

We read in Scripture of some of these early Bishops ; and we gather from the Acts, and from the Epistles, that St. James was appointed the first Bishop of Jerusalem ; that Timothy was made Bishop of Ephesus ; and that Titus was Bishop of Crete.

Hence we find St. Paul writing an Epistle, or letter, to Titus, in which he says, ' For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things which are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed them.' And indeed St. Paul speaks of himself as ' having the care of all the churches ;' just as a Bishop has in his diocese in the present day.

Such then was the practice in the earliest time. Our Lord had His Church, with Apostles and Bishops to watch over it ; and our own Church follows exactly the same rule. She has *Ministers* over every congregation, to teach the people, and to administer Christ's sacraments ; and she has also *Bishops* placed over them to superintend and direct them. This is a