

It is painfully sad to think of our fellow churchmen uncared for by any clergyman, and to hear of churches closed all the year round for want of a minister; still more sad is it to feel that many have left our communion for other religious bodies for lack of pastoral ministrations. We have seen that in 1787 and 1836 a cry for help went out from Deer Island, which does not seem to have been hearkened to, and there is now but a little flock of seventy-four members, still without spiritual ministrations.

Almost within sound of the beautiful Cathedral bells, the once promising mission of Canterbury has in the last decade decreased by one-quarter of its members (there is no missionary there); while the little flock in Manners-Sutton is but one-third of what it was ten years ago. We cannot wonder that in the district of Chipman the church has decreased a half, for there has been no clergyman there; and we can only be thankful that the decrease has not been greater in Albert County, which, in its six hundred and sixty square miles, has indeed churches, but has no one to minister in them. A glance at the record of the last census will show what we should expect, that the greatest decrease in the church is in districts where there is no pastoral supervision.

As has been said above, there are at present five missions which cannot be filled because there is no money to help the church members to make up the stipend of a clergyman.

1. *Aberdeen*.—This mission includes the settlement of Beaufort. To the west of Beaufort, between it and the river St. John, there is the flourishing Roman Catholic settlement of Johnsville, fostered and cared for by their bishop, and not left without the ministrations of their church. Nearly south of them is the Presbyterian settlement of Glassville, with its church and minister. But Beaufort, known and spoken of in the neighborhood as a Church of England settlement, has no regular minister and no regular services.

2. *Albert*.—The whole county is without any minister of the Church of England, though there are at least three churches to be cared for, with a faithful few about each.

3. *Canterbury*.—The church members in this district are grad-