

VII. Worthy receivers, outwardly partaking of the visible elements in this sacrament,^a do then also inwardly by faith, really and indeed, yet not carnally and corporally, but spiritually, receive and feed upon Christ crucified, and all benefits of his death; the body and blood of Christ being then not corporally or carnally in, with, or under the bread and wine; yet as really, but spiritually, present to the faith or believers in that ordinance, as the elements themselves are to their outward senses.^o

VIII. Although ignorant and wicked men receive the outward elements in this sacrament, yet they receive not the thing signified thereby; but by their unworthy coming thereunto are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord, to their own damnation. Wherefore all ignorant and ungodly persons, as they are unfit to enjoy communion with him, so are they unworthy of the Lord's table, and cannot, without great sin against Christ, while they remain such, partake of these holy mysteries,^p or be admitted thereunto.^q

CHAP. XXX.—*Of Church Censures.*

I. **T**HE Lord Jesus, as king and head of his church, hath therein appointed a government in the hand of church officers, distinct from the civil magistrate.^a

II. To these officers the keys of the kingdom of

VII. ^a 1 Cor. xi. 28. [*See in letter 1.*] ^o 1 Cor. x. 16.

VIII. ^p 1 Cor. xi. 27, 28 [*See in letter 1.*]; 29; 2 Cor. vi. 14, 15, 16. ^q 1 Cor. v. 6, 7, 13; 2 Thess. iii. 6, 14, 15; Matt. vii. 6.

I. ^a Isa. ix. 6, 7; 1 Tim. v. 17; 1 Thess. v. 12; Acts xx. 17, 18; Heb. xiii. 7, 17, 24; 1 Cor. xii. 28; Matt. xxviii. 18, 19, 20.