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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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LYELL AND HITCHCOCK ON GEOLOGY.

[The following from brother W. O., although not prepared for the press, is, we think, worthy of a place in the Banner. It will be read with interest and profit.—D. O.]

I have lately been dipping into Lyell's "Principles of Geology." It is astonishing how in the depravity of the heart one class of facts, is used to displace or disparage another class—the subtle and profound reasonings and arrangements of facts of the philosophic unbeliever are calculated and perhaps intended to deceive the very elect. Scientific truth and revealed truth must in the nature of things be perfectly harmonious, yet the man of science if he dislikes the bible, will, by a bewildering array of undigested facts, confound the unlearned and unstable into the notion that the scriptures are little else than fables. Far be it from me to say that this is the design of Lyell, indeed for any thing I know he is quite orthodox. Yet I could not but notice with what philosophic gravity he would introduce facts and reasonings subversive of what he knew was the common belief of christians, without paying the least regard to the apparent discrepancy. I was thus made to feel that whatever might be his design, the effect of his labours was to disparage the bible and to weaken its influence. I could not but feel the necessity of sitting at the feet of Jesus and learning of him, of cleaving indeed unto Him with full purpose of heart.

Again I took up, but have not yet read through, "The Religion of Geology" by professor Hitchcock D. D. and L. L. D. which indeed, is fruit of another tree! In the preface the professor says—after acknowledging that the subject had engaged his attention for 25 years—"But really I feel less prepared to write upon it, than I did