

disquisitions and sermons we have ever heard to prove that the Holy Spirit regenerates the sinner in order to faith. We give a single quotation from it :

“The bible is the divinely appointed instrument of human salvation. By it the dead in sin are quickened, and by it the process of grace is carried forward in the soul. Hence it is styled ‘*the word of LIFE*,’ for by it spiritual vitality is commenced, sustained and perfected. As, therefore, all are by nature spiritually dead, this instrument of spiritual animation is adapted to all.”

Let the Baptists keep to these sentiments, and we shall never have any controversy with them on the work of the Spirit in the conversion of sinners, and the sanctification of all who have fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before them.

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### ELDER ALEXANDER CRAWFORD'S MSS.

In our second letter to the Baptist Ministers, we alluded to these productions. It has since been intimated to us that we were mistaken in saying that the editors of the Magazine positively refused to publish his communication. It is said that they merely wrote to Elder C. that if they published it, they would feel themselves constrained to enter their dissent against his positions. We have not yet ascertained whether this is correct or not. The article published in a former number, and this which follows, were put into our hands during our visit to Prince Edward Island, with the remark that they had once been sent to the editors of the Baptist Magazine for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and that they had been returned, as the sentiments did not accord with those—to sustain which—the Magazine was got up. Elder Crawford's daughter (Mrs. M'Donald) has put at our discretionary disposal, all his manuscripts. Among them we find many excellent articles, which we greatly desire to place in a more enduring form ; but nearly every thing is left in an unfinished state. So far as he had advanced, his ideas appear to be clear and well digested. The following article will prove that he was in advance of the Baptists generally in his knowledge of the christian system.

Our readers will regret as much as we that we have so small a part of the subjects discussed as that now about to be given them ; but we have sought in vain for the conclusion. We publish this because of its intrinsic value, and also to show the disrelish that certain leaders among the Baptists had for any thing out of the beaten track of their orthodoxy.

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### AN ESSAY ON THE PROPERTIES, IDENTITY, AND EFFECTS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

INTRODUCTION.—The gospel is a most important subject of consideration. The term gospel, in its original signification, means good news of any kind ; but among Christians it is appropriated to that Divine message which reveals the only way in which sinners are accepted before a just and holy God, and completely saved from sin and all its consequences. It is of the utmost importance for us to know this joyful sound ; for “Blessed are those who know it :” “He who believeth it and is bap-