two years ago, you were kind enough to give publicity to a statement of mine respecting the erection of the new Congregational Church, the cost, and its financial position as regards building operations, &c. The debt remaining on this neat and substantial church edifice at that time amounted to upwards of \$800, which I am happy to state is now entirely removed, and the pastor and people have the pleasure and satisfaction in meeting for worship in their new church *free from debt*. This has been accomplished by the energetic exertions of the church and congregation, and the kind assistance of a few personal friends (in England) of Rev. J. Elliot's, who continue to manifest a deep interest in his welfare and prosperity. This sum may appear small to many, but when it is taken into consideration that only six years have elapsed since the above gentleman first appeared in Ottawa as the representative of the Colonial Missionary Society, and at that time there was not a Congregational Church in existence here, it speaks well for the pastor, the people, and their friends, and is another proof, if one be wanted, of what an amount of good may be accomplished by a few united and devoted minds."

CHURCH AT NEWMARKET.

We are happy to find that the Congregational Church at Newmarket, notwithstanding the removal of some members, and the loss of their pastor, is still exhibiting many signs of vitality, and is hopeful for the future. They are supplied every Sabbath morning by a student from Knox College, in connection with some Presbyterian stations, and on the intervening days by Congregational preachers. They have a fund in hand for completing the spire of the church, and are able to promise \$300 towards a minister's support. We trust that they may soon obtain a settled pastor.

MARKHAM AND STOUFFVILLE—RECOGNITION SERVICES—SELF-SUPPORT—MISSIONARY MEETING.

It was briefly noticed in our last, that Rev. B. W. Day had resigned his charge at Turnberry and Howick, and accepted a call from Stouffville and Markham. He commenced his labours in his new field on the first Sabbath of January. On Tuesday, 23rd ult., at 2 p. m., he was publicly recognised as pastor of the two