

Edinburgh.

Mr. W. S. Bruce writes from Edinburgh, an account of his sojourn there, so far. We give the following extract :

I received a great deal of kindness from Rev. Peter Hope, Secretary to the Colonial Committee, and from many others with whom I became acquainted through him. I have had the privilege of attending some very interesting missionary meetings. The first was a prayer meeting held in connection with the departure of three young men to the foreign field : One to Japan, and two to Africa. Dr. Laws goes to Lake Nyassa. He is one of the leaders of the Livingstonian Expedition, which left London in May, to take up the field on the shores of that Lake, which bears the name of the first explorer. Dr. Laws is sustained by the Mission Board of the U. P. Church, but is under the direction of the Mission Board of the Free Church : so much co-operation, a step in the right direction. Mr. Auld, the other missionary to Africa, goes to Caffraria. The missionary meeting in connection with the U. P. Church, the Synod of which met the week after I arrived, was a very good meeting ; the missionary meeting in connection with the Free Church, the Assembly of which met on the following week. It was very inspiring to hear the venerable Dr. Auld plead the cause of missions. All the vigour, and enthusiasm of the man of years ago, were thrown into his address. Then at the breakfast next morning, breakfasts are quite an institution here among such men as Drs. Goold, R. F. Gill, U. P., and Duff, besides a number of returned missionaries, chiefly from India, the cause of missions, was calculated to make one devoutly thankful that ever he had been called to such a noble work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLEMENTS.

The Committee on Supplements in presenting their annual report would be expressing their gratitude for the countenance and blessing extended to the work committed to their charge during the year that is passed.

The Synod will remember that in their report, and in view of the largeness of the work required to meet their recommendations, they expressed their apprehensions that the useful means might not be forthcoming. Your Committee rejoice to be able to report that so far they have been able to meet all their obligations, and

they hope to be able without any great difficulty to satisfy the payments yet remaining to be made. In this connection, and contributing to this happy result, your Committee, while not overlooking the liberality of our own people, would make especial mention of the generosity of the Board of Missions of the Irish Presbyterian Church in increasing their grant from £50 to £150 stg. This increase was unsolicited on our part, and came to us unlogged by any conditions on theirs, except that a fair proportion should be expended in New Brunswick. We feel that their liberality deserves, as it will no doubt receive, some special action on the Synod's part. Nor can we pass on without recording our grateful sense of the services of the Rev. P. G. McGregor, who has conducted the correspondence with the Irish Board in reference to this matter.

It has been usual to furnish some statistics bearing upon the position of the Fund, and gathered from the Statistical Table. This year, owing to want of time, it has been found impossible to do so, the Statistical table not having come into the Secretary's hands until a few days ago. Should, however, the Synod think it worth while these can yet be prepared.

As to the coming year your Committee would recommend that supplements be granted as follows :

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

1. Sussex, \$100.
2. Springfield, \$100.
3. Londonderry, \$120.
4. Saltsprings, \$100.
5. Bocabec, \$100.
6. Carleton, \$100.
7. Fredericton, \$200.
8. Baillie, \$150, if settled.
9. Nerepis, \$50.
10. Buctouche, \$100.
11. Glassville, \$120, if settled.
12. Tobique and Kincardine, \$200, if settled.

13. St. George, \$150.
14. Chipmaw, \$100, if settled.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

15. New Mills, \$100.
16. Kouchibouguac, \$100.

PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND

17. Dundas, \$120.
18. West Point, \$120.
19. Bay Fortune, \$100.
20. Cove Head, \$80.
21. Tryon & Bonshaw, \$100, if settled.

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA & RICHMOND

22. Port Hastings, \$80..
23. Lake Ainslie, \$80..
24. Mabou, \$100.