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ing of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh ?

Answer.

WILL YOU be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves, and your families, according to the doctrines of Christ ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ ?

Answer.

WILL YOU maintain and set forward, as much as lieth in you, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian People, and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge ?

Answer.

Then shall the Elder, standing up, say,

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hath given you this will to do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same ; that he may accomplish his work which he hath begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When this prayer is done, the Elders present shall lay their hands severally upon the head of every one that receiveth the order of Elders: the Receivers humbly kneeling upon their knees, and the Elder saying,

THE LORD pour upon thee the Holy Ghost for the Office and Work of an Elder in the Church of God, which office is now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands. And be thou a faithful Dispenser of the Word of God, and of his Holy Sacraments ; In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Then the Elder shall deliver to every one of them kneeling, the Bible into his hands, saying,

TAKE THOU AUTHORITY to administer the holy sacrament in the congregation.

Then the Elder shall conclude by prayer.