

self up to Christ. Since then I have heard a great deal of the same preaching that used to perplex my mind, which made me anxious for these conversations. The more I examine it the stronger are my convictions that truth is mighty and must prevail.

EVANGELISTS—IS THIS THE RIGHT GROUND?

Five or six years ago our attention was called in a practical and particular manner to the question of ordination in connexion with the sending out of Evangelists. We took up, examined, and pondered the subject as though it had been a new subject, forming conclusions from the Christian oracles, prayerfully as well as patiently studied. In connexion with this topic, another as deeply if not more deeply important came up while pondering the Statutes of the Divine Prince. This was embraced in the query, What is the Evangelist ordained to do?—what is his work? In turning this question over and over, looking at all sides of it, and at both ends of it, with the best picture of primitive things before us, we were led to conclusions which we have not yet found a fit opportunity to utter:—not that we require to say with Paul after his visit to the third heavens that they are impossible to utter, for we have never been entrusted with unspeakable revelations.

But a portion of our conclusions formed by a careful and candid study of the word of inspiration may be found expressed in the following lengthy extract, part of an address by Dr. S. E. Shepard, of New York. May we request the reader not to reject the teaching of brother Shepard because it is supposed to be new, or because it is regarded as differing from what has been hitherto taught on the same subject. Let the oracles of the Author of Salvation and not pre-received sentiments or practices be our measure and standard of truth. There is only one class of men to whom this our exhortation will be of no force: those who have learned everything already. But let us hear Dr. Shepard:—

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These were to be permanent officers in the Christian church. This is evident from the fact that provision was made for their multiplication. Timothy was constituted an Evangelist by Paul, who said to him, "Do the work of an Evangelist—make full proof of thy ministry," 2 Tim. 4: 5. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses