

ship, and renounced his connection with the Church of England, having joined the Baptist denomination. On the 9th of June, he assisted as a Baptist Minister, in the opening of a new Chapel at Haslingfield, in Cambridge-shire.

We had previously received information in private letters from England, that several members of the respectable Society of Friends or Quakers, having become convinced of the perpetuity of the ordinance, were baptized by the Rev. J. J. Davies, at Tottenham, near London; and we have now upon our table a printed copy of a very interesting Document, written by one of them, and entitled *A Treatise on Baptism, by a Member of the Society of Friends*. We regard this, not merely in the light of a curiosity, as coming from one of a community distinguished for rejecting the Christian sacraments altogether, but as a gratifying proof of the existence of calm enquiry, and the result of it in leading men to the truth on these points, i. e. the perpetuity, mode, and subjects of Christian Baptism.

From the London *Patriot* newspaper we learn that the daughter of Luke Howard, Esq. of Acworth, the celebrated Chemist and Philosopher, was baptized by Mr. Isaac Crewdson on the 24th of June last; that since then her father, Mr. Howard, received the same ordinance; and that Miss Maria Hack, the authoress of many valuable works, and sister to the well-known and esteemed Poet, Bernard Barton, was also baptized by Mr. C. on the 3d of July. All these parties we believe, are members of the Society of Friends.

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TRUTH.

[Whatever God reveals to us as Truth, is worthy of our deepest attention and reverence. Gratitude for the condescension of the Infinite

mind, and a persuasion of the benefit arising to ourselves from the discoveries thus made to us, equally urge upon us this devout regard to the oracles of God. If we could have found out for ourselves whatever is necessary for us to know of the character of God, and our own condition; if we knew, without His teaching, how to avert his anger, secure his favour, obtain the pardon of our sins, and inherit eternal life, indifference to the communications of Heaven would be less to be deplored. But since the contrary is the case, it is equally criminal and dangerous to indulge it. If the Apostle John uttered a correct sentiment when he said, "I have no greater joy than to see my children walk in Truth," an indifference to it must be one of the worst symptoms of decline which the church can exhibit. Whether there be any tendency to such a state, we leave others to determine; but we have our fears. At all events, the counsels of a profound and acute observer of the "signs of the times" will not be deemed unreasonable now; they may at least warn us against possible danger. The following passages occur in the first of a series of letters written by the late Andrew Fuller on the *Importance of Truth and of a right belief of it*. They were first printed, we believe, in the English *Baptist Magazine* for 1828. To us they appear of more than ordinary value.]

I have sometimes wondered why it should be thought more criminal to disobey what God commands than to disbelieve what he declares. Certainly, if any master of a family came into his own house, and told a plain tale from his own knowledge, and if any of the family were to affect to doubt it, he would take it as ill as if they refused to do what he commanded. Yea, for ought I know, more so; for to call in question his integrity, would probably be more heinous in