

of the preachers in charge, but it is her peculiar province, when men give practical demonstration of preaching talent, to separate them for the work to which the Holy Spirit calls them.

The modern idea of preachers ordaining preachers, is wholly unauthorized; and the plan usually adopted of calling ministers to perform the work of the Church, by one preaching the ordination sermon, another giving the charge, a third making a prayer for the occasion, and a fourth presenting a Bible, is a consummate farce of all that is sacred. Surely it is time for Christians to examine the Scriptures on this matter. The word of God will enable us to adopt the same practice.

##### 5. THE WORK OF THE EVANGELIST.

His first service is to preach the gospel to sinners; his second is to plant Churches by taking the confession of the taught, attending to their baptism, and congregating them as brethren; the third step is to teach the converts; the fourth is to set in order the Churches; the fifth is to ordain elders, or experienced members in all the Churches to the bishop's office; and the sixth is to supervise all the congregations of the Lord. In their teaching and supervision of the Churches the preachers are to see that no one shall be permitted to teach any doctrine save that of the Apostles.

The practice of teaching and baptizing the people, without congregating them and helping them to keep house till they not only learn to serve God, but also learn to *love* the service, has been productive of immense evil amongst us. From the nature and extent of the work of Evangelists, it must appear that the office is the most important by far: that preachers should be wise and good men; and also that they must have the constant help and co-operation of the brethren, to be successful. We would be pleased to elaborate the points stated under this head, but we must wait for a more favorable season; and in the meantime we most earnestly request our brethren to scrutinize all our propositions. We cannot, however, forbear suggesting that if our teaching is sound the modern idea of preachers, young and old, seeking pastorates which tend so powerfully to prostrate the spiritual energies of the Churches, is foreign to the Scriptures of truth. Evangelists, although they ordain the bishops, or overseers of the respective Churches, they cannot assume the bishop's office, or perform the pastor's service in the Churches, and still remain Evangelists, unless it can be shown that Evangelists and Bishops are identical in office and labor.