

the common belief that the Spirit must come in direct contact with the sinner's heart ere he can believe, it was very evident from his manner of expression that he had often been away from home. Take a few examples. Notwithstanding all he said about the Spirit's influence he declared that God 'Sanctified the sinner through the truth,' a favorite quotation with Mr. Campbell against some of the enormous blunders of the sects. When speaking of the necessity of regeneration, he boldly announced as any disciple would that they must be born of *water* and the Spirit and that 'God saves us by the *washing of regeneration* and the renewing of the Holy Spirit.' But what was our surprise to hear him say that in the order of conversion it was, 'Faith first and obedience next.' Would that some good spirit would whisper this in his ear the next time he undertakes to sprinkle a babe. He discards all 'animal feelings' and says 'There is not a particle of religion in sympathetic feeling.' He insists that 'The truth must be presented' and that in conversion 'God's agency is the truth,' that 'the only religious light we have is in the bible.' 'Anxious seats' he says 'as they used to have them, are dangerous things' but he would reorganize the 'Inquiry meetings.' He urged upon his two hundred preaching brethren present to present first the doctrines of the gospel, then the 'precepts and promises.'

Now who that has read the Christian Baptist, the Rice Debate, the Harbinger and other leading productions among us; who that has heard any of our brethren preach for thirty years past does not recognize at once the paternity of these phrases? We are not desirous of having the reader believe that the disciples originated these expressions, for most of them are from the bible; but certainly they have brought them into use; and we are happy to hear the bible language take precedence of the stupid jargon of sectarian terminology. We don't intend to be stingy at all nor charge Dr. Rice a penny for using our thunder, but will be pleased to see all his brethren come to the well we've found and draw of the pure water of life.

But that I may do the Dr. full justice I will give the substance of his remarks upon revivals that are certainly very sensible, and which I would commend to the attention of the readers of the Banner—particularly the preachers.

1st. Let the church be prepared for the effort by a large participation in the Spirit and power of the Lord. 'Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his (not our) might.' To attain this requires much prayer and humiliation before God. Much more depends on this, than