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(SECOND NOTICE.)

It is related of a certain negro whose philosophy was of the character to recognize that "time is money," and that prayer might possibly not involve that consideration, that he adopted as an expedient of brevity, the plan of committing his supplications to a scrap of paper, and tacking the scrap to the wall of his sleeping-room; as morning by morning he awoke to the consciousness that his Maker's compassions failed not, his orizons were tersely presented by pointing to the scrap on the wall, and saying with uplifted eyes, "Please God A'mighty, them's my sentiments." The Presbyterianism of the present day, (as it is exhibited in the great majority of Churches), might learn a lesson from the negro, and content itself with the formal *elevation* of the Bible, and thereby imitate a corresponding ceremony in a sister church; the Presbyterians (who have already manifested a disposition to conform to the spirit of the age) could still express the hollow aspiration—"The Lord bless the exhibition of the binding;" this would

be about as sincere as the present mode of presenting its adherents with what is comparatively the shell, to the utter neglect of the kernel; the Presbyter's "thirdlies" might then be developed into "ninthlies," and yet it is to be feared that some of us would be heterodox enough to exclaim with Jeremiah, "What is the chaff to the wheat, saith Jehovah?" (Ch. xxiii. 28). Presbyterians do not appear to recognize that to that Church which they so industriously denounce, is their practice of sprinkling babies to be traced, hence a considerable portion of the time which was supposed to be devoted to public worship, was occupied by the reiteration of what the minister would expect to be styled arguments in favor of sprinkling the newly-born: one of these may be compared to laying hold of a sword by the blade instead of by the handle—"Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the gentiles, baptizing them &c." Not to comment on the context, it may be necessary to remind the advocate of this performance that in