

scientific conviction, the higher authority of God does absolve us from the lower authority of parents when the latter is arrayed against the former. We are surprised that this pamphlet should seek to teach that parents have the right to crush down the convictions of their children by forcing them to keep within the limits of a hereditary belief. Here is an introduction to a fierce onslaught upon *Baptist uncharitableness*. "No wonder that with so much indifference on our part and so much misrepresentation, slander, and unscrupulous zeal on the part of immersionists, many of our young people should become the unconscious dupes of Baptist proselytizers who are ever eager to take advantage of innocent ignorance." The nearly 3,000,000 Baptist church members of America should surely feel abashed before the honied sweetness of the author of this pamphlet! If he can afford to make such general charges we certainly can afford to have him do so.

This pamphlet asserts that nine-tenths of Christendom are against the immersion views of the Baptists. How much truth is there in this oft-repeated statement? Even the author of this production must know that the Greek church, numbering 70,000,000, always has and does still, practice immersion. The Roman Catholic church, while it practices sprinkling, asserts that immersion was the original baptism and bases sprinkling upon the authority of the church. So they are with us in the view that baptism was originally an immersion, and this church numbers 150,000,000. There are also as many, at least, as 6,000,000 Baptist adherents. These sum up 226,000,000. Even if we should include the Episcopalians, who, by their liturgy, declare that pouring and sprinkling are allowable only when the child is unable to be immersed, as against our view, there are only about 70,000,000, all told, who profess to believe that sprinkling or pour was never a form of baptism originally. So much for this statement.