

*heartily*, because they did it under the guidance of a rule or system ; on the other hand, this very rule which guided them relieved them from the trammels of disorder and confusion, and *enabled* them to indicate energetically the heart's assent to the prayers and supplications which had been offered up for them by their minister in their hearing.

But it would be not only unjust but absurd to lay the blame of this discordant responding entirely at the doors of the *congregation*. How can they be *expected* to respond aright unless they can have their *minister*, his voice, tone, and manner, to look up to for guidance? And what measure of assistance or guidance do they in general meet with in this respect, from their minister? Absolutely none at all. Most clergymen indeed are, without perhaps being aware of it, a hindrance in this respect rather than a help ; for can it be disputed that nine ministers out of every ten have each his own way of reading the service, which no one else could follow without the appearance of mockery? One seeks to be impressive—another lays great emphasis on certain words—another repeats the service as rapidly as he can—another