

WORDS OF A WISE MAN

Solomon rightly observed that “The tongue of a wise man uttereth knowledge aright” (Prov. 15:2). Those who heed the words of the wise will save themselves from many mistakes and sorrows.

Dr. Robert Richardson was one of the pioneer preachers of our back to the Bible movement. He was a medical doctor, but also an effective educator and teacher of God’s Word. He was closely associated with Thomas and Alexander Campbell and a faculty member at Campbell’s Bethany College. Richardson wrote extensively for the **Millennial Harbinger** and published three books the most notable of his “**Memoirs of Alexander Campbell.**”

Recently I came across the following quote from Dr. Richardson. Although first written 140 years ago, it needs to be repeated for today’s church.

“People are wont to admire a speaker who uses high flowing words above their comprehension. They think the stream is deep because they cannot see the bottom, and do not consider that it is owing to its muddiness.”

These words describe the response of many gullible brethren to the pronouncements of the doctors of theology of the change movement. They seem to think because a man has attained a terminal degree from a secular or denominational university, he must therefore be a Bible scholar. The doctors of change, aspiring to be recognized as profound theologians, fill their lectures and pages with the murky theobabble of the seminary. Error and truth are mingled together and presented as God’s message. Brethren, not recognizing their pedantry and convinced that they are learned men, nod their assent, say amen and blindly follow these blind guides into the ditch of error (Matt. 15:14). JHW