

The Baptism of Christ.

To the Advocate
What does it mean? What was the object of the Son of Man in seeking baptism at the hands of John? This question can be of no little importance...

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we do that God's Spirit has moved upon us to take the step. IV. Next let us inquire into the cause of this evil. We believe the cause is the love of this world, the love of popularity, of worldly pleasure. "Where our hearts are, there our eyes will be also," says the Lord. "If we are not perfectly consistent with the Word of God to say, Where our hearts are there will our conversation be also? There is no avoiding this, for Jesus plainly says: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." What we love we love to think of, and what we love to think of, of that we delight to talk. Then our conversation most clearly shows what our affections are.

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A Question of Discipline.

In reply to Rev. Oscar M. Addison's article, under the above heading, in the ADVOCATE of May 31, in which he so kindly proposes to "assist me in setting forth this matter in its true light..."

The wording of the article quoted from the Discipline is plain, and to my mind, not ambiguous; it pronounces in emphatic terms the complete suspension of any deacon or elder who ceases to travel without the consent of the annual conference...

This statement Bro. Addison calls "a singular utterance, and in reply says: "No desertion of post, or neglect of duty can put the preacher under the ban of suspension until after proper judicial action begins..."

If we recognize the right and duty of the church to arrest offenders against its rules, which right none can question, then the question is, how is it to be squared before us, by what method of procedure should the arrest be made?

Let us try this rule by the analogy furnished us in its application to a local preacher. The law provides that he shall be amenable to the quarterly conference of the annual conference...

Again, the law provides that a traveling preacher who may be located by accident, and without his consent, shall have a certificate of his location, and that his membership shall be reckoned with the quarterly conference of the charge last served by him...

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