

Monday Morning, May 10th.—Arose refreshed and well, after a good night's rest, and found the "Siddons" bowing politely to the waves, but almost entirely still. She constantly keeps her prow, however, towards the rising sun. On the night of yesterday brother Campbell and I retired after supper into our state-room, and had some private conversation on our mission. Brother C. suggested that, as in the providence of God we had been called to this work, it would be necessary for us to commune together about the most successful mode of prosecuting it. And after an interchange of views on the plan of operations, we agreed to make it a constant subject of prayer; and that we commend ourselves daily to the Lord, praying him to impress our own hearts with the importance of the work to be done; calling upon him for his guidance and protection, so that in all our labours God may be glorified, the saints comforted and edified, and poor sinners turned from the error of their ways. Brother C. then laid the matter before the throne of grace in a very impressive manner, and we felt the sweet influence of the good spirit of our God. Oh, that the traducers of this Reformation, and the revilers of this good man could have felt what we enjoyed upon the broad bosom of the mighty waters!"

From the Christian Union.

OPEN AND CLOSE COMMUNION.

QUERY TO J. S. LAMAR.

After carefully reading the first three numbers of the "CHRISTIAN UNION," I am convinced that there is very little difference between your views and those entertained by the majority of Baptists. I think we should all strive, instead of widening the breach, to close it, and if possible, to become one. We are apt to imagine that we are further apart than we really are. For one, I am in favor of attempting to remove the obstructions which hinder our union; and will, therefore, state to you some points of difference, upon which I desire your opinion. We understand you to believe in open communion; and, with the views you hold upon baptism, I am frank to tell you, that I think this is inconsistent. Will you confer a favor upon me and others, by giving us your position on this subject, with the reasons for it, in your next issue? With Christian regards,

I am yours in the Lord,

..BAPTIST..