

less visited by Elders of another church? the Elders of one church not being officially Elders of another."—*Thoughts on Religious Establishment.*

We shall only further quote the sentiments of Mr. Fuller on this particular point, as his character and intimate knowledge of scripture renders him a competent judge in a subject of this nature, and as his impartiality in that opinion none can doubt, seeing it was opposed to the prevailing practice of himself and his intimate christian friends, with whom he was in connection—It is contained in his life by Morris.—*Boston Edition, p. 286.*

“Propriety of administering the Lord’s Supper without a minister. When Mr. Fuller was in Edinburgh, in the year 1805, he communed with a newly formed Baptist church in that city, not then provided with a pastor, and at their request, he administered the Lord’s Supper among them—Previous to this, they had been in the habit of commemorating the death of Christ in this ordinance, without a minister, but wished to know his opinion on the subject. I told them, says Mr. Fuller, that probably there were few of my brethren who might be of my mind, but I had long been of opinion, that there was no scriptural authority for confining the administration of the Lord’s Supper to a minister—I had no doubt but that the primitive pastors did preside at the Lord’s table, as well as in the reception and exclusion of members, and in short, in all the proceedings of the church, and that where there was a pastor, he should continue to do so, but that when a pastor died or was removed, the church was not obliged to desist from commemorating the Lord’s death any more than from receiving or excluding members, and that it was as lawful for them to appoint a deacon or any senior members to preside in the one case as in the other.”

It is also sometimes objectionally stated, that churches have not prospered or increased that have