

in aid of the general funds of the Church, and by this means enable them to make up in every case a sufficient salary?

Let them continue to adopt this method, until some better can be devised, and let the amount thus realized be given, not as a donation to be trumpeted throughout the land, but as part payment of a debt justly due.

I have many other things to say, Mr Editor, suggested by a long series of observations while being a good deal about minister's houses, and often prying into matters with which I had no business, but fearing you may consider me almost "as tremendously long tongued" as the women of India, I shall defer them till some future time. In the meantime I shall indulge the hope that a favourable change, in the financial circumstances of your brethren, may soon be apparent, so that a second effort of this sort, to me very unpleasant, may not be necessary. Only a strong sense of duty could have induced me to push myself forward in this instance, and overstep, as some may think, the bounds of decorum, for I have not forgotten "women should be silent in the Church." A LADY.

Balmoral, Jan. 13th, 1857.

WINDSOR, Jan'y. 5, 1857.

To the Presbytery of Halifax,—

In compliance with a request from Annapolis, and by the advice and concurrence of as many of my brethren as could be consulted at the time, I proceeded to that place and preached there on the two last Sabbaths in September, and dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There were 16 communicants who sat down on the occasion and partook of the emblems of their Saviour's love. One of the leading members of the congregation was absent at St John's at the time, and prevented from returning by the irregularity of the steam-boat. Another person who I was informed expected to have been united with the Church, was prevented from the same cause.

To those who can count their Church-

members by hundreds, this no doubt will appear as the day of small things. But let us remember that this is in a place where Presbyterianism was thought to have been dead and buried for about half a century, and we may see that there is sufficient cause to thank God and take courage. The room, which will contain probably about 150 persons, was filled with attentive hearers during the day. The week-evening services also were well attended. We are not to suppose, however, that they were all Presbyterians. But there is a growing interest felt in the Word by many who do not profess to belong to us; and some who have never heard Presbyterianism spoken of but with reproach, have been heard to say on hearing for themselves, "Well, if that be Presbyterian doctrine, then we are Presbyterians."

Annapolis is one of the oldest settled places in Nova Scotia. There is no new influx of population. The present inhabitants are mostly all ranged under the banners of some sect already. No great or rapid increase of Presbyterianism need therefore be looked for. But it is not by the increase of numbers alone that we are to estimate our measure of success. When the Word is preached in purity and faithfulness, it will exert an influence beyond the pale of our own little Church, above what we can now calculate. And God has said for our encouragement, and to cheer us in times of greatest depression—"My word shall not return unto me void." On Monday after Sacrament, a congregational meeting was held and a committee appointed which was instructed to proceed with the erection of a building. We have deeply to regret our want of probationers to furnish them with a more steady supply of preaching, by means of which alone, accompanied by the Spirit of God, the Church is built. Let us therefore more earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest, for the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

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Foreign Missions.

LETTER FROM MR. GEDDIE.

The following letter from Rev Mr Geddie to Rev P. G. McGregor, though of an older date than some previously

received, will still be read with great interest by all the friends of the New Hebridean Mission.

The letter bears the Sydney post mark