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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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Every professor in America if not in Christendom should know that on April 2nd of the current year a Convention was held in Memphis, Tenn., by the friends of a new version of the Bible. It was an influential assembly. It was a solemn subject on which they deliberated—neither more nor less than the expediency and wisdom of attempting to get up a new and improved version of the holy scriptures for the Anglo Saxon race, and arrangements thereunto pertaining.

We are happy in the thought that we live at a time when such a Convention is held, and more especially when we take into account the number and character of the christian gentleman and scholars who honor such a conventional gathering with their presence and counsel. We thank the Lord. We take courage.

Many good speeches by gifted men, enlightened Christians, and eminent scholars were delivered during this Bible Union Convention. We have not room for any one of them entire; but the following lengthy extract of an address which may be found in the Millennial Harbinger for April, spoken by the liberal, masterly, and eminent editor of that large and widely circulating Monthly, is entitled to be served to our readers, though at the risk of hearing complaints that our paper is too limited for anything requiring so many pages. We could desire we had space for the whole address. It is rich, strong, learned, instructive, pointed, and highly interesting:— D. O.

A more suitable time has never been since the era of the Anglo Saxon language, since the rise of the Papal defection, than the present, for a corrected and improved version of the Jewish and Christian Oracles, in the living Anglo-Saxon language of the present day.

A concerted movement of all, or any of the Protestant parties, in such an undertaking, we cannot expect. It is not in living experience, nor is it any where inscribed on the pages of ecclesiastical history, that a plurality of denominations have ever agreed to make a common version, for common use. Romanists and Protestants, Episcopalians and Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists, Baptists and