

constantly publishes it in Pengilly, by thousands of copies, and therefore endorses and desires its readers to believe it all sound and right in connection with John!

In indignant retort to the notion of indelicacy connected with their dipping, Mr. C. (p. 22), compares it to "Him who endured the cross, despising the SHAME," (the capitals are his). He remarks also, (p. 12), of a believer who had been "sprinkled as an infant. His heart may be glowing in the freshness of his first love, he may be earnestly seeking for some self-denying act, in which he could show his allegiance to Him who died for him. To be buried with Christ by baptism into death would be just the act which God would accept; but then (!) his parents stole a march on his faith and love, and got him sprinkled (!) while yet a babe (!)" According to this doctrine it would seem that the believer in his first love will have few opportunities of self-denial, or none, if he was sprinkled in infancy, or at least none like *that*—like the sword of Goliath. We unevangelical unimmersed Pædo-baptists *do* think, and even teach, that he will find many, plenty to occupy him still more serious, and constantly recurring.

Mr. C. concludes:—

"Should I rend some fond connection,  
Should I suffer pain and loss,  
Yet the fragrant, blest reflection—  
*I have been what a Jesus was—*  
Will revive me  
When I faint beneath the Cross."

The italics are Mr. C's. The virtues flowing from immersion appear very great, or Mr. C. and his brethren are very carnal, ritualistic, deluded, and [in more senses than one], dangerous. I have shown you his and his brethren's claims to be the true church and only evangelical body in the world; and some of the like methods they take to make them good. "A careful perusal of these pages may help to open the eyes of many on this matter."

I will conclude by another extract from Bunyan's treatise against the Close-Communionists, before quoted from. He begins that treatise thus:—

"Should thy lies make men hold their peace, and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee an answer?" Job xl. 2. 3.

And he says,—

"Where you are pleased to charge me with raging, for laying those eighteen particular crimes to the charge of such who exclude Christians from Church Communion," &c. "As to your saying that I proudly and imperiously insult, because I say they are babes and carnal that attempt to break the peace and communion of churches, though upon no better pretence than water; you must know I am still of that mind, and shall be so long as I see the effects that follow—viz., the breach of love, taking off Christians from the more weighty things of God, and to make them quarrel and have heartburnings one against another," &c., &c.

And the Lord says,—

That nation blessed is, whose God  
JEHOVAH is, and those  
A blessed people are, whom for  
His heritage he chose.

For unto them that do him fear  
God's mercy never ends;  
And to their children's children still  
His righteousness extends"

Ps. xxxiii, ciii..