

miles, and often had so much to do that they felt it a privilege when the horses were quiet enough to allow them to study their sermons as they rode from one appointment to the other.

Stated salaries paid in cash were rare. Camilla Sanderson, in her book, "John Sanderson the First," the story of a pioneer preacher in Cartwright, says:

"A certain proportion of the minister's salary was paid 'in kind.' Sometimes these contributions were all that could be desired; and sometimes faith, patience and ingenuity were equally and severely taxed to blend the incongruous, and to make articles wholly unsuitable do moderate duty in the supply of family requirements.

"On one occasion a great bale of wool was sent, and when the messenger went away father stood and looked at it with a most comical air of perplexity. Then he turned to mother and said, 'What in the name of wonder shall we do with it? We can neither eat, drink, nor wear it; do you suppose you could sell it?' Mother laughed and answered, 'If you'll get me a pair of cards and a spinning-wheel, I'll show you that we can do a great deal better than sell it.' The cards and the spinning wheel were borrowed, and under mother's dextrous hands did such good service that in a few weeks' time a pretty roll of navy blue and red check flannel came home from the weaver's, and in another week Mary and I were gowned in homespun dresses of our mother's making, of which we were sorely in need. It was a revelation to the women of the circuit when it became known that the minister's wife was not only well versed in all the details of ordinary housekeeping, but that she could take wool in the rough, and with her own hands put it through all the tedious processes of washing, picking, carding, and spinning, and in the end turn dressmaker, with results she had no reason to be ashamed of, was an astonishment to them. It was weary work that carding and spinning but to this day I recall her slender figure swaying gracefully as she stepped lightly to and fro, and held the yarn, now high above her head, now lower, while the wheel whirled gleefully, fast or slow, at her bidding. Mary and I have had a variety of dresses since, some of them pretty and dainty enough, but I'm quite sure that we never had any of which we felt so proud as we did of those our mother made from start to finish."

When the ministers had meals away from home, they had a variety of experiences. Sometimes the tables were loaded with an abundance