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THE CONSEQUENCES OF A SLIGHT DEPARTURE.

A week or two ago we made a note of the fact that the Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, an open-communion Baptist minister of New York, had "sprinkled a sick person in a Roman Catholic asylum."

As a matter of course, our pedit-Baptist brethren are delighted with Mr. Smith's conduct, and are pouring copious plials of compli-ment upon him for his wonderful performance.

As we said at the time of our first notice, we are glad Bro. Smith has gone as far as he has. We only have to regret that he still claims to be a Baptist preacher.

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exception, vigorously defend the great principles of the denomination. We have as yet failed to see a word in a Baptist paper either North or South in defence of these would-be leaders into error.

with a thousand forms of human folly and human weakness. We have at times feared that they were charac-terized by too much of tolerance and charity for the erring and erratic of their section.

But why should not the Rev. J. Hyatt Smith have done just this thing? It is precisely what might have been expected from him, if he had the courage of his convictions.

We have italicized a sentence in the above extract because it contains a great and important fact that should be carefully read by every Baptist in the land.

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CIVILIZATION AND SALVA-TION.

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But, if Christ intended that His gospel should be preached to all the nations and peoples of the world, and that the Word preached should be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that those who were awakened and enlightened by that Spirit should be led to faith and repentance, and by such faith and repentance be con-verted and saved, then Christianity is not a failure, but the grandest success that God in all the wonders of His power and grace has accom-plished.

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PERSONAL & OTHER ITEMS.

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