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"It has often occurred to me as something wonderful, that, amongst the vast variety of books which are to be met with, on the important subject of Religion, there should still be wanted a manual for the information and direction of the Minister in his daily intercourse with sick persons and other members of his flock. There are, indeed, a plenty of excellent theoretical treatises upon this branch of the Minister's duty; and much also might be learnt from the biography of Clergymen who have been eminently active in their parochial labours. But all this is too general; and consequently it is too often not sufficiently obvious how to apply such knowledge in our own particular practice. What I lament, therefore, and am surprised at is, that, with the exception of some pieces of Mr. Mayow's, and two or three accounts of the conversions of profligate men, there should be no book (at least I am not acquainted with any such book) containing the detail of actual conversations, which have passed between the Minister and his Parishioners, under striking circumstances. No Clergyman, having had the care of a Parish for a considerable period, can possibly have failed of falling into such circumstances; and I, for one, in my earlier days, would have thanked anybody who should have been kind enough to furnish me with the results of his experience. I am confident, from what has happened to myself, that a young Clergyman must be very much at a loss how to conduct himself on trying occasions, and how to take advantage daily of the openings which may be afforded him, for promoting Religion and right feeling in his Parish; so that he will either do mischief by attempting *that* to which he is not competent; or, being aware of his own incompetency, he will sit down inactive and idle.

"Having been in the habit then, for several years, of remarking this defect of instruction with regard to practical divinity, and the whole business of a Parish Priest, and having myself, meanwhile, been thrown perpetually into the most interesting and awful scenes with my own Parishioners, I determined at length to take up my pen, and to commit to paper whatever, having passed under my personal observation, might be most likely to be useful to others of the same profession.

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