

## Address.

It has been thought desirable by the brethren here that I should publicly state my reasons for leaving another body of Christians, and for seeking fellowship with the College Street Baptist Church. Willingly do I accede to this. I believe that, like myself, there are many who from a careful study of God's word have been compelled to acknowledge the grievous error of "INFANT SPRINKLING," to regard immersion as the only Scriptural mode of Baptism, and believers the only subjects. Such feel it their duty to be baptized after the same manner as our Lord, but for reasons best known to themselves, hesitate to openly declare their convictions. I have therefore consented all the more readily to state my reasons for requesting Baptism at the hands of your pastor, in the hope that my example as well as my words may lead them to a like happy decision.

Many of you are aware that hitherto I have been connected with the people called Methodists. I have nothing unkind to say of that body of Christians. It is the church of my fathers, and by the preaching of the Gospel from one of its pulpits I was brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. I have therefore abundant cause to look upon it with respect and sincere regard. I have met with much sterling piety within its pale, with its members I have taken 'sweet counsel,' with its ministers I have laboured, and I do not hesitate to say that among them are to be found many of the "excellent of the earth." It is my opinion that from Methodism even Baptists may learn important lessons in Christian usefulness.

During the ten years I have worked with them as a local preacher I have had many happy seasons and I am hoping that when I meet my friends on the "golden shore," there will be amongst that vast multitude some who will greet me joyously and who will be my crown of rejoicing throughout eternity. Nevertheless, during my association with Methodism I could not be blind to the hurtful tendency of many of its prominent doctrines and