

REPORT.

ORIGIN AND OBJECTS OF THE MISSION.

THE Columbia Mission was founded in 1859 by the munificence of Miss Burdett Coutts, who provided the endowment for a Bishop and two Archdeacons. The object is to plant the National Church of England in the two Colonies of Vancouver and Columbia from their commencement, by rendering assistance to the support of Clergy, Catechists, and Teachers, and the various machinery of Churches, Schools, and Mission-work amongst the European, Chinese, African, and Native North American Indian population.

FINANCE.

It will be seen from the balance-sheet that the contributions to the Mission for 1863 were 6,777*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*, the expenses, 444*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* In the previous year the contributions were 3007*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*, the expenses, 711*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* It is satisfactory, therefore, to report that while the receipts have more than doubled, the expenses are reduced by more than a third.

SPECIAL APPEAL.

The five years' subscriptions, as promised on the Bishop of Columbia's personal canvass in 1859, being now paid up, and the Donation Fund exhausted, it has become necessary to make a fresh appeal. About 4,000*l.* of the sum collected in 1863 may be considered as a result of this. The Bishop has continued his canvass in 1864, having attended meetings and preached up to the date of this report (July), by which information has been supplied and interest awakened in the subject of missionary exertion in general, and of this Mission in particular. It is to be hoped that this labour may produce for the Church in Columbia and Vancouver not less support than resulted in 1859, viz. 10,000*l.* in donations, and 3,000*l.* a year annual income.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

Those friends who have aided this effort to plant the English Church in a British American province, are not without grounds for encouragement in the results so far accomplished.

By this Mission Fund the clergy sent out were multiplied threefold. *Without it* the planting of Christianity amongst the