

THE ARGUMENT OF THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS.

How S. Paul planted the Church at Corinth, continuing there a yeare and an halfe together, we read *Act. 18.* After that, when he was at Ephesus *Act. 19.* about the end of the three yeares that he abode there, he wrote this first Epistle to the Corinthians. For euen as S. Luke

Act. 19, 21. there writteth: *When these things were ended, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had gone ouer Macedonia and Achaia, to goe to Hierusalem: so likewise doth*
1. Cor. 15, 5. S. Paul himselfe write here: *I wil come to you in Achaia when I shal haue gone ouer Macedonia, for I wil goe ouer Macedonia: but I wil tarie at Ephesus vntil Pentacost.*

The matter that he writeth of, is not one, as is the Epistle to the Romanes, but diuers. Partly such faults of theirs, as were signified vnto him *by them that were of Chloe. 1. Cor. 1, 11.* Partly such questions as themselves wrote to him of: *And concerning the things that you wrote to me. 1. Cor. 7, 1.* For so we may (as it seemeth) diuide the Epistle into these two parts. Or, to put al together, he writeth of eight things: 1. Of certaine Schismes beginning among them, by occasion of certaine Preachers, whom in the Second Epistle he toucheth more plainely, as being Falsc-apostles. *chap. 1. 2. 3. 4.* 2. Of an incestuous fornicatour, and some that went to law before infidel iudges. *chap. 5. 6.* 3. Of Matrimonie and Continencie. *chap. 7.* 4. Of meats sacrificed to Idols. *chap. 8. 9. 10.* 5. Of his Traditions. *chap. 11.* 6. Of the Gifts of the Holy Ghost. *chap. 12. 13. 14.* 7. Of the Resurrection. *chap. 15.* 8. Of the Contributions that he gathered of the Gentils, to succour the Christian Iewes at Hierusalem. *chap. 16.*