The safeguarding of the sheep is a prime function in pastoral work. We have spent too much time in coaxing half-dead sheep back to life again, and not time enough in building barriers against the wolves. The losses of the average church are appalling, and one reason is that life is not properly protected. The Shepherd is a Guide. The shepherd who left his ninety-nine sheep in the fold and went forth in search of one sheep which had wandered away was held up by Jesus as an ideal and example. There are ministers who do have a passion for the lost, but only the lost of one particular type–men and women who have never belonged to the church. All sorts of devices are adopted to catch them.