- The church, with the exception of painting, was completed in April last. It was built by contract and the whole cost, up to the present period, is about £390. The commissioner appointed to superintend the building (S. G. Archibald, Esq.) has taken a warm interest in our church, and, at his own expense (with the exception of the above subscriptions) has carried on the building to its completion; and he is now upwards of £200 in advance for the same, exclusive of a donation of £20, included in the above £185. He has been encouraged to make this advance, under the assurance from the Rev. Mr. Fraser, that the Colonial Committee would take the case into their most favorable consideration, and grant £50 or £60 sterling from the Church Extension Funds; and from the workmen upon the Mines, that they would extend their subscriptions from time to time, till the balance due was paid off.
- 7. The church will contain about 300 sittings, No final arrangement has yet been made as to the price of a sitting. It is, however, proposed to rate the sittings at 3s. 6d. or 4s. per annum; to be, in the first place, applied towards defraying the debt upon the church until liquidated.
- 8. As yet, there is no clergyman appointed to the church. The people are extremely anxious to have a resident clergyman upon the Mines. At a meeting lately held for the purpose of ascertaining how much could be raised towards the support of a clergyman, the names and subscriptions having been taken down, it was found that about £150 would be raised annually upon the Mines for this purpose. The Rev. Mr. Fraser has been requested to make application to Scotland for a clergyman.