

members in the various departments of labour they are to perform, and if we as a people would be successful advocates of the Christian religion, we must rely upon the learning, wisdom and goodness of the Church for the world's conversion.

Before dismissing this branch of our subject, we wish to suggest very respectfully, that the most of our misfortunes in Churches have arisen from the criminal *incompetency* of the preachers. Men who knew not God, and loved not his Church, have flattered the unsuspecting till they have gained a position so elevated that their fall could but crush the cause. There are several classes of these uneducated preachers. The first is composed of the light hearted, though popular preachers, who sell their pulpit exercises to the highest bidder; and the second, of the indolent who prefer preaching to honest industry; of the ignorant and ambitious, whose highest aspiration consists in abusing their superiors; and of the ill-natured and self-conceited, who preach themselves to flatter their own vanity. The genuine ministers of the word are all educated in the same school, and whether learned or unlearned in the world's view, they speak the same thing: and indeed there is not a discordant note throughout their ranks. It is the glory of the Church that she brings down the high and exalts the humble. We take this occasion to boast of having heard men from the old world and the best parts of the new—black, white, old and young, rich and poor, educated and uneducated—and we most solemnly declare that we know of no people on earth so uniform in their matter and manner of preaching, as the disciples of Christ.

4. THE ORDINATION OF EVANGELISTS.

The Church at Antioch concentrated Paul and Barnabas to the work for which the Spirit called them through her prophets and teachers. Acts 13, 1. "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands upon them, they sent them away."

Timothy was commanded to "Neglect not the gift that was in him, which was given him by prophesy, with the laying on the hands of the presbytery," and from the fact that Paul exhorts him to "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands," it is clear Paul constituted a part of the presbytery. From this teaching it is obvious that the congregation not only has the training and education