

## CONCERNING THE CHURCH.

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*"I Speak Concerning Christ and the Church."*—  
EPH. V. 32.

In times of many opinions upon, and departure from The Faith such as these, when dissension and discord and division are prevalent among Christians, and when men are separated into numerous hostile religious parties, each calling itself by a church name; it may be well, if possible, to arrive at a clear understanding; well to learn from the Word of God and from plain historical teaching,—what, without controversy, is truth "concerning the church."

To afford such information or teaching as may in simple form contribute to that end is the object of this Pamphlet.

There is perhaps no subject in our religion which is so variously understood and interpreted to-day as the subject of the "Church." The term "Church" is and ever has been employed in manifold senses. It is a term which we hear in constant use now, and with a meaning differing according to the quarter from whence it comes. The English politician, for example, talks of "the Church," and he