

hoped to see grow up amongst us and occupy the places of their fathers; but with all these drawbacks we still, by God's help, exist, and we hope and trust that under our present minister we shall increase in numbers, if not in wealth. Since Mr. Maze has been with us, we have had considerable additions to our Church fellowship, and a much larger attendance, our increase being from amongst those who are not rich in this world's goods, but who, we trust, are rich in faith.

"We have of property in St. John's,—our church, a substantial stone building, which with its fitting up, organ, &c., cost over £3,000; and we have other fee-simple property, the rental of which is about £50 per annum, but against this we have a debt of £550, for which we have to pay six per cent. per annum.

"The trade of this colony for the past five or six years has been very much depressed, calling in the liberality of the wealthier classes, and restricting the poorer to a mere maintenance. Under these circumstances we find it very hard to provide for the support of the ministry, and we have to solicit your kindness in again bringing before the committee our case, trusting that for the present they will not withdraw their practical sympathy from this Church, which is so isolated from all churches of a similar order."

It is evident, from the above extracts, that ample space is given to the mission in British North America in the present number of the *Colonial Chronicle*, and that its wants are so presented as to call forth the liberality of the churches in Britain. From the fact that acknowledgments of subscriptions embrace the whole period from the annual meeting in May to the 9th of January, we infer that no number was issued in October. If any account has appeared in England of the Secretary's visits to these Colonies, it has not come under our eye. We shall look with interest for the future numbers of the *Chronicle*.

## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We are this month, for the first time, able to find room for part of one of the able papers presented to the Boston Council. The following, on a topic of universal and permanent interest, is from the pen of Rev. Professor Shepard, of Bangor, Maine, a man of foremost position. Our clerical readers are pretty sure to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it. We earnestly hope that deacons and all others will do the same.

### I.—THE DIVINE LAW FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We find the most concise and comprehensive axiom on this subject,—uttered by the Lord in connection with the sending-forth of the seventy disciples,—“The labourer is worthy of his hire.” The labourer here pronounced upon is the servant of Christ, the minister and messenger of the gospel, the bearer of spiritual blessings to the lost race of man.

We have here a class of men set apart to a service deemed of vital importance to the welfare of the world; a class extending down the centuries; their permanence affirming their indispensableness. They are appointed and commissioned of God; consecrated to a single and peculiar service. That they may the most largely compass the benefits of this, they are set apart from the ordinary and gainful pursuits of life; all their capabilities held to and absorbed in a ministry of beneficence,—not to get good, but confer good.

We find the order and the principle in the opening of the Mosaic dispensation. First, The separation and consecration of the sons of Levi: “Be-