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CHARGE TO A CONGREGATION.*

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,—Permit me to congratulate you on this interesting occasion. Christ, the Great King and Head of the Church, has heard your prayers, and has fulfilled to you this day that gracious promise, "Thine eyes shall see thy teacher." He has given you one of His ministers to be your minister, to break among you the bread of life, to go out and in before you, and in the language of your own Call, to take charge of your souls. You and your Pastor now sustain a relation to each other, which had no previous existence. A relation of a most solemn and interesting character, has now been formed; and as every relationship formed among men, whether natural, civil, or religious, has its appropriate duties, so this is one from which duties arise which are incumbent on both. He who has been set over you, as a watchman, has just been addressed in relation to the duties which he owes to you, as his flock; and it now devolves on me to address and charge you, the office-bearers and members of this congregation, to exhibit and enforce on your minds the duties which you owe to your Pastor, and by the faithful discharge of which you will not only strengthen his hands and encourage his heart in the work of the Lord, but also promote your own spiritual interests and furnish occasion for both you and your minister to rejoice together. Bear with me then, while I attempt briefly to point

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