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*A Sermon preached at the Twentieth Annual Conference of the Yorkshire
Evangelical Union, in the St. Michael-le-Belfry Church,
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“Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever
sins ye retain, they are retained.”

John xx. 23.

It was the evening of the first Easter Day. “The doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews.” There seems no room for doubt that it was the occasion described in St. Luke xxiv, when the two who returned from Emmaus “found the eleven gathered together and them that were with them saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon. They told what things were done in the way, and how He was known of them in the breaking of the bread. And as they spake these words Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them and saith unto them, “Peace be unto you.” When the terror of that first sudden salutation had been somewhat calmed,