

CHAPTER II. OF THE MINISTRY.

SECTION I.

Of the examination of those who think they are moved by the Holy Ghost to preach.

45. In order that we may try those who profess to be moved by the Holy Ghost to preach, let the following questions be asked, namely :—

1. Do they know God as a pardoning God? Have they the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? And are they holy in all manner of conversation?

2. Have they gifts as well as grace for the work? Have they a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? And has God given them an acceptable way of speaking? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?

3. Have they fruit? Are any truly convinced of sin, and converted to God by their preaching?

46. As long as these three marks concur in any one, we believe he is called of God to preach. These we receive as sufficient proof that he is moved by the Holy Ghost.

47. With the consent of the Local Preachers' Meeting or of the Quarterly Official Board, the Superintendent of the Circuit may license such persons to exhort. After sufficient proof of their gifts and usefulness they may be further received as Local Preachers on trial, and on expira-