

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Wesleyan. DEAR SIR, I thank the editor of the P. Witness for the insertion of my previous letters.

BAPTISTS AND THE RULE OF FAITH.

MR. EDITOR,—As the Rev. E. M. Saunders, in his letter of Dec. 4th begins with a repetition of my words, adorned with all their italic flowers, so do I.

The editor of the Messenger has blundered so excessively, and committed himself so fully, that an effective vindication of his position is impossible, and to confess his errors would ruin his reputation and influence.

Mr. S. would leave the impression upon the minds of his readers, that I have given a false statement of the doctrine of Baptists, respecting the place assigned to the Old Testament; yet I have sought in vain, in his letter, for a definite declaration that the Baptists of Nova Scotia do own the Old Testament as a Rule of Faith and Practice.

As according to Dr. W. all "the precepts and teachings" of the Old Testament are to be judged by the New Testament, before we can decide whether they are obligatory ones, or how far the quotations, which Mr. S. has made from Drs. Cramp and Hovey, go to show that Baptists do not accept the inspiration of the Old Testament without an antecedent knowledge of the inspiration of the New Testament.

The New Testament is a rule of Faith and Practice to the Baptists of Nova Scotia.

Mr. S. is very unscrupulous, when he represents me as giving "partial statements," by which readers would be led to form incorrect ideas of Dr. Wayland's views. I deny that I have kept back a single word necessary to show this doctrine of the claims of the Old Testament.

To both parts of the above sentence I put in a decided negative. I deny that the Old Testament was given to one nation, to the exclusion of the interest of the whole human race. It was not given at all to Jews, in the current sense of give.

Dr. Wayland has placed the Old Testament "on the same footing with the writings of Dr. Cramp or Dr. Guthrie." Mr. S. does not wish Baptists or Pedobaptists to think this, but if he is capable of understanding Dr. W.'s very precise language he knows this; and as he has expressed nothing but a hearty approval of the Doctor's doctrines he seems to have no higher opinion of the Old Testament than the Doctor has.

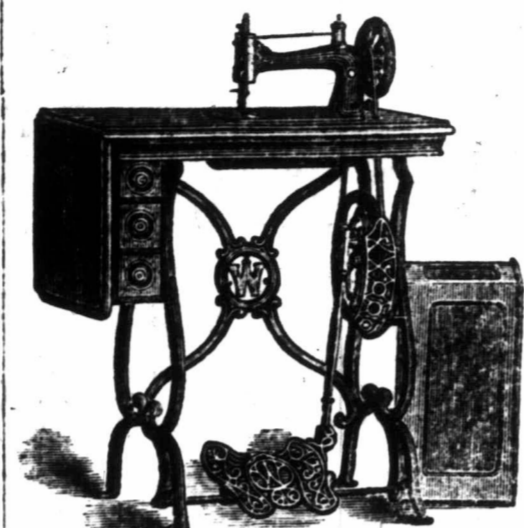
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which they taught by an appeal to the testimony of an accepted inspiration.

Baptists differ from all who are accounted evangelical in the very essential article of the Rule of Faith and Practice. The rule of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians is—"The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments;—of Baptists, "NOTHING BUT THE NEW TESTAMENT."

W. SOMMERVILLE. Somerset, Dec. 17, 1875.

P. S.—I had finished a rough draft of this letter before the Messenger of Dec. 8th came to my hand. I cannot say I have yet read the editor's criticisms, but, if God will, he shall have a reply.



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