

"overseers" or bishops, the latter word being used during the earliest period of Church History interchangeably with "presbyter" or elder," and not as a distinguishing title of the highest Order of the Ministry, according to later use. In S. Paul's days the Presbyter was usually called "Bishop" in the Gentile Churches, and "Elder" in the Jewish Churches, the latter name which was borrowed from the Jewish Ministry of the Synagogue, was suggestive of his dignity as being a man of advanced years, and the former of his work, as having the oversight and cure of souls. S. Peter and S. James never use the word "Bishop" when speaking of the Presbyters; S. Paul, on the other hand, the great Apostle of Gentiles, uses it much more commonly than "elder." In 1 Tim. iii. 1-7, v. 17-19, Titus i. 6-9, the true qualifications of the bishops, or elders, are laid down by S. Paul. And from such passages as 1 Tim. iv. 14, S. Peter v. 2, S. James v. 14, it may be concluded, that their work consisted in watching over and guarding the flock committed to their charge, teaching in public and private, visiting the sick, shewing hospitality to strangers, and assisting the Apostles in the work of ordination.

(To be continued.)

HAVE YOU?

HAVE you paid your honest dues to the Church?

HAVE you given anything more than has been "worried" out of you for the support of the Holy Gospel?

HAVE you considered that the

Church expects every member to do his duty in substantial help?

HAVE you thought that *your* failure to give of your substance may encourage another to do the same?

HAVE you the least idea of consecration of self and substance?

HAVE you?

JOSEPHUS says that certain of the Jewish priests, at the time of the taking of the Temple, were standing at the Altar.—They were waving to and fro the sacred censers, and offering their prayers and their victims. The Romans rushed in sword in hand. There were shrieks and cries, murders and deaths; the pavement was stained with blood; but the priests took no notice whatever, nor would they turn from their sacrifice, till at last they were themselves slain. A noble example to Christians in the exercise of duty.

WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN.

THIS is a subject on which we have long wanted to say a word, and perhaps two. The continual absence of so many of the children of the Sunday School from the Church services is very noticeable. They ought to expect, and be encouraged, to go to Church regularly. This is the Church's own expectation regarding them; and it must be realized if we wish to have our children intelligent, and devout, and worshipful, and lovers of God's Day and House, when they are older. If they cannot go both to Church and Sunday School, then better go to Church alone—and be taught their Bible and catechism at