

vers of the Book of Common Prayer and administration of the Sacraments, and of the orders, rites and ceremonies therein prescribed, or of any thing contained in the Book of ordering *Bishops, Priests, and Deacons*; except every such person shall first acknowledge to the Minister, before the Churchwardens, his repentance for the same. Provided, that every Minister, so repelling any, *shall signify the cause thereof to the Bishop*, and therein obey his order and direction.

12. (29.) Ministers shall take care that Godfathers and Godmothers be persons of good conversation, and (as far as may be) communicants of the Church.

III.—MINISTERS, THEIR ORDINATION, FUNCTION AND CHARGE.

1. (31) Forasmuch as the ancient Fathers of the Church, led by the example of the Apostles, appointed prayers and fasts to be used at the solemn Ordering of Ministers; and to that purpose allotted certain times, in which only sacred orders might be given or conferred: we, following their holy and religious example, do constitute and decree, that no Deacons or Priests be made and ordained, but only upon the Sundays immediately following the Ember weeks, appointed in ancient time for prayers and fasting, purposely for this cause; and that this be done in the Cathedral Church, and in the time of Divine Service, in the presence of the Archdeacon, and of three or four Ministers to be chosen by the Bishop.

2. (32.) The office of Deacon being a step or degree to the Ministry, according to the judgment of the ancient Fathers, and the practice of the primitive Church, no Bishop shall make any person, of what qualities or gifts soever, a Deacon and a Minister both together in one day; but that the order in that behalf prescribed in the Book of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, *shall* be strictly observed. Not that always every Deacon should be kept from the Ministry a whole year, when the Bishop shall find