

in other matters, which is not episcopal? One of the most talented and popular Presbyterian Ministers of the present day in his sermon on the defence of the Church of Scotland, rests his authority to preach the Gospel on the Apostolical Succession, though he derives that succession through Presbyters; whilst a more talented Baptist Preacher, the Rev. R. R. Hall, acknowledges that Episcopal Church Government was known during the life time of John. On this head I need not enlarge; those who addressed you on former occasions like the present have done so; but in the words of a living Prelate, "On the broad basis of ecclesiastical history and direct Scriptural authority we rest our title to the character of an Apostolic Ministry."

But let it not be supposed that our entire trust is in this; the privilege is ours, that we may shew forth the praise and glory of our Lord: without this, our Apostolic Ministry will only bring increased condemnation, for God is a jealous God, and will not give His glory to another. The Jews were God's peculiar people; but when they rested merely on this outward privilege, saying, "The temple of the Lord are we," whilst in heart and practice they followed idols. He said, "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone." Or the Ark of God for which he was so jealous, that when unhallowed hands merely touched it many perished, yet when in their distress the Israelites took it to the camp, and said "this same shall save us out of the hands of our enemies," giving to the Ark the glory, and ascribing to it the power which belonged to God alone; then He gave that Ark into the hands of the Philistines. These things are written for our instruction; we are members and Ministers of an Apostolic Church, as such we may claim and expect to receive blessing and strength from the God of our Salvation; but let us ever remember, that our high office is to set forth Christ and Him crucified as the only way, truth, and life for perishing sinners.

Another source of encouragement is, that more than any