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For the Tennessee Baptist. THE BIBLE UNION AND THE SOUTH. Mr. Horton:— I regret that I am compelled, by a sense of duty, to ask of you a plain and unvarnished reply to an editorial in the "Western Recorder," of the 9th instant; and I more especially regret it, first, because, the fact that my former article appearing in your paper, has given special attention to the editor of the Recorder, as I apprehend, from the sardonic thrusts at you, made by him in that paper; and secondly, because such is the temper and verbiage of his article, that it is almost impossible to refuse its sagacity, or to resist its unfounded allegations and assumptions without seeming to partake too much of the spirit and temper of his author.

That Brother persuades himself, and tries to persuade others, that he is the most gentle, urbane and sweet-tempered spirit in all the land. When he prepares his most bitter, vindictive and unflattering articles, he is sure to assure them all over, with self-lauding saliva, professional meanness and party. When he makes a thrust at the heart of his victim, he seems to hide the point of his venomous shaft with an apple, an orange or something of the sort, that he may make the sucker blow, and hide his real intention behind such a semblance; but who reads his articles and fails to see the utter incongruity between his professions and his acts? Who reads his articles without being reminded of the fabled man, whom the Dervis expelled from his cell, because he blew hot and cold breath out of the same mouth? rather who is not reminded of the condemnation pronounced by the Holy Spirit against the mouth from which proceedeth blessing and cursing?

Now, sir, you and your readers know, that no direct charge was brought, either against Dr. Maclay or the Board of the Revision Association, but knowing Dr. Maclay to be the Agent of the Bible Union, and believing that the President of the board had given himself to the advocacy of the Bible Union, several other Bible organizations, I asked, as a Southern man, and a friend to Revision, whether Dr. Maclay's Agency was really a two-fold or single one. Whether his agency for the Revision Association was not a mere appendage to his commission from the Bible Union, to enable him to secure life memberships for the Union in the South. This was no covert charge nor "insinuation"—it was a plain question concerning a state of fact, and about which I had a right to inquire, and to expect a plain and candid reply. But the editor chooses to answer this plain question, and heaps all sorts of opprobrium upon me for asking it.

So far from answering my question, he speaks, of the confidence the Board of the Revision Association has in Dr. Maclay: "We venture in their behalf to take the responsibility of saying, that they will continue, without the slightest reservation, the venerable Maclay as their General Agent, and that they will hold themselves accountable to God and mankind for his conduct in that capacity." Now as I understand this language, its import is—that the Board of the Revision Association will make no explanations concerning the nature or extent of Dr. Maclay's Agency—be it to do as he pleases, under their commission, and the President for the rest of the Board, binds himself to vindicate him. He may go on for the period of his agency to get all the life members to the Union, in the South, that he can; if the thing can be kept secret until the Revision is perfected, and as the Revision Association then dissolves, their Board will be willing to avow themselves as Union men. This is not a forced construction of the Recorder's language; it is justified—ah forced upon us by other passages in his article, and by the whole course of the editor since 1850.

In proof that I have not forced upon the language of the Recorder an unwarrantable construction, I refer the reader to a few passages in the article itself. Referring to Dr. Maclay's agencies in the south, he says: "For nearly twenty years, he has been the principal laborer in that region for the very cause in which he is now employed." Here it is plainly avowed that Dr. Maclay is employed to effect in the south the very thing for which he has heretofore labored, for nearly twenty years. And what was the cause for which he labored, but to found a Southern Society by securing money and life-memberships in the south! This is quite plain enough; and shows that our apprehensions as to the object of his appointment by the Board of the Revision Association, was not ill founded. It is then to build up a Southern Society in the south, and not to perfect a Revision of the English Scriptures, that Dr. M. is preferred to a Southern Society; and yet Southern revisionists must hold their peace, or indict against the Editor of the Recorder a state of consciousness, no rabid, as to ramify through his composition such a set of verbiage, as classes his opponents with the vilest sinners upon the face of the earth. What a private he should be thus afflicted! But in Dr. Maclay engaged now in the identical business which employed him in the south previously to 1851? Who affirms it? The fact that we suppose it possible that Dr. Maclay is acting under a double commission—that while he acts under a commission from the Board of the Revision Association, he may be taking life-members for the Bible Union, is avowed and vilified by the Recorder as the vilest and most unbecoming of a virtual impeachment of the honesty, both of the Dr. and the Board employing him. Let us examine this feature of the case. It is known to all concerned, that previously to the establishment of the Bible Union, Dr. Maclay was the Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, that he came to the south at such, and that while in Kentucky in 1848 and '49, acted under

a commission of the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society, taking life-members for the American and Foreign Bible Society. He did the same also in the Bethel Association. These two societies were dissolved. The Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society dissolved her relations to the American and Foreign Bible Society in 1850, claimed all that remained unpaid, on the life-memberships, obtained by Dr. M. under his former agency; and, if I understand the reports of the Kentucky Society, has appropriated all that has been collected on these American and Foreign Bible Society's life-memberships, to the Bible Union, the antagonist of the society for which they were secured, and all this has been done under the eye, and as I apprehend, by the advice of the President of the Board of the Revision Association. The case in the Bethel Association resulted differently. The Board in New York has received all that has been paid on the life-memberships in its bonds. Now I ask, if Dr. Maclay has done the former in the dry tree, if it is not fair to suppose that he will do the latter in the green tree? And I ask if it is a greater crime to suspect him of a disposition to repeat the act, than it was for him to perform it in the first instance?

Once more, the Recorder premises that these suspicions as to Dr. M.'s agency is because he is suspected of "acting covertly against Southern societies and societies."—This was intended for an "unconscious" thrust at, as he supposed, some one whom he called brother, deriving a salary from a Southern Society. But however clairvoyant he may be at times, he never would have imagined that an upright and open-handed prosecution of the agency of the Revision Association, according to its constitution, by Dr. Maclay, could have, in any way, militated against "Southern societies or salaries;" and the fact that he has thus charged, is a clear development of his own intentions, and of the expected result of the good Doctor's agency. He was "unconscious" of letting this secret out, but its nature is stamped upon the face of it.

HN H. THURMOND, 124, 1853.

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Letters Received.

- H Z Ardis and remittance
B O Allen and remittance
J C Ayer
O Anderson and remittance
C Alexander and remittance
A Allgood and remittance
B A Allington
E H Blackmore and remittance
L H Bethel 3, and remittance in each
W M Barnett and remittance
C Baker
P P Benson
J M Billingsly: we send you all best wishes...

Subscription Report.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries for A O Alexander, E G Allen, L H Bethel, D M Bell, C J Berryman, W D Crenshaw, A Connell, J M Crawford, W M Crenshaw, J B Evans, R E Estes, F D Fife, W M Fox, H J Herring, J H Hodges, M L D McSwain, W M Hatcher, C L Cato, W M Mabry, J M Murray, J P Newman, G W Parrott, J P Newman, R D D Bell, J L Sanderson, J E Summers, T M H Turner, C Williams, J B Whitton.

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W. M. C. BUCK, Cor. Sec. B. S. B. C.

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NOTICE.

Where do they dwell? In the waters of life...

There do they dwell, in the waters of life...

Our High Priest.

Childhood.

These bright and gentle maidens.

Breast the wave, Christian.

THE GRASPABLE ARGUMENT.

SCENE I.—THE PARSON'S STUDY.

walked the floor of his study, under the influence of deep agitation.

SCENE II.—THE CHRISTIAN'S CLOSET.

SCENE III.—THE PRAYER-MEETING.

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