

the doctrine of Salvation, through faith in His Name, to all the nations of the world.—They were *sent* in the same manner, furnished with the same means of discharging their duty, and charged with the same errand—“as ye go, preach, “saying the kingdom of Heaven is at hand;—heal “the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead “cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely “give.”—Their first business was to preach or proclaim the approach of Christ’s Kingdom, and their next to confirm that Word with signs following;—the very same signs and miracles to which their Lord had Himself appealed as the evidences of His Mission from God.

In this manner Jesus Christ authorized and sanctified his Apostles, to the work of the Ministry. He chose them, out of the number who believed in Him, as the fittest for His purpose. They were not elected by the Church, but expressly by the Head of the Church, who reminded them—“*Ye have not chosen me, but I have “chosen you.*” There is, in Holy Scripture, no trace of any other mode of appointing Ministers of the Gospel. The Deacons indeed whose office, in the first instance, was that of Overseers of the poor, were nominated by the whole body of believers, with whose alms they were intrusted; but even in this business the appointment rested with the Apostles, whose charge to the people