

APPENDIX.

NOTE A.—In the Apostolic church the natural talents and spiritual gifts of all members, male and female, were fully recognized and employed in the service of Christ. Elders and deacons were not the only workers. Others besides the apostles preached the word and put forth Christian activity. This is very evident from Acts viii. 1-4, and 1 Cor. xii. 28-30; Eph. iv. 11-12.

Prophesying, which embraced forecasting and teaching, belonged to women as well as men. In harmony with this historic fact the former are now largely engaged in giving religious instruction in families and Sunday Schools, thus moulding the faith and spiritual life of the church, as well as in conducting the work of public education at home and in foreign mission fields. Regarding diversities of gifts, and the services of women, see 1 Cor. xi. 4-5, xii. 4-11, xvi. 19; Exod. ii. 4-10; Micah vi. 4; 2 Kings xxii. 14; Neh. vi. 14; Jud. iv.-v.; Luke ii. 36-38; Acts ix. 36-42, xvi. 14, 15, 40, xviii. 2, 26, xxi. 8-9; Rom. xvi. 1-4, 6, 12; 2 Tim. iv. 19; Phil. iv. 2-3; Tit. ii. 3-5; 1 Tim. v. 9-11.

NOTE B.—Scholarly Episcopalians hold that the New Testament bishop was the same as the elder or presbyter, and was not a diocesan bishop or prelate. Dean Alford, in commenting on Acts xx. 17, 28, gives the following quotation from Irenæus, showing how he perverted scripture to teach his own views: "*In Mileto convocatis episcopis et presbyteris, qui erant ab Epheso et a reliquis proximis civitatibus.*" Translated.—The bishops and presbyters who were from Ephesus and the other neighbouring states being assembled at Miletus.

Upon this the Dean remarks: "Here we see (1) the two, bishops and presbyters, distinguished as if *both* were sent for, in order that the titles might not seem to belong to the same persons,—and (2) other neighbouring churches brought in, in order that there might not seem to be *episcopoi* (bishops) in one church only. That neither of these was the case, is clearly shown by the plain words of this verse: He sent to Ephesus and summoned the elders of the church. So early