

in a personal controversy with some sectarian leader. D. says give us more such essays as that on the decline of congregations, the cause and remedy. E. is anxious that a large proportion of the work should be occupied by plain, heart searching appeals to the disciples to seek holiness, and never be satisfied until every thought be brought into sweet submission to the Divine will. F. is surprized that the conductor has not more poetry in him; thinks that he might furnish some favourite piece every month. G. cannot endure these long articles; none, in his estimation, should exceed three pages. H. wants a scientific periodical, he wishes his family to understand Geology, Botany, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, &c. I. says he cannot afford to take but one paper, and wishes to learn from that, all that is going on in the world; religion, politics, wars, pestilences, and famine. J. is anxious for a work on the prophecies: to him every thing else in the Bible is sufficiently plain, but a work on the prophecies is a desideratum. K. would be pleased with a religious publication filled with brief letters of news from the churches, and detailed accounts of conversions, &c. And so on to the end of the alphabet. Now, no one has more respect for the taste of others than has the conductor; but we exercise our own judgment, and we publish what we think the reader *needs*, and not merely what he wants. We try to please ourself, and the Lord. Concluding this small volume, we dare not promise what we shall do in the future, even should the Lord permit us to publish another volume. Our friends, by this time, in nearly all the places where *The Christian* circulates know all about our speaking and writing abilities. We promise to do *what we can* to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. We solicit the hearty co-operation and prayers of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, that we may be really useful in pushing forward the victories of Calvary.

During our late excursion we said but little about our publication. Indeed if it had not been for some warm friends who called our attention to the necessity of saying something about it for the future, not a word, in public, would have been uttered in regard to it.

We desire its continuance, just so long as it forms an index pointing to the fountain of truth, and no longer. We are willing to leave the work with the brotherhood. If they desire such a work they can sustain it; if they do not wish its continuance they have only to withhold their patronage and we are done.

They have nobly sustained us this year, they have made us believe that they are anxious that we should continue; and we have made preparation for another volume, and by the blessing of heaven, and the aid of our good brethren, we hope to meet the expectations of our numerous friends.

W. W. E.

AN APOLOGY EXTRA.

OUR readers will, we hope, pardon the great length of the article respecting our excursion. We have been as brief, under all the circumstances, as we could. To men of metaphysical minds such minute details are very tedious, especially when written in a prosy style; but such minds will bear with us when they know the motives that have prompted