

or any other, they may be regarded as more or less subordinate. Eye, ear, nose foot, hand,—who will argue that any one of these is more or less important than another in reference to its own purpose and to the needs of the body as a whole. By what authority shall one speak of a "Divine Right" as belonging, suppose, to the eye, which is lacking to the hand? Can ought more nonsensical be imagined than at all to express oneself in this fashion in regard to the body? But the Apostle's contention is, that it is equally absurd to argue otherwise as to the offices and their holders, be they many or few, to be found in any given church. And that the number might differ almost or quite indefinitely, is manifest from, e. g., the letter to the Philippians, in which he refers only to two classes of officials,—bishops and deacons. I shall not weary you with an elaborate demonstration that bishops and elders were one and the same,—or rather, in my belief, that the elder represents the Genus, so to speak, of which the bishop is one of the species. To my own mind this is quite beyond dispute. And that first of Popes, according to one, and the chief, antagonistic view, St. Peter, has surely disposed of the matter, when he, shall we say, modestly,? claims that he himself is neither more nor less than an Elder?

The Epistle to Titus is not less conclusive as to the identity, according to my belief, in the sense indicated,—that the Elder is the Genus of which the bishop is one of the species. And this view disposes equally of the controversy about "ruling" and "preaching" Elders. We have already seen that Stephen, by official title a Deacon, was also a gifted preacher,—at any rate, of controversial discourses, and, in addition, remarkable for miracles.

No doubt, he was an admirable Deacon, or dispenser of the good things of this life,—for that was evidently the first intent of the appointment. But this attended to, his Deaconship did not forbid his "labouring in word and doctrine."

*(To be continued.)*

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. John Campbell, late pastor of Granton and Lucan, near London, Ontario. Mr. Campbell was born in Richmond, Carleton Co., N. B., in 1845. After taking an active part in the work of the Church as an elder and Sunday School teacher in the Richmond district, he entered College at Toronto, in the autumn of '78. On completing his course he was called to the Congregation already mentioned, where he laboured successfully till last autumn when failing health compelled him to seek rest. After spending the winter in California, he resumed his Pastoral duties, but in six weeks had again to give up work. After resigning his charge, he came home to his brother's at Richmond, where he passed away on Saturday, Aug. 29th. The funeral took place on Monday, and was attended by Revs. Messrs. McKay, Miller and Whiteside.

Pisarinco is moving in a call to Rev. J. M. Callan, who has been supplying the pulpit for the last two months. The call will be presented to Presbytery for consideration at the special meeting to be held on Sept. 22nd., in St. Andrew's Church, St. John.

Only six Sessions have forwarded their representative elder's Commission. If not received soon it will be impossible to place the names on Synod's Roll, and their votes will be lost.