

answer to them shall be ours to you, when you ridicule the idea of immersion as that act which God has ordained through which he promised to convey to the believing penitent the benefits of Christ's death.

25. I have no opinions on the subject. Hear Jesus—Matt. v. 32.

EDITOR.

PHILOGRAPHES, ALIAS "REV." CHARLES TUPPER,

HAS been furnishing a few articles for the Baptist "Messenger," published in Halifax, N. S., in the construction of which he seems to have our humble production in his eye. In an article before us on "religious feeling," after endeavouring to justify the use made of this term by his baptist brotherhood, he asserts that he has "no recollection of ever having heard the (following) question proposed to a candidate for baptism: 'Do you feel that your sins are forgiven you!'" We venture to assert that there is not a Baptist in this city but will be astonished at this assertion! But what could be Mr. T.'s object in his article, for after all he states, "But the mere confident persuasion that one's sins are pardoned, is no proof that they are." Ah! Mr. T. this is all that we ever asserted or intimated in our letters or replies to Mr. Robinson! And permit us to inquire, what other evidence can Mr. T. or any other man living present from the word of God that he or they obtained pardon, previous to baptism? If there is a promise since the new institution was established, that a sinner can obtain pardon without baptism, will Mr. T. or some other friend, let us know where it can be found!! Remember we ask not what God *may* or *can* do, but what he *has done*, since the kingdom of Jesus Christ was set up, and what he has *promised* to do.

If Mr. T. will visit Saint John now, he will find that the old system of questioning candidates relative to their evidence of pardon—voting whether they shall be baptized or not, have given place to an entirely new order of things! Now, if any person declares that he is convinced that he is a sinner, and desires to follow Jesus, the only question propounded to the Church is, "If there are no *scriptural* objections to this individual he will be received as a candidate for baptism, after which a member of the church." And thus brethren Robinson and Beckwith are adding more members to the baptist churches (in St. John) than all the other ministers in the provinces. A course something like this will soon be pursued by the Baptist preachers generally through the provinces; and yet, we presume, at the same time oppose the principles inculcated in the *Christian*. Well, in so doing they will in the end be the greatest sufferers. They cannot keep the Baptists from examining these questions much longer. A candid examination will settle the question between the Baptists and us on the doctrine of remission of sins; and then, as a matter of course, correct views will follow. Mr. Tupper may raise his voice long and loud against reading religious publications which do not favor his own peculiar views, [see the *Messenger*, No. 3,] but as soon as the honest and sincere amongst the Baptists learn, as they will ere long, that his accusations of denying the divinity of Christ. the