

generations that are to succeed us. It is then of great importance, that we should endeavour to be right, even should some local and temporary evils be occasioned by it. I hope that I shall be enabled to evince proper dispositions of heart in my communications ; and that my brethren may be also actuated by a candid and charitable spirit in reading.

I would just observe before closing this letter, that though I have professed to relinquish the principles of adult baptism, I do not mean that adult baptism is in all cases improper. It is only as adult baptism is opposed to infant baptism, that I relinquish it. When our Lord sent forth his apostles into the world, to proselyte and baptise all nations, the first thing to be attended to was to preach the Gospel to adults, and baptise those who believed and their children. But when a nation, town, or village was brought to a profession of christianity, their children would of course be baptised in infancy ; and adult baptism would cease in that place ; except perhaps in some particular instances, where persons would grow up without baptism, and would make it necessary that they should be baptised in adult years. The case is the same in the present day, where missionaries go forth into a heathen country ; being placed in circumstances similar to those of the apostles, they will of course act in a similar manner and baptise adults first.

I remain &c.

LETTER II.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

IN my last, I stated my conviction that infant baptism was of God. I now proceed to show my reasons for this sentiment. And in so doing, it will be necessary to begin where God began to reveal his will to us, viz in the Old