

committed to the individual clergyman. This must of necessity be the case in a new country, and it will cause many an anxious thought as to how Christ's sheep, which are widely scattered, and which he is solemnly charged to gather into the fold, may be most effectually reached; it will seem to him that his utmost exertions do little more than make darkness visible, and often when wearied by his labours, and his conscience testifies that he has exerted himself to the utmost, he is met with the complaint of one or more that they have been neglected. Again, it is a sore trial, a great difficulty, to feel and know that there are duties which ought to be performed, but which he is physically unable to accomplish; that there are false teachers, whose name is legion, continually striving to lead astray his flock, urging for the accomplishment of their purpose the spurious liberality of the day, that it matters little to what Church, as they term it, the individual belongs; that many of his people, dwelling amongst those hostile to the Church, and far from her public ministrations, are tempted to become lukewarm, and the children to grow up with the sad feeling, that the Church of the living God is only as a sect amongst sects, that Christ's sheep are scattered, the wolf is destroying them, and that he is unable in many cases to render effectual aid. Oh, how trifling are bodily labours and privations compared with the feeling which frequently arises of our inability to do all that is required at our hands.

To this must often be added pecuniary difficulties. It is a very plain command, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel; but many, by their conduct, seem to change the word *live* into *starve*. Their Minister, because he strives to owe no man any thing, and make, as becomes his sacred calling, a respectable appearance, is considered as not requiring what is justly his due; and men calling themselves Christians, who would not think of defrauding the labourer of his hire, yet think it no sin to defraud their Minister, or make the payment to him when every other claim is satis-