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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.

For the Register.

MR. EDITOR—

I observe that you receive a good many contributions from gentlemen, lay and clerical, but few or none from ladies. Now this seems to me a remarkable fact, especially as I know you to be a person of the most approved gallantry; and the ladies, as I have frequently heard, particularly from my esteemed friend the Rev. Mr. Waddell, of Belle Vue, have always taken deep interest in the affairs of the church.

A consideration of the above fact has partly induced me to take up my pen on the present occasion. I do so not without fear, that some things I intend to say may be deemed by you almost inadmissible to a journal such as yours; still, as you receive communications so seldom from any of my sex, I flatter myself that out of politeness, if from no other consideration, you will not deny me a hearing,—more especially, as you may rest assured the service I wish to perform is altogether disinterested, wholly a labour of love.

A writer in your last issue says, "A few words to our vacant congregations," and very seasonable and judicious words they are; but it occurred to me while reading them that a few words are quite as much needed by some of our settled congregations.

In looking over the last statistical returns, I perceive that several congregations promise their ministers a salary of

only £100; such for instance as Merigomish, River John, Tatamagouche, and others, to the number of 5 or 6! By one of these, viz., River John, the sum promised is but £90—the Presbytery, as I have been informed, drawing £10 from the Domestic Mission Board to make up even the £100.

Now, if a young man, as the writer referred to has very clearly demonstrated, cannot live on this sum with anything like comfort, respectability and honesty, how is it possible that ministers with perhaps large families can do so? Assuming that the whole sum is paid during the year, and paid punctually in quarterly instalments at the quarter day, it would be difficult to show how such a sum can be made to meet all necessary expenses.

According to the calculations of your correspondent, it costs at a low estimate £16 to keep a horse; to keep a cow, and pay for wear and tear of harness, &c., would cost at least £4 more; which, added to servants' board, wages, expenses of fuel and light, would amount to such a sum as to make a large hole in £100. Perhaps the following estimate may be found pretty near the truth:—

Keeping horse,	£16 0
Keeping cow, wear and	
tear of harness, &c.,	4 0
Servant's wages,	7 10
Servant's board,	25 0
Coal,	5 0
Wood,	5 0
Light,	4 0

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