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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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DR. L. N. RICE USING OUR THUNDER.

It is a common remark and a very true one, that a man's peculiar religious tenets may be learned by means of certain words and phrases common to the vocabulary of his party, without his stating categorically what these views may be. A Methodist will often use the phrases, 'Get religion,' 'Speak peace to the soul,' 'Holy Ghost religion' &c. A Presbyterian will speak of 'Decrees,' 'Foreordination,' 'Election.' A Catholic will repeat his 'Ave Maria,' 'His Holiness,' and 'Lord God the Pope.' A Disciple is often heard to repeat the expressions, 'Obey the Gospel,' 'Faith and Obedience,' 'Repent and be baptized.' And be it observed, that a pure language, that expresses bible ideas in bible words, is a good indication of a return to primitive religion. Though no one perhaps suspects Dr. Rice of getting back to the truth entirely, still he has learned some things not known to Presbyterians generally! for whether from conviction of its propriety, or otherwise, he is certainly using much of the language of reform in his preaching—a set of words never found in any Presbyterian religious dictionary. At a convention of four Synods held in Cincinnati commencing Feb. 1st, the Dr. one afternoon delivered a half hour's speech on the best means of creating and sustaining revivals of religion. His terminology during his thirty minutes clearly showed that he had learned much from some other source than Presbyterian. He has had too much to do with Mr. Campbell and his works not to have learned something. While he affirmed