

the basement, and go far towards fitting up a vestry and committee-room. Last Sabbath I had the great satisfaction of announcing from the pulpit that the church edifice, including the basement, was *free from debt*. Statements were further made as to how this had become accomplished, and at a Church meeting subsequently held, I was requested to convey to you, and the other kind friends of this cause, who have so generously aided us, an expression of very grateful appreciation of this great kindness.

"Since you were here, several have left our congregation for the United States, but the influx of population from Quebec brings some gratifying additions to our Church. There are also growing signs too of spiritual good in the congregation, so that altogether we feel much cheered."

We observe £49 sterling acknowledged in the donations as specially contributed for the Ottawa chapel. The cause at Ottawa has special claims on the Colonial Society; and we are glad to see that these have been recognized in so helpful a manner.

After a reference to the church at Yarmouth, N.S., becoming self-sustaining, the *Chronicle*, under the title of "a new field," enters at length into the settlement of Mr. Barker at Pictou, giving with more fulness the particulars contained in our magazine for November last, and closing with the statement:—"Mr. Barker's removal to Pictou is cause of lively satisfaction to the committee of the Parent Society, which, as an expression of its sympathy with new and aggressive efforts in the B. N. A. Provinces, has voted \$200 towards the cost of travel of the missionary family."

The next paragraph is as follows:—

"As the committee hopes to send an efficient minister to Halifax in the early spring to occupy a capacious and well-situated chapel, which has been long disused as a Congregational church, it anticipates considerable extension of missionary operations in Nova Scotia in consequence of the new efforts thus being made in Pictou and Halifax, and the growing strength of the churches in the South, especially of that at Yarmouth, under the leadership of its efficient and zealous pastor, Rev. A. Burpee."

The last remark concerning new fields is this:—

"The Missionary Society in Canada has been challenged by one of its members to a bolder and more vigorous policy. He indicates the Mineral Oil districts which are now attracting large populations, as suitable spheres of missionary effort—especially the townships of Bothwell and Oil Springs; but he shrinks from initiating that policy. Few things would more cheer and gratify the committee than that such bolder local efforts should be made."

Under the heading of "hardships of missionary labour," is published a letter from one of our missionaries, forwarded by a lady in Montreal, who, we judge, would prefer that the *Canadian Independent* did not let her right hand know the kindly deed her left hand has done, with an earnest appeal from her own pen. The *Chronicle* thereupon remarks:—"The appeal does not properly lie to the Parent Society, but to the churches in Canada; though it cannot but deeply interest its constituents to know the cheerful endurance and Christian constancy of endeavour manifested by many devoted servants of the Lord Jesus. Some private help has been rendered to this worthy brother." The missionary's letter will be interesting to churches in Canada, as well as in Britain.

"It is not my happiness at present to be able to devote all my time to mission work. The failure of crops here for the last three years has prevented the people from doing scarcely anything toward the support of the ordinances of religion amongst them, and this season I have had to help others to prevent