

Heaven, and gave authority to those Whom He commissioned as its officers to ordain others who should succeed them, and who, on their part, should ordain successors to perpetuate the regular authority and organization until the end of time. Not to their own wisdom did He leave the selection of co-workers, nor to human foresight and human effort the development of the Divine Society, but gave them the promise, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And on the Day of Pentecost He sent down His Holy Spirit, Whose coming He had commanded them to wait for in Jerusalem, Who should guide and sustain, direct and govern them in all their undertakings.

The question arises very early in the consideration of this subject, Did Christ, after dying for the Redemption of mankind, and after giving power and authority to His Apostles to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptizing them, establish the Church for the purposes He had in view, or was His action only for the immediate requirements of the lifetime of the Apostles, and after their death was the great work to be carried on as human ingenuity should deem best adapted to the wants of each succeeding age?

It surely appeals to every thoughtful mind that there could be no haphazard in so momentous a matter, and no need for providing merely for the then present wants, seeing that an all-wise and all-seeing God was the Founder, and with Divine insight knew the needs and requirements of the race in all

ages, and was best able to provide for them. It was His work, and could only be done in His own appointed way.

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### SELF-EXAMINATION.

If we turn our thoughts to the study of our own lives—taking up the feelings, the thoughts, the motives, the passions, the ambitions, in fine everything which makes up what may be termed our inner life—and then look at our words, our actions, our examples, and our position and influence, we shall probably discover a good deal which could be made better by a little attention. The business man will be made to ask himself whether all his modes and ways are exactly right and upright—whether by precept and example, he is training up his sons and clerks to be true, right minded, honorable men. The woman of influence and wealth will also be driven to consider her habits, her principles, her ways, and her fashions. Is she setting in her family and out of it, the example and pattern which her daughters and others should imitate? How about the simplicity and godly conversation of her daily life? Is Christ in it all and does His Spirit run through all?

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### THE USE OF A FORM OF PRAYER.

ALTHOUGH the erroneous views which at one time and even quite recently prevailed among Dissenters with reference to forms of devotion for public worship have greatly changed, still in many quarters it is held that a Liturgy—