

and the requirements of a vigorous gospel propagandism.

How beautifully is this illustrated in its *itinerancy*! Observing in the history of the primitive church, that it was most pure and most successful, when its ministry contained a large corps of *evangelists*; and that when evangelists generally became pastors, they lost both their piety and efficiency, Mr. Wesley seized on the idea of a ministry composed entirely of evangelists or itinerants. He saw that such a ministry would require great personal sacrifices on the part of the ministry, and severe trials of feeling on the part of the churches. The former must abandon the idea of a permanent and real home on earth; must consent to the systematic disruption of the social affections; must resign the quiet opportunities for intellectual culture and social influence which the permanent pastorate so abundantly provides; must expose their families to the social and educational evils inseparable from a pilgrim life; must accept, in a word, a life of incessant labor, unrest, and change. The