

talks to the people like a friend. Even in his most impassioned utterances, there is no tone for clerical mannerisms. President C. G. Finney, who is a model of excellence, or of oratorical naturalness in his pulpit exercises—says “that preaching to be understood should be colloquial in style. A minister must preach just as he would talk.”

Students in their collegiate and theological course, should avoid the first approach to this mouthing, sing-song, clerical, unnatural habit of speaking; it greatly injures their usefulness for life. Shun it as the plague or pestilence. This evil habit, once formed, is like the leopard's spots or Ethiopian's skin, it clings for life!—Golden Rule.

ADDITIONAL EDITORIAL HELP.

New assistance is obtained to enrich the pages of the Christian Banner. Our brother Horner, now of Pompey, N. Y., has been pleased to become a permanent contributor to our monthly budget and religious bill of fare. ‘Yet there is room’ to preach and to plead in the name and for the honor of the Greatest of all great masters and the Richest of all rich princes. Long did we labor almost alone through this periodical; but now our perseverance and zeal in this department are seconded, assisted, and encouraged. May all of us be humble and wise enough to act our part as in the presence of Him who has an all-seeing eye.

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DR. FIELD ON LIFE AND DEATH.

Dr. N. Field, of Indiana, lately wrote to our friend Marsh, of Rochester, N. Y., as follows:—

“Brother Hornaday and myself recently visited Medora, in Jackson co., Indiana, and after laboring several days, gathered and set in order a church of 31 members. A majority of them had been Reformers, as they are called in the West. One had been a Universalist, and one a Baptist. . . . A great door is open at that place for the proclamation of the truth. Bro. W. F. Julian and Bro. Cornwall were unanimously chosen Elders. They are both excellent men, universally respected and esteemed by those without as pious and exemplary Christians. Bro. Julian has for many years been connected with the Reformers as an Evangelist, but for some time past has been fully convinced of the truth of the doctrine taught by our brethren on the Life and Death question.”

While our friend Julian and all others ‘of like faith’ have our most