

his people have studied to advertise that the rev. gentleman was going to deliver himself on that theme? and would his people have so cordially invited so many of my people, who went to hear him on that very topic? If I had not preached on baptism the previous two Sundays? I think any ordinary jury would convict him of falsehood, on the ground of the evidence at hand. If that gentleman felt that I had misrepresented the creed and practises of the pedit-baptists, why could he not with gentlemanly courtesy, reply to my sermons by presenting freely and frankly his "views" on the subject and publish them? Instead of which, he declares he is not going to answer any body, then preaches a sermon in which he makes distinct references to parts of my sermon, and crowns his discourse by ridiculing the ordinance of believer's baptism, by declaring that the Eunuch did not go on his way DRIPPING, but rejoicing. Every body can discern that a SNEER is not an ARGUMENT, and that a made up little anecdote about a big man and a little man quarrelling over a fence is a poor substitute for sound reasoning. All we ask of our Critics is Truthful, Manly, Sound Reasoning backed up by the Word of God, and not Ridicule, Sneers, and Abuse, and I will ensure them reasonable answers couched in language becoming a minister of the Gospel.

In reply to Rev. J. Gaetz I may say, that from the Methodist Book of Discipline, and the Methodists greatest historian on this continent, I understood that baptism is an essential to communion. This is what the "Book of Discipline" says, "Baptism is not only a sign of profession and MARK OF DIFFERENCE, WHEREBY CHRISTIANS ARE DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHERS THAT ARE NOT BAPTIZED; but it is also a sign of regeneration, or the New Birth." The straightforward logical conclusion of that tenet is, that those who are not baptized have not the MARK that distinguishes them as christians; and I did not suppose that any Methodist would allow that rule to be broken in the participation of so solemn an ordinance as the Lord's Supper.

Now listen to Dr. F. G. Hibbard the great Methodist interpreter of Methodist doctrine. In his famous book on "Christian Baptism," page 174 of part II, he says, "Before