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ELDERS—MODERN CONVERSIONS—COLLEGES.

The manner in which the Christian Baptist in 1827 dealt with men and things that were not after the pattern of the Book, was straightforward, radical, and pointedly intelligible. The Christian Baptist, addressing brother Semple, a devout and intelligent Regular Baptist, says :—

O ! brother Semple, if Paul were living amongst us, what would he say of our dogmas, and our bishops ! If he proscribed from the bishop's office every man who had "not believing children," whose sons and whose daughters could be "accused of riotous living," or of "being unruly"—I say, if he were to act as he directed Timothy and Titus to act, what would become of nine-tenths of our bishops and congregations ? Some of the bishops know full well that Paul would not tolerate them at all ; and therefore they would rather be styled Doctor, or Rabbi, or Reverend, or any thing that would prevent a comparison of themselves or their families, or congregations, with the instructions given concerning bishops in the New Testament. Now I blame the proverbial profligacy and infidelity of the children of bishops and of members, upon the dogmas taught and the examples given by the teachers and their admirers. So long as a teacher makes the call of Saul to the apostolic office a pattern of conversion, and leads his children and hearers to expect something similar before they can be converted to God ; so long will the present order of things continue to exist. I do, then, with these facts and documents before me, and volumes more