

A LETTER.

MY DEAR SIR,

THE feeling that has arisen in favour of a religious provision for Emigrants from this country during the time of their passage to the Colonies, appears to me to furnish a favourable opportunity for a further step upon that principle which the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has of late always kept in view in its operations ; namely, that of gradually withdrawing aid from our dependencies in proportion as they become able to provide for their own spiritual needs, and of bestowing the bulk of its support partly on strictly Missionary operations, partly on the spiritual care of our Emigrants during the first stages of their emigration and settlement.

I can draw nothing but constant confirmation of this principle, both from further reflection on the case in general, and from the progressive development of the Colonial Church. Nothing can be in itself more unreasonable than that dependencies, which we hope to see, as far as possible, reproducing a complete image of the Mother Country in all their institutions, should be accustomed to look anywhere but to their own resources for the *permanent* support of their eccle-