

hands of Bishops or Archbishops have been placed in ceremonial consecration. From the names given to these officers, and sanctioned by the Holy Ghost, we see that there are most important functions connected with this office. You are to be pastors. You are to watch over the sheep, to tend them with the utmost wisdom and with a yearning heart. You are ministers of the Word of God, and this precious book is to be the source of your preaching. To this book bring all the learning that you possibly can. Look with your eyes open upon all that is taking place. But remember that the foundation of your sermons is to be found in this Word. And then you are rulers in the Church of Christ. And you will find that this needs much wisdom. Sometimes you may shrink under a sense of the responsibilities devolving upon you. But bear in mind that you are rulers in the Church of God, and be faithful in this duty as those who shall have to give account to God.

You have professed to be called to the work of the ministry. It is more than a mere call to preach—that is a very defective view of your position. A call to preach thousands of men have. And how cordially we welcome those who give themselves to the study of the Word during their leisure, and to the preaching of the Word on the Sabbath! But yours is a greater call than that. You hereby covenant to give yourselves fully and devotedly to the service of Christ and His Church. Your whole time and energy are to be devoted to this service. And considering the temper of the times I ought to remind you that your call and your office is greater than that of lay Evangelists who have done so much for God, and who have been so greatly blessed. For they may bring to a termination at any period their labors, but not so with you. In the hearing of this congregation, to-night, you have so-