

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES,

TO A. CAMPBELL.

Nottingham, England, February 21, 1837.

Dear Brother—My present object in writing to you is twofold—viz. to inform you of what has taken place recently in Nottingham respecting the reformation ; and to obtain from you further information in reference to this subject, and especially the progress made during the last year in America.

I would here mention that in the month of June I received from some brethren of the reformation in Philadelphia, meeting in Bank street, (and who, when in England, belonged to the Particular Baptists, and were personally known to me,) “ The Tribute to the Memory of the Apostles,” and the pamphlet entitled “ Sin and its Cure ;” the former of these, by the wish of some of my brethren, and as believing it calculated to do much good, I have had printed in this country : and am happy to state that out of 1500 copies which were struck off, 1000 were in circulation in less than three months !

In consequence of circulating this pamphlet, and the (as it were) silent effect of Mr. Jones’ *Millennial Harbinger*, and those works of yours which are known in this country, I have received letters of inquiry respecting the reformation which you and others have so successfully advocated in America, from 15 to 20 different places in England and Scotland. The seed which has already been sown appears like the leaven cast into the meal, and we hope the natural results will follow.

It is to you, brother Campbell, under the providence of a kind and gracious God, that myself and others in this place are indebted for a more clear and correct knowledge of that all-important truth which in these days of darkness is kept so much out of view—viz. that the religion of Jesus is founded altogether upon *the knowledge and belief of facts* instead of abstract influences and mystic operations upon the mind.

A beloved brother and his wife, (who were formerly members of the Church in London with Mr. Balentine,) myself, and 11 others, commenced on the 25th of December, 1836, a society on the principles of the reformation ; and now after 3 weeks our number has increased to 40, 8 of whom have been immersed into Jesus for the remission of sins. I trust that we are all fully convinced that so long as human opinions are to be made the bond of union in the congregation of Messiah, there will of necessity be divisions among the disciples. We have, therefore, as far as possible in so short a time, laid aside the *isms* that are in existence—and although we have much to learn and to *unlearn*, yet we have experienced a complete emancipation from all teachers except the *Son of God* and his *holy Apostles*, to whom it is our