

long suffering and gentleness. Timothy, so far as he proclaimed the word, did the work of an evangelist; so far as he read, taught, exhorted, and kept good order in the assembly, he performed the work of a Bishop; see *Christian Baptist*, page 419; and he adds, same page 'They who have required any persons to do the works assigned to Timothy, and Titus, have forgotten that no men stand in the same relations to the Apostles and the churches as that in which they stood.' (The foregoing is in accordance with the views of the Scotch Baptists, which I heard them teach 50 years ago. I have been surprised since I got possession of some of A. Campbell's writings to see how near he is to the views of the Scotch Baptists on most points.) Every church scripturally officered is under the care of its own overseers, both as regards watching and teaching, so says Paul, Acts xv. But as evangelists or missionaries are supposed to be men of knowledge and understanding, they ought to give their best advice to churches and individuals, and if they see anything wrong in churches they ought to point it out in a prudent manner. And it is the duty of churches to listen with patience and meekness to anything a missionary has to say. But the missionary must do all this by way of advice or suggestion; he must not attempt to lord over God's heritage, and it would be very wrong in the church to permit him to do so. And if the church and the evangelist should differ in their opinion, the church is certainly the surest guide. The united wisdom of a body of people is more to be trusted than one man. Solomon says 'in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.'

Let us now suppose that Timothy had abandoned his charge at Ephesus, and traveled through the neighboring provinces and cities, preaching and baptizing, and gave as an excuse for abandoning his charge, that Paul commanded him to do the work of an evangelist. Would this excuse him? I think not. This shews that Timothy's situation at Ephesus was more like an overseer than an evangelist, for the church was already formed, a great number heard the gospel, believed it, and were walking under its influence; and Timothy had a sufficient charge in overseeing and feeding the flock. Let us again suppose that an evangelist had visited the churches of Philadelphia and Smyrna (churches against which the Holy Spirit brings no charge) and began to find fault and publicly reprove the Elders of these churches. I ask, were these churches bound to give up their own judgment, and submit to whatever reproof an evangelist thought proper to give? Certainly not, for that would be popery with a witness.

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### SAVE YOURSELVES.

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At the conclusion of that remarkable discourse which Peter delivered on the day of Pentecost, we find these words: "Save yourselves from this untoward generation." Considering the circumstances, the time which they were spoken, the authority of the speaker, and the intrinsic impor-