

such purposes shall be convened at such times as the Executive may deem necessary for the discussion and consideration of such official business as may require the sanction and co-operation of the members of the Ecclesia.

IV. That the Executive shall be chosen as follows, viz:—One member of the Ecclesia shall be chosen by the voice of the members as the Presiding Elder at the meetings of the members for communion; two members shall in like manner be chosen as Deacons to act in the absence of the Presiding Elder, and to attend conjointly to the administration of the secular affairs of the Ecclesia in reference to the details of worship, the charge of the offerings and their appropriation for special objects, &c. And the brethren so selected as the Presiding Elder and the Deacons shall hold their offices, not to domineer over God's heritage, but as the servants of all for the Christ's sake, and subject to annual confirmation.

V. In the absence of the Presiding Elder the brethren selected for Deaconship shall by turns exercise a controlling authority in the meetings of the Ecclesia for worship or otherwise that all things may be done to edifying, while submitting one to another in the fear of the Lord.

VI. That the Presiding Elder and the Deacons, or some or one of them, shall be empowered on behalf of the Ecclesia to examine any applicant for Immersion or membership as an Immersed Believer, to ascertain whether he be in the Faith or not, and if approved in the one case, upon his written confession of his faith and hope, and the consent of the brethren, to immerse him into the saving Name of the Lord's Christ for repentance and remission of sins; and in the other case to give him the right hand of fellowship as a brother beloved, and one with them in the gift of the spirit and the bond of peace. And such written confessions shall be preserved among the records of the Ecclesia as abiding testimony to the brethren's faith and election to put on the Lord Jesus the Christ, and not make provision for him to fulfil the lusts thereof.

VII. That with a view to continue steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers, the Ecclesia will convene for worship on the first day of the week (commonly called the Lord's Day), after the following order; or as near thereto as circumstances will permit, that is to say—

1. The presiding brother will open the service with prayer for pardon, acceptance and blessing unto the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort through the intercessory mediation of the Lord Jesus Anointed, the Apostle and High Priest of our profession.

2. This prayer shall be followed by the singing of a psalm or hymn.

3. Then shall be read one of the psalms of David by the presiding brother, and consecutive portions of other Scriptures by the brethren called upon as follows—from Genesis to Job—from Psalms to Malachi—from Matthew to John—and from Acts to Revelations, or otherwise at convenience.

4. Then a comprehensive prayer shall be offered up by one of the brethren at the instance of the presiding brother, on behalf of the members of the one body in respect of the things of the kingdom and name, and in relation to the world that now is and of that which is to come.

5. Then shall be read the words of the institution with prefatory remarks, and the thanksgiving on the bread and wine pronounced, and the supper administered, and a commemorative psalm or hymn sung.

6. Then exhortation from, or exposition of the Word by any brother who wishes to respond to the invitation of the presiding brother.

7. To conclude with the Lord's prayer, as the embodiment of all the salvation and all the desire of the militant members of the body of the Christ, and the Apostolic blessing by the presiding member.

VIII. That at such communion a box shall be placed on the Lord's table to receive, at the close of the service, the free-will offerings of the brethren for the common good of the Ecclesia in every work of faith, and labor of love, and an account of such offerings and the disbursements thereof shall be kept by the executive brethren,