

their clergyman by giving attention to the poor, the sick, and the destitute of the parish. Poverty, sickness, and suffering are the lot of God's people, the heritage of the church. Attention to them exacts no small amount of time, interest, and labour of the clergyman, especially in cities and large towns, and yet there is a great deal of it that might be profitably performed by laymen. The parish might be divided into districts, and each district have a visitor assigned it. All cases should be reported by the visitor, to whose district the person needing assistance belongs, before relief is extended. The church would thus discharge its duty towards those for whom it is necessary to make provision as long as the world lasts : whilst the commissioned ambassador of Christ, relieved from those lesser duties which occupy so much of his time, and waste so much of his strength, could devote himself more uninterruptedly to the great work of his calling.

It is believed that this plan, where fully carried out, would be exceedingly beneficial to all engaged in it. The clergyman would have at command a band of assistants, who would find full employment for those particular talents which God has given them ; every sphere of duty in the parish would be well and easily attended to ; no interest would be neglected ; the spiritual and temporal wants of the people would be duly cared for ; the young would be encouraged to grow up as polished corners of the temple ; sinners would be won from the error of their ways unto God, and the faithful Christian built up in his most holy faith. Those persons thus employed in performing congenial labour would find their talents increased by using them. They would become more and more interested in the Church by having a portion of its work entrusted to them. An *esprit de corps* would be called forth, and many whose temperaments require employment, and go elsewhere for it, would be kept within the Church, and become its most useful members ; whilst the poor overbur-