

with any explanation I had given of it. I said he might do just as he pleased, but that I would take no notice of any remark of his foreign from the subject in dispute. Every one that heard my lecture will bear testimony that I never denied immersion as baptism. I confessed it repeatedly to be a mode, but not that mode of baptism divinely marked in the New Testament. I gave that explanation before I commenced my second lecture, and I did not feel disposed to be bullied out of it; because I knew I had a right to explain to the public what I meant by my own proposition. The gentleman says he never asked me to acknowledge myself vanquished, but he did give his new translation of the word—"back down," as is certified as follows:—"Mr. Torrance was willing to accept the statement with the addition, provided Mr. Hutchinson would acknowledge that he *backed down* from his printed statement.—**F. KEAN, P. MURRAY, E. D. SHERMAN.**"

Mr. Torrance appeared on the platform on the 28th of January last, to reply to my lectures as I delivered them. And before I commenced my second one I distinctly stated that I had no intention of disputing immersion to be a mode of baptism. Surely that ought to have been satisfactory. I need not say that I was ready to meet the gentleman for further discussion as your people all know

that fact. And I again repeat it; that I never declined to meet him, no matter what he demanded, and according to announcement at the proper time I was on the platform, and I doubted not but that I should see Mr. Torrance there. The gentleman complains about arrangements being made without his knowledge or consent. Did he ever consult me before he came to reply to my lecture on the 28th of January last? He came there without my knowledge or consent, and I was much pleased that he did so. If he really wished to debate the subject of my lectures what more did he want, for no one asked him to do anything more than he voluntarily commenced to do. I had no arrangements to make, he made the whole of them, and I had disposition to disagree with any thing reasonable: but I must confess that I was not willing to acknowledge that my eloquent friend had vanquished me when I well knew, and every one in Orillia knew, that he did not. I am accused of arrogance in saying that I went to Orillia at the request of your citizens, I fear the gentleman has become so familiar with baptist logic that he misunderstands the expression as plainly as he does the Apostolic commission. If invited to lecture by five, ten, or twenty people of Orillia, am I not correct calling them citizens of Orillia. The gentleman it appears disputes my