

with the severest remorse, and with the continual upbraidings of those whom our ungodliness and neglect have tended to ruin. The Church which we serve as our ordination ritual declares, "is the Spouse and Body of Christ." The flock committed to our care "are his sheep bought with his death and for whom He shed his blood, and if any member thereof do take hurt or hindrance by reason of our negligence," we cannot profess to be ignorant of "the greatness of the fault, nor of the horrible punishment that will ensue."

Yet seeing we have received this Ministry, let us "not faint, but renouncing the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth, commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God;"* that "when the Chief Shepherd shall appear we also may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."†

*2 Cor. iv. 1, 2.

†1 Peter, v. 4.