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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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ROCKS AND SHOALS:  
WILL DISCIPLES BEWARE?

[There is a discourse published in a late Number of the "Christain Review," written by a chief brother in Ohio, which, we judge, deserves a close, critical, and devotional perusal by every prominent disciple from Dan to Beersheba—from Prince Edward Island on the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Washington Territory beyond the regions of Oregon, and from the Georgian Bay in Western Canada to the southern shore of Florida. While more than well disposed to re-publish and circulate in new regions this whole discourse, we must limit our zeal and give our reading friends only a portion of it, on account of circumscribed room.—D. O.]

The first of all evils to be guarded against is the feeling of security that says: 'There is no danger. We are not going to give up the faith, nor make a creed, nor run into sectarianism. We have seen the folly of such things.'

This feeling of security has been the ruin of empires. That great city, Babylon, once said in her heart: "*I am*, and there is none besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children." Isa. XLVII, 8. Yet in an unexpected moment fell, devoted to destruction for her pride. Ancient Israel, also, thought there was no danger, when they had learned the power of God to deliver, and saw the weakness of the gods of Egypt to save. But strange to say, they