

THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH.—The Rev. Thomas Rain, M. A., of Hutton and Corrie, has issued a pamphlet in which he forcibly illustrates the absurdity of the disestablishment movement. Among other equally logical and conclusive arguments he makes use of the following:—

“ Again, were the Church endowments taken away, could the people in the rural districts support religious ordinances? It has been proved—I think conclusively—that they could not: the Free Church has proved this positively, and the United Presbyterian Church has proved it negatively. In connection with the Free Church there are 1014 congregations in all, but of this number less than a third—298, I believe—are self-supporting. There are 14 rural Presbyteries, embracing 124 charges, in which not a single charge is self-supporting; and there are 16 rural Presbyteries, embracing 147 charges, with only one charge in each Presbytery self-supporting. And if we take these facts in connection with the further ones that 350 parishes in Scotland have no Free Church at all, and 736 have no United Presbyterian Church, the inference as to the ability of rural districts to support an educated clergy becomes unquestionable.”

It delights us to meet with such thoughtful and munificent care for dependents as that shown by a large manufacturing firm in Bridgeport, Connecticut. 1,000 girls are employed in their factory, and for their free use they are erecting a building costing \$35,000. The first story will be devoted to a restaurant, where good meals will be furnished at cost. The second story will contain a large reading room and library, conversation room, music room, bath room and lavatory. The third story will contain a large hall, seating 600, a small hall, seating 150, and classrooms, where evening classes in singing, penmanship, drawing, book-keeping, fancy needlework, etc., will be taught. The building will be under the care of a competent matron.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

HOME MISSIONS, 1886.

Gairloch Congregation.

Alex. J. McPherson, 25c; Wm. Fraser, 25c; Isabella Fraser, 25c; Robert Baillie, 50c; Kenneth McKenzie, 50c; Robert Ross, 25c; Robert Stewart, 25c; Wm Sutherland, 25c; John A. Sutherland, 25c; Hugh Sutherland, 25c; Wm. McKenzie, 20c; Kenneth McKenzie, 25c; Alex. J. McKenzie, 15c; John R. McKenzie, 25c; Bella M. Gunn, 25c; John Fraser, 20c; Alex. McKenzie, Senr., 25c; Fergus Ferguson, 30c; Isabella McKenzie, 25c.....By Miss Mary Ferguson, \$5.10 Duncan McDonald, 25c; Geo. H. Sutherland, 25c; John T. Sutherland, 25c; Wm. Munro, 25c; Wm. Murray, 25c; Donald Ross, 30c; Daniel A. McKenzie, 25c; Duncan McKenzie, 25c; Donald McPherson, 25c; Annabella McPherson,

25c; Donald McDonald, 25c; Geo. Sutherland, 35c; Janet Sutherland, 25c.....

By Miss Sutherland, \$3.40

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Robt. Munro, 50c; Wm. Matheson, 30c; Hugh Munro, 25c; Andrew Matheson, 25c.....

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John Sutherland, 50c; John McKay, 50c; Wm McDonald, 25c; Daniel Fraser, 25c; Kenneth W. McDonald, 25c; Hugh Matheson, 25c; John W. McDonald, 10c; Wm. McDonald, 25c; R. McKay Ross, 20c; Daniel MacKay, 25c; A. J. McIntosh, 25c; D. M. McDonald, 25c; James MacKay, 25c; Robert Sutherland, 25c.....

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Neil Gordon, 35c; Duncan MacKay, 25c; D. R. MacKay, 10c; P. A. Grant, 25c; James Fraser, 25c; Geo. McLeod, 25c; A Friend, 25c; Geo. M. MacKay, \$1; Mrs Hugh MacKay, 25c.

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