

—subtle, and yet superficial,—abstract and yet anything but elevating. There was not a word in the discourse, nor a tone in the preacher, which met the real desire of every heart present, for some reference to the place and circumstances in which they were. On the next Sunday, the two other divines excused themselves from preaching, on the ground that they had no sermons with them. "Can't you speak to us?" asked one of the laity. "In such a place as this, have you nothing to say to us that our hearts are thirsting to hear?" The cold reply was, that extempore preaching is not allowed by the Church of England, and that it was impossible to write a sermon in the desert. Yet this man wrote an ample journal; and the party were not a congregation, but a tent-full of comrades—a family, as it were, in the desert. The former preacher read again the old sermon; and so he did, for the same reasons, on a third Sunday!

A CORRESPONDENT says, "If you publish the articles on Agreements and Differences between Baptists and Disciples in Tract form, I will try and help all I can." Let us say to this brother and to all other readers that we have resolved to publish in pamphlet form these articles—three of which have appeared and one yet to appear in the Christian Banner—to let uncommitted men see our religious position in the face of the traducing unfairness of the Baptist Messenger. It has become necessary to circulate these articles more extensively than can be accomplished through our monthly paper; and hence our resolve to re-print them in order that they may fulfil a mission in some degree adapted to the demand. About the time this Number reaches distant readers, we shall have between 1000 and 2000 copies of the aforesaid four articles put up in pamphlet, neatly covered, ready to be conveyed to friends and co-laborers by Her Majesty's mail. One dollar will purchase 20 copies.

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Some of our first class subscribers have already forwarded payment for the coming volume of this monthly. Paul speaks approvingly of a certain kind of "forwardness" in his epistle No. 2 to the brethren in Corinth, and we may conclude that the forwardness of the helpers of our work would also, with Paul, be entitled to a share of commendation.

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