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"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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RELIGIOUS FAIRS, BAZAARS, AND AUCTIONS.

[Our readers are desirous of being posted up in reference to the operations of fellow religionists all over the world, particularly in America. Religious scenes in Virginia will therefore be viewed with a degree of interest. A late issue of the "Intelligencer," published at Charlottesville, Virginia, contains an article, from which the subjoined extract is given:—D. O.]

BAPTIST FAIRS, SALES, OR AUCTIONS.

Some may ask why describe a Baptist fair? Because we know more about them, and we are more disturbed at seeing our Baptist brethren resorting to such means. They used to be confined to cities and villages where they ought to have perished, but they have found their way to the country and its quietude is disturbed by their bustle and merriment, and the auctioneer's voice and hammer. Well, our Baptist brethren wish to build a new House at Charity, the subscription list is handed among the members—the world is applied to, and still there is a deficit, the amount subscribed will not build as fine a house as is desired—a fair is suggested—the prominent sisters and ladies become interested and enlisted in the enterprise. A meeting is called to make arrangements and distribute the labors. The preliminaries being settled, from that time forward, the whole neighborhood is in a stir, in whatever circle you enter. The fair, the fair, is the subject of conver-