

to the gifts bestowed by the Head of the Church ; looking constantly in prayer to the Lord to raise up among them those possessing the qualifications for deacons, elders, or bishops, as set forth in Timothy and Titus, and they have the assurance of the Saviour that he will be with even two or three met in his name (Matt. xviii. 20.)

Finally, let us remember that disobedience called forth the judgment of Jehovah on the children of Israel, and not their immoral acts only. The purity enjoined in the gospel requires that all disciples of Christ should not only avoid evil, but the very appearance of it ; “ for without holiness no man shall see the Lord,” Heb. xii. 14.

Such are the views drawn from God’s word by one who writes and feels in accordance with the spirit of the Publican.

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ON the 21st of August, 1847, at a meeting of deligated brethren, assembled in Cobourg, the writer of this article was solicited to labour as an Evangelist for the period of twelve months. My objections having been removed, the proposal and appointment were accepted.

In consenting to act in this capacity, there was an express understanding that my time would not be wholly devoted to the preaching of the word. Duties connected with the press were considered : and hence it was unanimously consented, that whatever time might be required in the regular issues of this paper, should be at my own disposal for this object. Indeed, the brethren, who were then and there in deliberation, all things considered, seemed to exhibit rather a liberal spirit, and to proceed upon an enlarged principle, in view of my past, present and future labours. They appeared to regard me as one who had been labouring, and was still willing to labour, either in writing or speaking, for the general good ; and therefore they are disposed to concert measures and co-operate in aiding me to carry forward and accomplish purposes generally acknowledged to be of interest and utility, as well as appoint for me a new and definite field of duty. Considering the sordiness of the times ; the narrow-mindedness of modern philanthropy ; and the very neat systematic divisions and parcels of duties which a sectarian wisdom has taught the most of us, the preceding resolutions of the brethren appear to form an agreeable counterpart.