

ty to the effect that it would be wisdom not to attempt a regular reply to the letters I have written, lest the Baptist cause should suffer in the review. Whether the 'high priests' have been thus successful in marshalling their "lay brethren" and "lower officers" into obedience so pliant as this would indicate, I am not able to tell, and not willing to believe; but if so, it is certain that the Baptists in Canada have lost much of the noble independence they possessed less than half a score years ago. I shall cherish the hope that the Baptists stand upon loftier ground; for though they have long since regarded me as a "cast away," my charity is so flexible that I take the liberty of returning love for their hatred of me, and hope to disappoint a number of them by meeting them in heaven!

The "Campbellite Bible" is a book worthy of some notice. This must be a volume not generally known, and I have a little curiosity to be introduced to it, as I am sufficiently Athenian to make inquiry into what is new. Will you favour me by revealing the secret where this novel work is to be procured? Can it be found among the "New Books Received at the Regular Baptist Book Depository, Ridout Street, London, C. W.," advertised in a Baptist paper? If so, please forward a copy to this office, and I will forward the price! But I opine that I know what you mean; and whether you "speak the truth in love," or display "party zeal in its unloveliest form" when referring to what you are pleased to designate a "Campbellite Bible," is not for me to decide. I presume you have reference to a new translation of the New Testament by three European Doctors, printed, published, and recommended by Alexander Campbell, president of Bethany College, Virginia. If then you refer to Mr. A. Campbell of Bethany, as the author of a new Bible, it is necessary for me to say, in simple terms, that what you allege may be registered among the things not true. I am somewhat personally acquainted with Mr. A. Campbell, having been on several occasions at his residence, and esteeming him as a gentleman, a scholar, a Christian, and a humble advocate of religious reform, it would be tantamount to admitting that you have spoken what is true of him were I to pass your remarks in silence. I say not, friend Davidson, that you have manufactured what is untrue; for I have a higher opinion of you; but you have received from others what is as contrary to truth as the affirmation of the Jewish doctors to Jesus when they said he was a Samaritan and had a demon.

I am happy to inform you that the cause of truth, notwithstanding all the opposition it meets, is on the advance. Scores of former Baptists are now with us pleading for the teaching of the apostles, apart from all human admixture. The taciturn policy of "letting us alone" in public, saving a little pulpit declamation, nor the private and oft-repeated allegations that our gospel is devoid of the spirit and that our own works merit eternal life, can prevent men of an independent mind from candidly examining our views and judging for themselves. To prove all things, and hold fast that which is good, has not, with such, become out of date.

That you, my friend, with whom now I part having none other feelings than these of good will, may increase in candor, Christian love, truth's freedom, and in all the graces of the Holy Spirit, is the unfeigned prayer of

Jan. 24th.

Yours sincerely, D. OLIPHANT.