

Would Mr. Anderson be willing to tell any member of his congregation, who, awakened by some such "exciting" hymn, should come to him for spiritual guidance—that such feelings were "mere excitement?" We hardly think that he would, and yet we might infer so from the remarks we have quoted. Or "when the love of God is spoken of" especially the manifestation of it in the death of Christ, which led a Greenlander to weep, as the missionary related it, and to say, as tears trickled down his cheeks, "tell me that again," and to become the first fruits unto Christ in that land, and a feeling of sorrow came over the heart, must a man repress that feeling which may be the first dawn of repentance, for fear of excitement. Or if on some certain occasion the "glories of the New Jerusalem" are described, or "the sufferings of martyrs," or "the death-bed scenes of saints" described, and some voice within prompt the hearer to pray for an interest in the blood of Him, who has prepared for men the mansions above, and has enabled martyrs to shout in the fires, and poor fallen men like himself, to die triumphantly, must he refuse to pray until he has satisfied himself that he is not "excited." On this point there should be no uncertain sound. A watchful pastor, who has become acquainted with the religious life of his people, will often be surprised at the influences which have led them to a life of faith in the Son of God.

Here and there an admission is made which startles us. Here is one. "In nine cases out of ten such religion—(religion that has its growth in the hot-bed of mere excitement)—is only temporary and vanishing before the serenity of life's journey." We are glad to hear it admitted, though for our part we are delicate about judging in such matters, that one in ten of those who start for heaven from "the hot-bed of mere excitement," walks worthy of his high calling. Admitting this measurement to be correct, any attack on the "hot-bed" should be carefully planned, lest through our indiscretion even that tenth "brother, for whom Christ died, should perish." Farther criticism might be indulged in here, but we forbear. It is admitted that the results of excitement are precisely the same as the results of the Saviour's labours on that occasion when he cleansed ten lepers, only one of whom returned to give glory to God. Is it not possi-