

insulting both God and men by such an objection as the above ; both the Lord of circumcision, and their fellow Christians, to say the least, have as earnest a desire to do the right and follow Christ as they have.

OBJECTION SIXTH.—“ But children may have all the advantages of religious instruction without baptism as well as with it.”

So also might this have been the case with the young proselytes and Israelites in the wilderness and in Canaan. But God in His infinite wisdom and love circumcised them first and baptized them, too, in the cloud and in the sea before giving them the advantages of religious instruction. Besides, the baptism of a real Christian adult confers not a single benefit or privilege which millions do not as fully enjoy without being immersed. And in the Scripture it is nowhere to be found that the apostles of our Lord were ever baptized before or after partaking of the Lord's Supper at or in the upper room with their Lord and Master. So much for the great force of the above objection ; like all the others, it has no solid ground on which it can be urged.

OBJECTION SEVENTH.—“ Christian baptism is a New Testament rite, but you argue as though it was an Old Testament institution.”

We inquire, who gave those separating names to the Scriptures, and what right have you to talk of Christian baptism ? Is such a term found in the Bible ? Preaching, praise and prayer are duties performed by all devout disciples of Christ, are they, therefore, what