

not of the world but distinct from it, not loving the world by doing the command or following the example of the world. But having our conduct and honor among the Gentiles, they may by our good works, (of the Holy Spirit's appointing,) which they shall behold glorify God in the day of visitation.

NEOTEROS.

CRITIQUE ON THE ABOVE.

While we know the foregoing is written by a good and true man—one who loves the Bible and labours for its dissemination, we are compelled to differ from him in his premises and conclusions. We have read the article in MS., but had to send it away before making these notes.

How can "Neoterios" conclude that there should be no officers in the church because Jesus said "call no man Rabbi?" Were there not Apostles, Teachers, Pastors, &c., afterwards by divine appointment? If he had from that scripture "pitched in" to the common use of the term Rev. we would have said,—Amen.

"Neoterios" says it would be easy to prove that the overseer is included in the list of officers mentioned by Paul in Eph. iv. 11th, which were to cease. Had this been done, nothing more need have been said. But we question this, and affirm that the Holy Spirit gave no qualifications for that group of officers as they were given for a particular purpose and were to cease. But for the direction of uninspired men the characters of those who should be overseers are minutely given. When the Apostles desired the church to "look out," deacons they gave the qualifications. "Neoterios" also says that in all the New Testament we have not one passage to shew that any congregation appointed an overseer. Well, this is asking for more than divine direction—it is asking for an example. How many examples have we of supporting poor brethren by any congregation? We have but one account of an Apostle baptizing. We have but one solitary case of excommunication. And how was that done? We have no example of one brother telling another his fault according to 18th Matt. But we have line upon line of divine teaching upon these matters. Let us see what we can sum up as to the appointment of overseers and deacons.

1. The qualifications of both are given. Tim. and Titus.

2. The brethren were to "look out" the men. 6th Acts.

3. The evangelist or preacher was to ordain them. 1st Titus.

4. They were addressed with the churches. 1st Philippians.

"Neoterios" would have us understand that the term elders, bishops or overseers simply means old men or aged men. Let him substitute his meaning and see if he can make sense of the Acts or Epistles. If the oversight of the church, teaching the church and presiding at meetings belong to old men, simply because they are old, would it not be necessary to know at what age they take this position? And who is to say which should preside? The Plymouth brethren have seen this difficulty. They ignore all church officers. But they get smoothly over the matter by saying that the Holy Spirit at the time of meeting moves one of them to speak, tells them what to say &c. This is written in kindness. We have said too much, but are now done. Let the brethren judge.

CONDUCTORS.

FOR THE ADVISER.

DEAR BRETHREN,—I deem it proper you should be advised of the progress of truth in our town. As I understand it, one of the purposes for which the *Adviser* was brought into being was to advise Brethren of the triumphs of the truth. I would like to see more matter of this kind in its pages. It is encouraging and cheering to the people of the Lord to hear of fellow humanity turning to the Saviour. I am happy to say it is in my power to communicate some pleasing intelligence on this point. You are probably aware that Bro. M. E. Lard, late of Kentucky, has settled in Oshawa, and is to devote most of his time on Lord's days to preaching for the churches of Oshawa and Bowmanville. Our object is to have him as much as possible, build up the churches already planted; and then evangelize on new ground. He has just concluded a series of meetings here, the immediate result of which was twenty immersions and several united who had been immersed, making a total of about thirty additions. We have also established a Sunday school, and are immediately to enlarge, renovate and fit up our meeting house. These results of Bro.