

## APPENDIX.

---

### SUPPORT YOUR MINISTERS.

On more than one occasion we have drawn attention to the obligation every Christian is under to contribute of his substance to the support of his Minister. It is a duty which no Christian can get rid of, but it is a duty which a great many neglect for want of giving the matter due attention. There is one fact which every congregation should take into account when providing their Minister's salary, and that is, that the cost of living has increased from 25 to 50 per cent. during the last three or four years. The Minister, therefore, who received £150 a year in 1850, was better off than with £200 in 1857, because the former sum would go as far towards procuring the necessaries of life in 1850 as the latter sum will now.—*Bathurst Courier*.

The above is too true—the preacher very often experiences sad neglect at the hands of those amongst whom he labours. The scripture tells us “the labourer is worthy of his hire;” and we are certain there is no class of men who work harder than our country Ministers. Can any one tell us who is more grudgingly remunerated, than he who every week speaks to us of God's mercy and goodness—who travels many miles to our lonely and cheerless school-houses in the most inclement seasons to refresh those gathered therein with “tidings of great joy?” On this matter a want of thought and consideration is generally exhibited which shows too plainly the lack of vital Christianity amongst us. We all profess to believe the Bible, and frequent with more or less regularity the house of God—we listen week after week to the admonitions of the preacher—and yet act towards him as if he had little or no claim upon us. He may toil in our midst for years without a thought on the part of many that he frequently returns at night to a home not by any means supplied as it should be with the comforts of life. Yet in our hour of sickness or mental distress who is called on?—to whom do we