

to show the great contrast between the fruits of the christian religion and the fruits of talented speculation. While however speaking in this parallel manner, we must credit him with a much larger stock of that admirable quality called honesty than very many of his popular opposers.

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QUERIES CONCERNING PREACHING AND TEACHING.

For the Christian Banner.

What subject is best calculated to do away with the prejudice that exists among our neighbors of other denominations against the Disciples in our weekly meetings or in private conversation?—one that would at once show them the great contrast between what we consider to be scriptural and their views, together with our aversion to sectarianism?—or would this only increase it, drive them away from our meetings, and convince them that true piety does not consist in combating sectarianism? Or would it be best to hold forth the love of Christ manifested in the scheme of redemption and prove to them our zeal in the cause of our blessed Redeemer and our interest in the conversion of the whole human family by a well ordered life, and so lead them gently along, pointing them to the deeds and sufferings of Christ and his prayer in John 17th for the union of all his people, and so induce them to love Jesus Christ supremely, which is always demonstrated in the following manner, “If you love me keep my commandments?”

My reasons for asking the above questions are these: I have frequently thought there was a little too much harshness used toward those of other denominations, and consequently the cause of Christ suffered much on account of it. Though I may lack in judgment, and will therefore leave it to your judgment, brother Oliphant, whether the above is worthy of notice and fit to appear on the pages of the Christian Banner.

I remain in the hope,

A DISCIPLE.

. Our brother has so happily proposed his queries that all, or almost all, will be enabled to answer them. It is not to be doubted that our love should measure as much as our logic—everywhere and in all cases, in things private, in things social, and in things public.

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