

cently had a Presbyterian visitation from some of the members of your Board, I forbear making any further mention of them.

SUPPORT AND KINDNESS.

I have not a very large bill to present to your Board for payment. All my expenses would have been paid were it not that the people are taxing themselves in erecting Church buildings and liquidating outstanding debts on those recently erected. After they complete those in course of erection and are free of debt a Catechist can be fully supported in this field.

In travelling over this extensive field of labour I was furnished with a horse and carriage free of charge. John Kirker, Esq., with whom I boarded, is an element of strength to our cause on the shore. His boarding me and giving me his horse and waggon free of expense would, if estimated, foot up a bill which would be by no means insignificant. His liberality in this respect, as well as in other respects, is most praiseworthy indeed. Honorable mention I have also to make of Mr. David Lowe of Moser River, Mr. Robt. Lowe, Sheet Harbor, and Wm. Hay, Esq., Pope's Harbor. The aim of these men was to prevent me from incurring expense that would have to be defrayed by your Board.

I have great reason to be thankful to the Master for the many tokens of His presence and blessing which I have received during the whole summer.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. H. MURRAY.

"Home Missions and Sustentation."

Letters from the Colonial Committee of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and of the Irish Presbyterian Church.

FREE CHURCH MISSION BOARD.

By direction of Synod, some facts connected with the new Scotch colony of New Kincardine were communicated to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church. Information was given respecting their numbers, their spiritual destitution, the supply given, the expenditure involved, and the desirableness of securing at once a minister to reside among them exclusively, or to supply New Kincardine and the Tobique conjointly, as the Presbytery of St. John might see best. The object of the letter was sent to obtain the co-operation of the parent Church to some extent as respects means, but also in getting a suitable laborer at the earliest date possible. As we have no suitable man at our disposal at

present, it is hoped that one may yet offer, and be accepted before midwinter. How that may be, the subjoined letter shows how liberally the Committee has come forward to aid us, and that if a laborer is not furnished, it will not be from want of a hearty desire to provide one on the part of Mr. Hope and his Brethren of the Committee, to whom we are under so many obligations for similar favors.

LETTER FROM REV. PETER HOPE.

*Offices of the Free Church of Scotland, }
Mound, Edinburgh, Oct. 27, 1874. }*

MY DEAR SIR :

Your letter of the 1st Sept. was laid before the Colonial Committee at their last meeting, and I have now the pleasure of enclosing a check for £100 for this year, to be devoted in terms of your letter, to aid in providing Gospel ordinances to the "Scotch Colony" of New Kincardine, together if you think necessary and desirable, the neighbouring territory. You will observe that the grant is "for this year," and we hope that it will help you to stimulate the efforts of the Colonists in providing and supporting a ministry for themselves. The grant was given by the Committee with great goodwill and cordiality. But you will easily understand how, with a limited income, and the whole Colonial field to deal with, we are compelled to economize our funds so as to use them to the best advantage for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom throughout the world.

It will give us much pleasure if we can help you with suitable men, as well as this contribution in money. Mention what number and kind of men you require, i.e., whether Gaelic speaking or not. What provision is made for the New Kincardine people? We were in communication with a preacher—whose name I have forgot—and who seemed disposed to accompany the emigrants, but he dropped out of our sight.

I remain,

Yours very truly,
PETER HOPE.

The Rev. P. G. McGregor.

MISSION BOARD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND.

This Board having sent us last year a gift of Fifty Pounds Sterling, to aid us in the work of supplementing our weaker congregations, the thanks of the Synod were communicated, and a pretty full statement of facts respecting this department of our Home Mission work, was laid before the