

There was only one course left for those who determined not to leave their old moorings, and who were as fully determined not to tolerate as brethren any who rallied round the primitive standard. There was only one course that promised any sort of success to the friends of modern usages who set themselves in opposition to the friends of primitive usages. They saw it and pursued it with abundant zeal. It is expressed in one word—**MISREPRESENTATION**. Candour will enable us to say that some of the Baptist brethren, officiating as “clergymen,” doubtless misrepresented because they did not understand us, while equal candour justifies us in saying that others wilfully misrepresented. All who were under their ministerial power were piously warned against us, because we were said to believe in water regeneration—to reject the power of the Spirit of God—to disown the Divinity of Jesus Christ—to merit heaven by our own good actions—to act the part of Jesuits in breaking up churches and creating division—to cherish the spirit of captious controversy and critical wrangling—and that we were entitled to sundry other recommendations no better than these, which we have no leisure and as little desire at present to enumerate.

Whatever the motive, whatever the design, it is certain that these spiritual gentlemen, glorying in the name Baptist, did not tell what was true about the Disciples, their objects and their pleadings; and a great harvest of bitterness, fleshly jealousies, and unrighteous strifes grew out of their untruthful witnessings. But they added sin to sin; for these champions of opposition to reformation having devoutly created a full measure of prejudice against everything bearing the name of reform, and having set themselves in array to effect a separation between themselves as *regular* Baptists and the brethren whose only aim was to be *regular* Disciples of Christ, they had the assurance to charge the Disciples with the offence of making division!! To set this matter in a veritable as also a very interesting light, we quote a few sentences from the pen of brother J. Creath:—

“ I take this opportunity frankly to state, that I regard the Baptists to be constitutionally in the kingdom or Church of Jesus Christ, according to the New Testament, and am perfectly willing to fraternize with all of them, so far as their characters are moral and Christian, notwithstanding their peculiarities and their difference with us. And I furthermore state that I freely forgive them for all the injustice and injuries which they did me and my brethren. And I further state that as I do not intend nor desire to provoke controversy with the Baptists, so neither do I wish to court their favour; nor do we fear them. I proceed to