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Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School, where with cate-  
chisms and teachers I was instructed in all the leading  
doctrines and beliefs of that church : and which made so  
deep an impression on my mind, that for years after I had  
experienced the pardoning love of God, I looked upon all  
other denominations of christians as being a deluded, tho'  
well-meaning people. And consequently never went near  
any of them, no, not even to try to put them right. And  
as for the Baptists, the thought never came into mind that  
perhaps they were right : for I believe I should have pro-  
ferred going to a Jews' synagogue to one of their churches  
and for that reason never went to hear them for myself,  
but believed all that the different preachers said of them ;  
and as they all told one tale, being all Methodists, I of  
course believed all were right, especially when they told  
me, that John Wesley said so : for that made it unques-  
tionably true. I continued unmoved in all those doctrines  
taught by the pious and learned, but *fallible* founder of  
Methodism, till after I believed it to be my duty to preach  
the gospel of Christ to others ; and then in consequence  
of having none of John Wesley's works to go to, and be-  
ing unable to purchase any, I was of necessity compelled  
to examine my *bible*, in order to obtain what I needed to  
preach to the people. On examining the Scriptures, I  
found it impossible to prove from them, the truth of all  
those doctrines I had been taught to believe were the *only*  
true doctrines of the *bible* : and consequently had to give  
them up, for others which I considered were plainly taught  
in that book. And thus my sentiments became changed  
on points of doctrine.

But *baptism*, was a thing that did not appear at all to  
concern me, as I considered the baptism of the Holy Ghost  
was all that was required: and believing I had received  
that, the other I looked upon as a "nonessential," not worth  
looking after.

To the second part of your question, I answer, while li-  
ving in Alexander, D. C. in the United States, I formed a  
slight acquaintance with the Rev. S. — C —, the Bap-  
tist minister of that city, who informed me that on a certain  
day, he was going to baptize some persons "*in the river*,"  
and requested me to attend. I promised him to do so; but  
had it not been for my word's sake, I should not have done  
it, for many-a-time before the day arrived, did I repent my  
bargain. The day and hour came—I bent my course to-