

REFORMATION HINDERED.

Every effort at reformation in the church has heretofore proved a failure, owing to a disposition in the masses to settle down upon the "views" of a single individual, and thus save themselves the trouble of thinking for themselves. Each religious party is thus a mere echo of the opinions of its leader; nor is there a single one of them that really and truly takes the Bible as the standard of religious truth. We, as a people, shall have profited little by experience, if we shall begin to inquire for the "burden of the Lord" of those who speak a "vision of their own heart," and shall cease to ask in humble trustful faith that only wise and most necessary question: "What hath the Lord spoken?"

The above is from the pen of a disciple who is a professor in one of the colleges of the brethren. It is as true as the Book of Job or any of the Books in Old or New Testament. Read it—commit it to memory—ponder it—and then carefully read the first five verses of the epistle written by the apostle Jude.

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BRITISH PULPIT ELOQUENCE.—The London Times expresses its opinion very plainly in regard to English preaching. It says: We would leave it to the decision of any one of ordinary candor, intelligence and education, to say whether men, in any other profession, could carry on their business with success if they took no more pains about the matter than an ordinary preacher does in the composition and delivery of an average sermon. The truth is, that in England pulpit eloquence has fallen to a low ebb indeed. With the finest theme in the world before them, with all the hopes and anxieties which agitate the human breast, during the brief interval which separates the cradle from the grave, as their subjects, our preachers miss their opportunity."

TYPES OUT OF PLACE.—Typographical errors are as common as printing. We usually notice them not. Consequent upon our not seeing the revise of some of the first pages of this Number, there are noticeable mistakes. 'Faultly' should have been printed *faulty*; 'desertation' ought to be *dissertation*. And 'forhead' is not so correct as *forehead*. All friends will please make other corrections according to ability and taste!

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☞ The Gospel of Christ—or Christianity—No. 4, will be forthcoming in our next. It visited our "copy" drawer just one day too late for this Number, but a month's delay in the circulation cannot subtract from the virtue of a good essay.