

utmost of their opportunities and in the exercise of that discretion which knows how to win the way by an adaptation to the usages and prepossessions of different circles in society, and to the varying facilities of access afforded to the object. *A house-going clergyman*,—this is a saying which I have heard among the laity,—makes a *Church going people*. It is impossible to estimate too strongly the advantage gained in Ministerial efficacy by a familiarity with the homes and hearths of the congregation and a manifestation of interest in their concerns,—above all, of course, the concern of their salvation. It is impossible to calculate too discouragingly the ill consequences of deficiency in this point or the loss which the Church sustains in the amount of good-will and active help on the part of her members, when they have to complain,—as rest assured that they never fail to do if they have grounds for it,—that their immediate and proper pastor is a stranger to their homes. The operations, the endeavors, the associations of the Church, all suffer more or less, if things are anywhere so seen, and sometimes languish and die away, from this very cause. Let it never be forgotten, therefore, never lost from view, that the Clergy have pledged themselves, “the Lord being their helper,” to “use both public and *private* monitions and exhortations as well to the sick as to the *whole*, within their cures, as need shall require and occasion shall be given.” They should mark this duty out for themselves: they should take it into their digested plans of work, assign to it its place in the distribution of their time, and should do it, as far as possible, methodically,—not suffering it to escape