

aside as not containing data to decide the matter, and convenience prettily perched upon prudence is made umpire. And when or where was the law of convenience ever settled?

Some real good men hold that this mission question is of no vital import. These friends not only differ with the popular missionary doctors and bye-law makers, but they differ with themselves—for they get either angry or a trifle sulky if others disagree with them, which they could not do if the matter was of no consequence in their sight. As for us, when we find a reckoner who says two and two are four and a half, and takes the ground that the Book of Arithmetic is not to decide, we must conclude that he is not simply an untrusty accountant in this particular, but that he is liable to make and *will* make other important errors.

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### BAPTIST AGAINST BAPTIST.

We met with the subjoined in the 'Intelligencer,' of Charlottesville, Virginia. It is worth reading a first and second time. Before our brethren the REGULAR Baptists preach a score of additional sermons upon the differences among those who eschew unauthorized creeds and plead reform, they may suitably prepare for the work of opposition by coming to oneness among themselves. Two Baptist D. D.'s, men of renown and doctrinal weight, take opposite sides upon a question of vital and practical import in the economy of redemption. Listen:

Dr. Duncan R. Campbell, President of Georgetown College, and one of the honored Rabbis of the Baptist ranks, says in commenting on Mark 1: 4, Luke 3: 3, and Acts 2: 38—"Now we maintain that the proper construction is, to connect *eis aphasis hamartion*, for the remission of sins, with *metanoias, repentance*, and not with *baptisma, baptism*, in the two former of these; and with *maenoestale, repent ye*, and not with *baptistheetoo, be baptized*, in the latter."

Dr. Hackett, a star of the first magnitude in the Baptist heavens, says of the words "*eis aphasis hamartion*," in Acts 2: 38—"This clause states the motive or object which should induce them to *repent and be baptized*. It enforces the entire exhortation—not one part of it to the exclusion of the other."

To whom can our Baptist relatives appeal to settle such disagreements among their Doctors?

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### "REV. J. B. FERGUSON."

"The many friends of this able advocate of the Spiritual philosophy will be glad to learn that he is completely restored to health and is able