

the new baptism, together with every principal point in my said Letter, can be opened out, examined, re-examined, and weighed in the divine balances.

Allow me to state very distinctly that I have not one untoward feeling in my heart against my friends the Wesleyans. I respect and highly esteem many a Wesleyan known to me. The spirit of my Master would lead me to show them all much kindness. Still, I must, according to my knowledge of religious obligation, and in accordance with my opportunities, stand up faithfully for the unadulterated gospel as it is found in the Inspired Creed. I would simply add, that if both of us supremely desire the pure truth of heaven, we will certainly not be fearful of meeting one another and comparing our sentiments not only with each other but with the infallible standard.

Trusting to hear from you shortly,

I am respectfully,

Yours, D. OLIPHANT.

Being in Hillier sometime after the preceding was forwarded to the gentleman, we were induced, under all the features of the case, to write again to our friend as follows :

MR. ALLISON : SIR :—You having stated that you have never given a challenge for a public discussing interview and dare not do it in consequence of the great responsibility that it involves, and that you never so intend ; and having also stated that you believe I *dare not* challenge you, I hereby state that I am prepared to meet you and invite your acceptance of this proposal (which is my challenge) to meet me, at any convenient time and place—the time to be within the current year—for the purpose of discussing the differences between the two systems respectively advocated by us.

With respect,

D. OLIPHANT.

Hillier, 14th July, 1858.

We have only to add, that our too fearful but boastful neighbor was pleased to state, before witnesses, that he would be on hand if we should send him a challenge. We did so, knowing full well that from what the gentleman had previously averred, the community would determine aright where the responsibility of the challenge rested, and where it should have come from. We conclude, on the whole, that friend Allison is perfectly satisfied in his own mind that he can explain, eulogize, and defend Wesleyan faith and practice fully better by himself than when confronted by any one who is familiar with the religion of Jesus as exhibited in the sacred writings. But in due time the Lord will examine and measure us all by his own gospel.

D. O.