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LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That th' earth thy way, and nations all may know thy saving grace.—*Ps. lxxvii. 1, 2.*

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Home Missions.

THE SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

As we wish to allow all the scope necessary for a fair discussion of this subject, we subjoin a letter complaining of two letters which we have already published in our columns. And also some remarks on the same by our first correspondent.

For the Register.

MR. EDITOR.—

I find in your Jany. number an article under the heading, "A few words to our vacant congregations." And again in the Feby. number, a letter from "A Lady;" both advocating an increase of ministers' stipends. In both these articles there seems to me, to be much that is objectionable; not in the object which they have in view, but in the manner in which they advocate it. In the former the burden of the song, is the necessities of the young minister. A twenty-five pounds horse, a twenty pounds waggon, and a ten pounds sleigh and Buffalo Skins is the first and greatest necessity. Further down the writer asks, "If the minister has a preaching station, five, ten, fifteen, or it may be twenty miles distant, will the people be content to wait a year for his coming

till he is able to get a horse? or if sickness or death has entered your abode, some six or eight miles from his residence will you be content to wait a year for his visit." As much as to say,—Before we can attend to your soul's salvation, and before we can hold out the hopes of the Gospel to the dying, and comfort to the bereaved, we ourselves must be comforted with buffalo Skins, and drawn gently along in twenty pounds carriages! It is rather singular that in the same paper containing the above should be found the memoir of the late Rev. John McLean, and the anecdote of the strong minded Scotchman, who could not be moved to tears by the preaching of any, but that of Dr McGregor and Mr McLean, men who were in their day more useful than one half of our present army of effeminate young men. And to this day our most useful men, are those who attach least importance to these luxuries. While the word of God holds forth high and glorious motives for giving, is the organ of our church to enforce the duty on such groveling considerations as those above referred to? The word and ordinances of God are the greatest blessings we enjoy, and we should shew our appreciation of them, by giving as God has prospered us, to maintain them among ourselves, and to send them where they are not, and at all times shew ourselves