

and inclination to read. The current volume of the *Witness* has been forwarded to your address, and I have received your paper from January to July. I thank you for these tokens of good will. Please let me know what numbers of our provincial paper have arrived in Nottingham.

Wishing you God speed, and desirous that you and all who labour with you may be personally and religiously blessed in every effort to promote the work in which you are engaged.

I am, With Christian regard, Yours,

D. OLIPHANT.

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ?

THE BAPTISTS AND DISCIPLES—THE POSITION THEY OCCUPY.

LETTER THIRD.

ELDER DAVIDSON:—DEAR SIR,—Another very prominent feature in the faith and practice of the disciples, may be found in their views and practical position in reference to what is generally called regeneration or conversion. *They believe, teach, and openly show that conversion is a new creation—a change equal to creating again or making anew.* Some speak of regeneration as being a change of views; others regard it as a change of heart; a third order consider it as a change of feelings by day and of dreams by night; and another class believe it to be a change in the mere externals of life as the result of a moral endeavour, or a “try to do right.” Now we so far differ from all others on this cardinal subject, that we regard regeneration as re-making the whole man, or as effecting a thorough change in mind, heart, feelings, state, and character. The gospel, as we understand, addresses itself, not to a part of man, but to the whole man, and therefore, when it converts, or effects a change, it performs its work complete, and subdues or enlists body, soul, and spirit—mind, heart, and life—to the Lord. Is the mind astray? The gospel leads it to Christ. Is the heart callous and rebellious? The gospel fills it with divine love and affection. Is the life or action devious and iniquitous? The gospel changes it to an obedient and loyal course. Is the sinner’s state unsafe? The gospel introduces to a new state—a holy and saved state. Is the character degraded and vile? The gospel imparts or induces a new and divine character, and elevates—elevates—elevates, until heaven itself is the abode of the gospel subject.

In view of the scriptures, we are wholly unacquainted with what is popularly called “head religion,” or “heart religion,” or “feeling religion,”