

of them had said, "he would sooner have his right hand cut off, than to aid that Society." If this referred to me,* nothing could be farther from the truth. What I did say was, that "if I had been in the place of those missionaries who translated the word *baptizo* by words signifying *to immerse*, I must conscientiously have done the same; I could not have done otherwise for my right hand." But while I do indeed deem it my duty to afford such pecuniary aid as is in my power, to assist our missionaries in publishing the Scriptures among the heathen, I am a sincere friend to the British and Foreign Bible Society. No man acquainted with the facts can deny, that I have done much more for that Society than any Pedobaptist in Cumberland. On my first connection with the Branch in this County, by arduous and persevering efforts, I removed a misunderstanding that had nearly destroyed the Society, and restored peace and prosperity. For many years I faithfully discharged the onerous duties of Secretary, and for a number of years at the same time also those of Depositary. I have probably contributed ten times as much to its funds as I have to aid my Baptist Brethren in their arduous labours in publishing the Scriptures among the millions of India. Now, however, since we have sent a Missionary to the heathen from these Provinces, who urgently needs a large and immediate supply of Bibles to distribute among the immense multitudes around him, who are famishing for the bread of life, I conscientiously consider it as my imperative duty to give my contributions to this important object. If I had been for nearly thirty years giving money to a neighbour and otherwise assisting him, and should qui-

* I have since heard. (though it was not so stated at the second Meeting, as it should have been, if true,) that this offensive expression was attributed to another person. I cannot ascertain, however, upon inquiry, nor have I any reason to imagine, that any Baptist ever uttered it.