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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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Be it known to every reader far and near that in expressing our sentiments upon this wide and weighty topic, we fear no scrutiny. It is indeed a conscientious conviction with us that the period has yet to come for the proper and thorough investigation of the subject on the part of the brotherhood. Yet we propose, agreeably to former announcement, to submit a select bundle of thoughts and scripture gleanings upon the subject, trusting that among the numerous readers of this work we may drop a little seed that will be prevented from scattering on the thorny field or on rocky soil.

Some good friends, who are both honest and devout, consider it a marvel that we have so long cherished views relative to this large question that have not been brought out upon the pages of this monthly. These beloved brethren do not reflect that it is one of the marks of a working and serviceable teacher to bring out lessons, not only that are true, but timely. A teacher of Greek, if worthy of his post, teaches his pupil to master the Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, before passing to Omikron or to Omega. In Grammar, the Parts of Speech need to be familiarized before proceeding to the labyrinths of Parsing. God, the Father and Teacher of all, kept a secret in his mind for over four thousand years relative to the salvation of the nations, and wisely made it manifest when the fulness of time came to divulge it; and he has still many a secret to open out to us when we shall be able to apprehend and enjoy them. And it appears to us, and it has so appeared,