

Society for certain grants to defray expenses incurred in translating portions of the Scriptures into foreign tongues. The appeal made was not responded to, because the translators, among other liberties taken by them, invariably translated the term baptism into immerse. This caused a secession from the original American Bible Society of a great part of the Baptist denomination, who forthwith organized themselves and assumed the style and title of the American and Foreign Bible Society.

Lately the Rev. Dr. Cone and some others undertook a new translation of the Scriptures into English. This they completed, and, hurried on to procure stereotype plates. The principal feature of the translation was in every case to make the term baptize into immerse, and nothing else, wherever it occurred in reference to the ordinance of baptism. They submitted their proceedings to the Board, hoping, that having gone so far, the Board would concur therein. But, to the credit of the Board, the whole affair was repudiated, and strong condemnatory resolutions were passed by them. No one who thinks and feels aright, can do otherwise than reprobate any attempt at tampering with the Holy Scriptures. Some few verbal improvements, perhaps might be made; but if a beginning be tolerated who can predict the end? For every necessary purpose, it is on all hands admitted, the present version is as good as can be desired. The alteration contemplated by Dr. Cone would certainly be everything but an improvement, falsifying the oracles of God."

THE LIGHT OF NATURE.—The celebrated Mr. Hume wrote an essay on the sufficiency of the light of nature; and the no less celebrated Robertson wrote on the necessity of revelation, and the insufficiency of the light of nature. Hume came one evening to visit Robertson, and the evening was spent in conversing on this subject. The friends of both were present; and it is said that Robertson reasoned with unaccustomed clearness and power. Whether Hume was convinced by his reasonings, or not, we cannot tell; but at any rate he did not acknowledge his convictions. Hume was very much of a gentleman; and as he was about to depart, bowed politely to those in the room, while, as he retired through the door, Robertson took the light to show him the way. Hume was still facing the door: "O, sir," said he to Robertson, "I find the light of nature always sufficient;" and he continued, "Pray don't trouble yourself, sir," and so he bowed on. The street door was open; and presently, as he bowed along the entry, he stumbled over something concealed, and pitched down stairs into the street. Robertson ran after him with a light; and as he held it over him, whispered, "You had better have a little light from above, friend Hume." And raising him up, he bade him good-night, and returned to his friends.

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