

Christ, being fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, unto the edifying of itself in love," how is this great and noble work to be accomplished, if we allow ourselves to be carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and by the cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive?"

Brethren!—I would now ask, what do you think is our duty towards you, as Ministers of the Church of England? May we not, in speaking to you, use the same words which the Apostle employed in our text? Have we not been "appointed overseers over you, by the Holy Ghost"; and have we not also received power to "bind and unbind, to loose and unloose," upon earth? Are you not also bound to "obey them that have the rule over you, and who watch for your souls?" And in these times especially, when divisions, and schisms, and heresies, and emulations, and envyings, and strifes, have increased to such a degree that the true Church is almost lost, and can hardly be distinguished among the great variety of false ones which exist, what are we to do, I ask, Brethren? Shall we not also warn you in love? Shall we not caution you against "the cunning craftiness, and the good words and fair speeches of wolves, who come to you in sheep's clothing?" And if we see that our duty absolutely requires us to do so, for the sake of preserving you, amid the confusion which unhappily now prevails in the religious world, in the enjoyment of a pure faith and true religion,—for the sake of your present and eternal welfare,—and in order, so far as

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