

life. We refrain from saying more. The crude Report of the Committee we do not wish to sling in the face of their Church. We are unwilling to permit ourselves an allusion to the doctrinal divisions, the portentous heresies, the Romanism and Rationalism, which darken large spaces in the territory of the Church of England, and which sit impersonated upon her Episcopal bench or in her University chairs. Before even 'individual ministers and other members of the Wesleyan body' are asked to join the ranks of the Church of England, and march along with her, they ought to know whither she herself is going; and that, we fear, is what the sagest 'individual minister or other member' of the Picadilly Committee can in no wise tell."—*Witness*.

Gleanings.

MINISTERS FEW BECAUSE PIETY LOW.

It is an observation of Isaac Taylor, "that a religious body, within which there is vitality, will ordinarily supply itself with an adequate proportion of ministers." Beyond question there is truth in this language of that able and sagacious writer.

The young convert to Christianity naturally takes upon himself the type of piety borne by the church into which he is introduced. If that is highly spiritual, he remains spiritually-minded; if the reverse, he will almost surely sink to the same low level. Now, it is the measure of holy love in the soul that determines, to some extent, the question of consecrating one's self to the ministry. If the deep principles and strong emotions of a truly devoted soul obtain, the individual will find it exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to resist the call of God to preach the gospel. A woe wringing in his ears, a fire shut up in his bones, will forbid his resting satisfied with any other pursuit than that of the ministry of reconciliation. A stream that is full and rapid in its current, is not readily diverted from the deepened channel. And so, if there were depth and force in the piety of our young men, neither the attractions of worldly pursuits on the one hand, nor the discouragements of the ministry on the other, could turn them from the path of duty. Moreover, when the piety of the churches is what it ought to be, there will be much and earnest prayer for labourers in the Lord's harvest; and also a diligent watching and searching for the gifts that God may bestow; as well as liberal provision and encouragement for those who meet with difficulties in qualifying themselves for the work to which they are called. It is, therefore, true, that if there be vitality in the Church, there will not long exist any serious deficiency in the number of good ministers of Jesus Christ.—*Home and Foreign Record (Philadelphia)*.

[If the above be correct, what does it say for our Church in Canada, and for most of the Congregations thereof?]

SYMPATHY FOR THE PERISHING.

During a heavy storm off the coast of Spain, a dismantled merchantman was observed by a British frigate, drifting before the gale. Every eye and glass were on her, and a canvas shelter on deck almost level with the sea, suggested the idea that there yet might be life on board. With all his faults, no man is more alive to humanity than the rough and hardy mariner; and so the order instantly sounds to put the ship about, and presently a boat puts off, with instructions to bear down upon the wreck. Away after that drifting hulk go these gallant men, through the swell of a roaring sea; they reach it—they shout—and now a strange object rolls out of that canvass screen against the lee shroud of a broken mast. Hauled into the boat it proves to be the trunk of a man, bent head and knees together, so dried and shrivelled, as to be hardly felt within the ample clothes, and so light, that a mere boy lifted it on board. It is laid on the deck; in horror and pity the crew gather round it; it shows signs of life; they draw nearer; it moves, and then mutters—mutters in a deep, sepulchral voice—"There is another man." Saved himself, the first use the saved one made of speech, was to seek to save another. Oh! learn that blessed lesson; be daily practising it. And so long as in our homes, among our friends, in this