

"THE COLONIAL CHRONICLE," FOR JANUARY, 1866.

The Colonial Missionary Society has issued, for some years past, under the above title, a "quarterly record of its transactions," chiefly for the information of its subscribers in Britain. In accordance with a suggestion made to the Secretary, during his recent visit, some copies of the January number have been sent to Canada; but as these will fall into so few hands, while all are interested in the manner in which the claims of the field are presented to the churches in England, we will here give an outline of the contents of the number before us.

Eight of its twelve pages are devoted to British North America. After the opening remark, that "the following record of successful labour in fields which have been long cultivated, and have now become reproductive, will gratify our readers," quotations are given from our last missionary report. The first is the cheering account of a revival quoted on page 16; the second, the letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, of Southwold, p. 22; the third, a notice of the settlement of Mr. Dickson at London. Then follows a notice of the relief obtained for the church at Ottawa, which we will quote in full, as it supplies some interesting particulars not furnished in the notice of the payment of the debt in our last number.

"When the Secretary was in Canada in June and July last, he visited Ottawa, the capital-designate of the United Canadas. The purpose to remove the seat of government, which had passed from Montreal to Toronto and thence to Quebec, and to give it a permanent abode in Ottawa, had long been announced, and caused a large influx of population into this city of the wilderness, but long delays and the doubts and fears awakened by political agitations, wearied many and caused them to seek their fortunes in other towns.

"The Rev. J. Elliott and a few friends, stimulated by help derived from England, had been induced to erect a neat and substantial church, but scarcely had they been well settled in it, when the process of depletion commenced, and weakened by frequent losses, the Secretary found them dispirited, and sick at heart. Debts on the structure remained unpaid, and creditors impoverished, as well as debtors pressed for payment. The vestry remained unfinished, the school was unfit for occupation. It was needful to do something to cheer the pastor and flock, and to animate them to renewed effort and liberality. This was done, a conditional promise of help was made, and the church was challenged to undertake the removal of its debts. On the 15th December last, the Rev. J. Elliott communicated the result as follows:—

"I now find myself in a position to write to you with great and lively gratification. Your kind note, long ago received from one of the lower provinces, has been followed by my having had forwarded to me the £10 which you so kindly secured for Ottawa interests; and your letter, since received, with authority to draw the £50 when matters here might warrant my so doing, has been acted upon with good success.

"There was no delay here in bringing the matter before the people. It has been taken up in excellent spirit, and some have contributed very liberally. The amount given or promised within a limited time was such as to lead me to act upon your authority.

"The gentleman in Montreal from whom we borrowed \$500 is now paid in full, with interest; sums that were due in Ottawa have been paid off, and the balance in hand, with the amount promised, but not yet received, will complete