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MY DEAR BRETHREN,

The associations of this evening are profoundly important. You are the observed of *more* observers than crowd these courts: invisible beings are assembled here—angels of God, who are ministering spirits. The eyes of Justice and Holiness are upon us: and the reminiscences of this scene will react upon us forever.

This ORDINATION SERVICE will invest you with the *powers* by which you may perform all the duties of the Pastorship, wherever by the grace of God, and the Primitive Methodist Conference, you may be appointed to labour in word and doctrine. Allow me, then, to address you,

I. On your *personal* interest in the great work to which you stand committed. You have *just now* avowed your consecration to the work of preaching the gospel, and thus, assuming your convictions to be *real*, there should be forthwith a deeper earnestness in offering up on the ALTAR of God your souls and bodies living sacrifices. You have, in the word of God and our church history, examples to direct you in such acts of unreserved surrender. In this absolute devotion to the work of the sanctuary, the "CONVERTING GIFT" is received. This special gift to convert sinners was exercised in the Apostolic times—in early Methodism—and in our own Church, with remarkable suc-