

grades called Popes, Cardinals, Right Reverend, and Doctors of Divinity. Let us now examine Dr. Shepard's plan. He says, page 369, "the church has no authority," thus rendering the churches as powerless as the popish churches; here is one point of agreement. Dr. S. gives all the power to a class of men called evangelists; these resemble in power and authority the popish grades above named. The evangelists according to Dr. Shepard are now the highest grade (or order) in the churches. This order seem to have authority over all classes of christians, while they themselves are subject to none. They have according to Dr. S., the sole power to propagate or perpetuate their own order, also the sole power to form and organize churches, choosing and ordaining church office bearers, and of entering into churches and re-proving publicly the rulers or overseers of churches, and of course all other classes of christians, while as far as appears from Dr. Shepard's address no man or church can call them in question for what they may do or teach, and as far as I can see, the Dr. has not left a single avenue open, through which the people when oppressed by this order of men, could obtain any relief. Even matters of difference arising between members of the same church, and which the Lord Jesus gives authority to the church to determine (see Matt. 18 : 18,) in the last resort, Dr. S. true to his creed, will not allow the church to meddle with; he transfers it to his favorite order the evangelists, see page 367. If this is not laying aside the commandment of God, and teaching for doctrine the commandments of men, I cannot tell what would be doing so. Let the reader turn to Dr. S.'s address, page 365 line 7 and 8 from the foot, let him then read Matt. 18 : 15, 18, then turn to page 367 and read lines 4, 5, and 6, from top, and say if Dr. Shepard is not a complete democrat according to his own definition of the term. I now ask the reader to show me where I have charged Dr. Shepard with anything that is unfair. Although my hand shakes, being now in the 73rd year of my age, perhaps after I get a rest I may overhaul another part of Dr. Shepard's address.

River John, N. S., Feb. 14th, 1857.

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#### CHAPTER IV.

Present, a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, and Christian—all preachers. Prayer by brother M.