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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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RELIGION IN COMMON LIFE.

[It is presumable that a very respectable majority of the readers of this Monthly have heard of a discourse entitled "Religion in Common Life." It is also presumable that more than a few would be pleased to have a sample of this sermon sent to them—a sermon not only celebrated by its delivery before Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, but famous on account of being published by Her Majesty's command. Nay, more; it is reputable because it treats a popular topic in a manner not very popular, but not the less proper. The following is a liberal extract from the aforesaid published sermon upon Religion in Common Life, by Mr. Caird, preached at Carthie Church, Scotland, on the 14th day of last October.—D. O.]

TEXT.—Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.—
Rom. 12: 11.

To combine business with religion, to keep up a spirit of serious piety amidst the stir and distraction of a busy and active life,—this is one of the most difficult parts of a Christian's trial in this world. It is comparatively easy to be religious in the church; to collect our thoughts and compose our feelings, and enter, with an appearance of propriety and decorum, into the offices of religious worship, amidst the quietude of the Sabbath, and within the still and sacred precincts of the house of prayer. But to be religious in the world; to be pious and holy and