

EMIGRATION TO THE CANADAS.*

THE interesting subject of emigration is one that has lately attracted much of the public attention, involving, as it does, many points of importance in our domestic and colonial policy.

By its judicious and well-directed action, it draws forth the dormant resources of our gigantic colonial empire; teaches us to trust to our own energies, means, and capabilities, rather than to foreign powers; causes us to investigate the eligibility of our own possessions for trade, commerce, and settlement; furnishes fresh fields for our home-manufactures; adds to our maritime strength, and proves alike beneficial to the merchant, the manufacturer, the artisan, and the industrious labourer, whose energies are frequently exhausted in profitless toil at home, but who in wider regions proves a source of strength to the colony where he settles, and of benefit to the country he left.

The writer being more immediately connected with the British North American provinces, and particularly that portion of them, the Canadas,

* The Colonial Society has a conversazione every alternate Wednesday at its house, 15, St. James's Square. Papers on different subjects are read, and a discussion follows. The first evening an introductory lecture was given by Mr. Montgomery Martin, on Colonies generally; the second evening was devoted to the reading of the annexed interesting paper, by Dr. Thomas Rolph, of Upper Canada. We hope to be able, from time to time, to lay various useful papers read at the Society's meetings before the public.—[ED. COL. MAG.]