

ourselves and be indifferent about pleasing the Saviour? We affectionately ask of our brethren who differ from us, if we dare follow any other course than that we pursue? Are we at liberty to trifle with the Master's words? Could we appear in His presence and calmly acknowledge that we considered this particular command too trifling to be attended to?

"Ye are my friends, if ye do *whatsoever* I command you."—John 15: 14.

PÆDO-BAPTIST TESTIMONY.

Very Rev. A. P. Stanley, D.D., Dean of Westminster.—"For the first 13 centuries the almost universal practice of baptism was that we read in the New Testament, and which the very meaning of the word "baptize"—that those who were baptized were plunged, submerged, immersed in the water. . . . Still in our own church as positively enjoined in theory as it is universally neglected in practice. (Book of Common Prayer, Public Baptism.) Baptism by sprinkling was rejected by the whole ancient Church (except in the rare case of death-beds or extreme necessity) as no baptism at all."

The Life and Epistles of St. Paul, by Rev. W. J. Conybeare, M.A., and Very Rev. J. S. Howson, D.D., Dean of Chester. Commenting on Romans vi, 3, 4, "This passage cannot be understood unless it be borne in mind that the primitive baptism was by immersion. . . . It must be a subject of regret that the general discontinuance of this original form of baptism has rendered obscure to popular apprehension some very important passages of Scripture."

The Apostolical Epistles, by Rev. J. H. Macknight, D.D., (Presbyterian).—"Christ submitted to be baptized; that is, to be buried under the water by John, and to be raised out of it again, as an emblem of His future death, and resurrection. In like manner, the baptism of believers is emblematical of their own death, burial and resurrection."

Notes on the New Testament, by Rev. John Wesley, M.A.—"Buried with Him, alluding to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion."

Rev. George Whitefield, B.A., Minister of Lady Huntingdon's Connexion.—"In his Sermons, p. 297, "It is certain that in the words of our text (Rom. vi, 3, 4), there is an allusion to their manner of baptism, which was by immersion, which is what our own Church allows."

Commentary on Romans, by Rev. Thos. Chalmers, D.D.—"The original meaning of the word *baptism* is *immersion*; and though we regard it as a point of indifference whether the ordinance so named be performed in this way or by sprinkling, yet we doubt not that the prevalent style of administration in the Apostles' days was by an *actual submerging* of the whole body under water."