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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 IX.

The following is the report of an interview between brethren, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and Lutheran. Brother Christian was not present.

Meth. Brethren, I have perfectly satisfied myself, several months ago, that we can never unite upon any of our old platforms, and that if we could, it would amount to nothing. I dislike the idea of changing. It may be pride, or some other weakness of human nature, but I can not avoid it. I can but feel an aversion to changing. I am aware of the old adage: "Wise men sometimes change, but fools never." Still I can not induce myself to love the idea of changing. Therefore, I desire, now that I am about to make an important change, to 'make thorough work' of it, so that I can never be called upon, in reason, to make another change.

Pres. Brother M., you have spoken my mind precisely. It is disagreeable enough to me to think of changing once; but the thought has continually forced itself upon me, that if I yield to one change, the same, or a similar reason might soon be urged for another, and it would be said of me that I was *carried about by every wind of doctrine*.

Bap. The matters you refer to, constitute by main reason for taking the step I now have in contemplation. In a private conversation I had with brother C., I asked him if he was not willing to make some compromise for the sake of union. In reply, he asked me how he could,