

our differences are but trifles, we are great sinners against the Lord, our Master; for the Bonds by which he unites us into One Body are no trifles, but are very weighty and of solemn authority.

Rather let us clearly recognize the full importance and authoritative character, as in the Master's sight, of those principles and duties (where they really exist) which divide us, of necessity, and then set the keener watch, and the closer guard, that the breach of charity may be rendered as small as possible. While, in the formal and solemn service of the Lord, the obligation of principle and of duty requires us to work separately and apart, let us, in all private and social ways, as men and fellow citizens, seek to draw near together in the spirit of wisdom and of love, that we may rightly understand each other, and do each other good.

