

MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

WE are gathered together in the sight of God, and in the face of this Company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is commended of Saint Paul to be honorable among all men. The ordinance of Marriage was first instituted of God, in an early day. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone." It was also sanctioned by Jesus Christ, at the Marriage in Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed a miracle. God has commanded that men should love their wives as their own bodies; "He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it even as the Lord the Church. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

I require and charge you both, (as ye will answer at the dreadful day of Judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed,) that if either of you know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do confess it; for be ye well assured that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's word doth allow, their Marriage is not lawful. (*Please join hands.*)

SIR,—Wilt thou have this Lady that you hold by the hand to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, as long as ye both shall live? (*I will.*)