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# GOOD-WILL TO MEN.

*"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."*

*"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."*

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## TEACHERS.

Every church primitively, under the order of God, was a theological school, and a school of christian practice. The public preaching of the gospel constituted, and should now constitute, a very small part of the teaching of a church, or of its members. In the public preaching of the gospel, as it has been for ages and even centuries past, the preparation of sermons, orations, and essays, rather than Christian teaching, is very nearly the whole of it. From Christian pulpits orators display themselves, and are rewarded according to their ability to please the fanciful; sermon-makers display their ability to arrange discourses under systematic forms; and essayists philosophically consider the cool abstractions which have occupied their hours of meditation. The groaning, suffering, starving Church of Christ calls for *teachers*, MORE TEACHERS, TEACHERS OF THE SCRIPTURES. It is impossible that a church shall become established, according to the New Testament, without its qualified teachers, male and female. The great, evangelical command, "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit," was followed in the very next sentence by the command "to observe all things whatsoever" the apostles themselves were commanded to observe.

With the order of the New Testament, and of the primitive church, every talent in the church, of male or female. was to be trained and