ledg'd them, and by proper Enlargements upon many Particulars of Faith and Practice: Finally, What Room is still left for doing the Work of Evangelists, by conveying the Notice and Knowledge of the Gospel to such as have never heard of it, and by performing, mean while, such other ministerial Services, in a settled Church, as the Governours of it shall allot to them.

Nor is this a *Speculation* of what only *might be*; but we have the Concurrence of History to assure us of the *Fact*, that so it *was*; that the ordinary Functions of (*o*) *Bishop*, *Presbyter*, and *Deacon*, have all along thus been exercised from the Ages of *Inspiration*; in which Ages, somewhat more (it is confessed) belonged to their respective Offices, than the Wants of a settled Church do require.

My Text, thus explained, may lead us to consider,

I. The End propounded by our Blessed Saviour, in vouchsafing the Gifts, here mentioned, to his Church, which was, *Edifying his Body.*

(*o*) The *forementionʼd* Clemens *hath informʼd us, That our Lord* design'd the Persons who should minister to him in holy Things, *and then proceeds, in a clear and strong Allusion from the* Jewish *to the* Christian *Priesthood, to name three several Orders of them, and after them, the Laity.* —— διά τινων ὀφείλεται λειτουργίας θέλει, αὐτὸς (Δεσπότης) ὥρισεν· —— Τῷ γὰρ ἀρχιερεῖ ἰδίαι λειτουργίαι δεδομέναι εἰσὶ, καὶ τοῖς ἱερεῦσιν ἴδιος ὁ τόπος προστέτακται, καὶ λευίταις ἴδιαι διακονίαι ἐπίκεινται· ὁ λαϊκὸς ἀνθρώπος τοῖς λαϊκοῖς πρόσμασιν δέδεται· In 1 Epist. ad Corinth.

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