

in large, variegated letters, occupying a very prominent position by the side of the door of the Baptist Publication rooms: "A Scriptural Defence of the Doctrine of the Trinity, or a check to modern Arianism, as taught by *Campbellites*, Hicksites, New Lights, Universalists; and Mormons; And especially by a sect calling themselves Christians. By Rev. H. Matison, New York. Lewis Colley & Co., 1848."

Knowing that we are the people called *Campbellites* in the above card, I stepped into the Baptist Bookstore, and inquired for Mr. — Malcom, son of the President of Georgetown College, and, I believe, superintendent of the Baptist Publication concern. I had seen Mr. Malcolm before. We both lived in Louisville, Ky., at the same time. He was Pastor of the 2d Baptist Church, and I of the Church of Christ. He was living in Louisville, when I went there. It was more than a year, however, before I became acquainted with him. He at length called on me, in company with an agent of the Baptist A. and F. Society. Had not one of his brethren come along in search of *money*, I doubt whether I would ever have had the pleasure of making Mr. M's. acquaintance! Very trifling incidents sometimes bring about important results. Notwithstanding our former acquaintance, Mr. M. never called to see me in Philadelphia, although he knew I had been in the city nearly four months. Nevertheless, I called to see him. The bell rang, and he soon appeared. After the usual salutations, I asked for the above-mentioned book. After reading the titlepage, and looking a little over the book, I said; "Mr. M., I protest against this course." "What course?" he inquired. I replied to the following effect. "You exhibit the card at your door, placig it in the most conspicuous place, to all passers-by, thus publishing to the thousand who read it, what you know to be a falsehood—that we are Arians; and by associating with us the sects most obnoxious to the community generally, attempt by slander to accomplish what you cannot do by scripture arguments, and open and honorable controversy."

Mr. M. attempted to justify their course and to prove that we are Arians. because one of our brethren once told him he did not approve the use of the word Trinity when speaking of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! "I have not called in to argue this question with you, Mr. M." said I, "You know we are not Arians. I stopped simply to protest against your course of double dealing towards us. You send your agents to the west, and south-west, where our people are numerous, wealthy and respectable; they call on our ministers, and with a smile on their face call them *brethren*. They shake us heartily by the hand, and tell us we are getting to understand one another, there is but little difference between us, and that as soon as we become a little better acquainted we will be united. They ask permission to preach in our houses and appeal to our congregations in behalf of the Bible-cause, and take up collections from our people: We cheerfully grant their requests; join them heartily in the work, and get them all the money we can; because, in the simplicity of our hearts we suppose they are sincere in their professions of friendship, and because we approve the principle of giving to the whole world the sacred Scriptures in the vernacular, without note or comment, and because we are in favor of union among Christians. One of our brethren at least has become an agent for your society without a salary,