

in its nature only one witness. Yet from this circumstance, if denied, it could not be satisfactorily established however true; and there was the *possibility* of its not being correct after all, and of doing injustice. The Scripture rule is clearly the only safe one, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses let every word be established." But also from Mr. McNiell's explanation of the facts, which looked like the truth and from subsequent corroboration, it seems to me I have been misled, and that he has been really misrepresented in that matter; which I sincerely and much regret. And I now take the first suitable opportunity I have had of acknowledging this and much more widely than the statement complained of, including those, doubtless, to whom it was first made. Although, however, from the action of the *Canadian Baptist* Editor in then excluding my replies, who of course knew nothing of how far the communications he did publish were true or untrue; and from the grossly unwarrantable abuse Mr. McN. chose to add over and above his own defence there, I might fairly not have noticed the matter here; as certainly he unjustly said, and to those who would too readily believe all, much more unworthy things of me than my statement contained of him. I may here repeat *its* burden, which was, viz., "that after the young woman in answer to his inquiry had said that she did not consider herself converted yet, he then asked her if she was not thinking of joining the church (his own church by immersion understood), adding, that she knew if she wished the blessing she must use the means." Besides the specimens from his letter already given, he also remarked that he could "scarcely believe nature so bad that she could invent or make such mis-statements except they were elicited" by "the solicitations of her minister." In other words that I "solicited" her to "invent" false statements! What a man, what a minister must his Baptist readers suppose us to be,—capable of such conduct! From the different epithets, etc., used by him, it will be seen that my chastiser has wielded a heavy club, felling down his unfortunate Infant Baptist brother to the ground with every stroke; but whether in the spirit of the divine exhortation, "Render to no man evil for evil," and of Him "who when he was reviled reviled not again," we leave him and others to judge. It