

in matters pertaining to His Kingdom. Christ promised that the Comforter, whom He should send, which was the Holy Ghost, would teach them all things.* He told them to remain in Jerusalem until they had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.† On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit was poured out upon them.‡ While they were yet inspired with the Holy Ghost, and so were taught by it, they ordained men to the third or lowest order of the ministry.§ This distinction was, therefore, not a mere fancy of the Apostles. It was the revealed mind of the Great Head of the Church, in beautiful harmony with the mind of the unchangeable God, as it had been heard and heeded by “Moses and the prophets.” For aught we know, *one* order of the ministry in the Christian Church might have been as good as *three*, and it certainly would have been as good, if Christ had seen fit so to ordain. But He was pleased to appoint *three* orders, and therefore neither *one* nor *two* are or can be sufficient.

It is to be observed, that all this occurs

* John xiv. 26. † Acts i. 4, 5. ‡ Acts ii. § Acts vi