

'Traducing and scandalizing may seem hard terms, but sir they are just. Your harsh and uncouth expressions evince it; here are a few of them to review:—"You Baptists," "hard-shell Baptists," "pliant professors, zig-zag in their reasoning," "unscrupulous fold-keepers," "twenty-eight thousand Baptists of Canada quarrelling and splitting into distinct fellowship on account of the Roman rigidity of some, and the waywardness and looseness of others."—"Baptist conversions not unfrequently effected independently of the gospel:"—(Who made thee a judge? and "who art thou that judgest another?") Revival meetings you stigmatize as "places full of noisy tumult and behalism:"—"rare specimens of praying, crying, groaning, shrieking, jerking, tumbling, and swooning," &c. &c. (you might with equal propriety have added "scratching and biting" as a climax to render the figure complete.) The last is a perfect caricature of protracted meetings as by us conducted. I can truly and unblushingly say, that I have NEVER seen any of this "*jerking, tumbling, swooning*" or their kindred qualities.

Than the above, therefore, *nothing*, so far as my experience and that of thousands of others goes, could be more libelously false. That there may have been, once on a time, some things done in some certain place not comporting with the law of order, I would not pretend to gainsay, but is it fair or just, I ask, to charge the many with the acts of the few. The invidious comparisons drawn by you between the disciples and the "*excellent spirits*," as you tauntingly call us, I shall pass over in sorrow and silence, only hoping that *all your conversions* may be wrought by the gospel alone, and that when brought to the test the *Campbellite Bible* may be found to want as little as the *Baptist Bible* (which will not be the case till Mr Campbell restores to his New Testament 1st John v. 7, which he has expunged.) Your strain of writing throughout shows that you regard the Disciples as perfect models! unparalleled and unmatched!! and so it may be, and if so, I can only exclaim: "No doubt *ye* are the men, and wisdom shall die with you."

Fraternally, Yours,

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Markham, Jan. 12th, 1850.

RESPONSE.

ELDER DAVIDSON: DEAR SIR:—I embrace a moment of leisure to make a few observations upon your letter of the 12th inst. Please, in the first place, accept my thanks, in having, amid many and pressing engagements, written in reply to the six letters I addressed to you; and in tendering this tribute of gratitude, permit me, in the best of good feeling, to offer a reflection or two upon what you have been pleased to communicate.

Your letter is considered by me, and will be regarded by others, as your best effort—an approved rejoinder to all that I have written.—This, doubtless, was not, on your part, intended; but it is so interpreted;