

utter destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah; and now since the virtues of sincerity have been discovered, we lament that the inhabitants of these cities were not sincere, for had they been blessed with sincerity they had not perished.

OMEGA.—A singular but good idea. And, to carry out the preacher's doctrine fully, not only would the destruction of these Sodom sinners have been averted by sincerity, but had they possessed it in sufficient quantity and quality, they would have been taken up into glory and received the reward of eternal blessedness.

ALPHA.—Had it been common and courteous for one so young and inquisitive as myself to converse with a preacher, I would have taken this liberty; for a number of curious facts were brought to my mind while hearing him enlarge upon this subject.

OMEGA.—It was well you did not. In one so young, and indeed in any one, as the manners of society now are, it would have resulted injuriously. Good people, in the abundance of their zeal, are sometimes chargeable with being more willing than wise. Still, there was great room for commentary. I have seen a resolute young man go out in a cold winter's morning without gloves or overshoes, sincerely thinking that he would be sufficiently warm, and in less than an hour return home with his feet and fingers frozen. I have seen persons, who, unacquainted with the laws of their body, were sincere in eating and drinking what brought upon them dyspepsy, and induced a premature death. I have seen men who sincerely transgressed the laws of the land ignorantly, and after appearing before a judge and jury, were disgraced and fined for their ignorance and crime. And I have seen a description of people called Jews who would argue with the utmost sincerity that Jesus Christ was not the Son of God nor the promised Messiah.

—Sincerity must be accompanied with truth to entitle it either to respect or christian regard.

CONDUCTOR.

RELIGIOUS REVIVALS.

I would have as much religion *always* as there is in any revival, divested, perhaps, of some extraneous matter. But I uncompromisingly oppose periodical religion; or, rather *annual* religion; for, revival matters are so managed as to "*get up*" revivals at stated seasons of the year. It will not take much of the spirit of prophecy to foretell, that about next January revival meetings and efforts will begin to multiply, and begin to produce showers of "Divine grace" by February, only to be completely dissipated by April.