

ORDINATION.

Lo! how many truths need stating,  
To the children of mankind;  
Clouds of witnesses are waiting,  
To convince the honest mind.  
Ye who know these truths, go teach them,  
And their practice keep in view;  
All these evidences, preach them—  
God requires it of you.

Take the sword, which is the Spirit,  
In its sheath, which is the Word;  
Use it oft, as well as wear it,  
Till its luster be restored.  
In authority and power,  
Not as scribes, nor Pharisees;  
Heed not when man's frown shall lower—  
'Tis the Lord you ought to please.

To this calling we ordain you,  
Consecrate and set apart,  
Praying that the Lord sustain you—  
Be you faithful, we exhort.  
Rich the blessings promised to you  
When your noble work is done.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
To the Father and the Son.

*David H. Smith, in Hesperis.*