

the chapel the next Lord's day, at four o'clock. Having heard that he was a good young man, a peace-maker, I resolved, if permitted, to hear. I afterwards heard that Elder Manning, a Particular Calvinistic Baptist Minister was to preach in the same chapel, immediately after the close of the other meeting. I attended, with some of our brethren, to hear the first named gentleman; he failed in his attendance; Mr. M. of course occupied the stand.

After singing he prayed, a minister's prayer (you know they generally consist in big words and much noise) he "took a text," Isa. xxix. 18—"In that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness." He proceeded, and presented several interesting truths as to the day of which the prophet spoke. Secondly, the way in which the deaf are made to hear, and the blind to see, &c. viz. by the *irresistible direct* influence of the spirit. In discussing this point he quoted two passages of scripture, and perverted both! The first was, John iii. 5, and read it thus—"Except a man be born of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." *He left out the word "water,"* and then told us that he did not coin the passage; "it is," said he, "in the book;" you know the amount of truth in this assertion.

The next scripture was, 2 Cor. iv. 6, "For God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

The word *our* he knew would apply to the Apostles, consequently threw it out, and substituted *your*, to make it apply to the people!! Here is a man whom many think has "renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully," but faithfully. If they will not read their bibles more, they will be under the necessity of having it so.

To confirm the doctrine further, he related the conversion of some Colonel who had lived with a prostitute some years, to whose heart the spirit carried the word from his lips; such is the experience of all God's people, said he, and quoted Gal. i. 8, 9, "But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel," &c. And then closed with saying much about the "whims" of men, in which all understood his allusions.

You know, brother, that God's people with this gentleman are those who have experienced irresistible operations whether they do or do not rob honest men, by unjustly holding their property in meeting houses!

In the above you see the foundation of *his* gospel and its evidences; the *experience of the people and perverted scriptures!!* The scene was concluded. Mrs. Doyle invited him home; but he asked, "Where have you gone to?" "Not far astray, Sir." "*Hush, hush*, no more of that, you are only adding sin to sin;" then fled. On the evening of the same day I wrote the letter you received from me for insertion. You will please insert this also, that your readers may know the circumstances that called it forth.

I have seen some remarks in the "Christian Messenger" on my letter, and other matters connected therewith, in which truth is stabbed