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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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CHAPTER III.

A meeting of the preachers in the town of *Unity*, to determine the basis of union.—The meeting was called to order by the chairman; prayer by brother C.

Methodist. I proposed at the close of our last meeting, to show that my Church is founded upon the scriptural basis for Christian union. I have come prepared to enter upon this important work, and I feel greatly encouraged in anticipation that I shall succeed, and thus show that the Methodist Episcopal Church shall fill the whole world. Thank God! our Church is but little over one hundred years old, and there are already more than one million Methodists. It is stated on the 6th page of our Discipline, that "we believe that God's design in raising up the preachers, called Methodists, in America, was to reform the continent, and spread Scripture holiness over these lands." I trust we shall soon realize this.

Baptist. My dear sir, are you not aware that your Discipline represents Mr. Wesley as being "the *father* of the great revival of religion now extending over the earth by means of the Methodists?" If Mr. Wesley is the *father* of this revival, it is entirely too young for my notion of things; it must have begun in the flesh, and will certainly end in the flesh. I acknowledge no revival of religion that has not God for its *Father*—that did not begin in the Spirit. Not only so, but your Discipline does not pretend to be founded upon a scriptural