

the position of the "disciples" in relation to a number of points. Any thing not clearly expressed could be explained.

Mr. D. as an honorable man and an intelligent Baptist Minister is respectfully invited to state for the benefit of all concerned, wherein the views set forth agree with, or differ from, those which he has received and taught.

That your matter and manner are perfect and complete, wanting nothing, I presume you will not affirm. But what of this. Mr. D. could tell his own story in his own way. He may, and it rather appears he does, regard the "disciples" as a company of cavilling, captious, incorrigibly discordant spirits. He is mistaken. The best of them ardently long for peace. They are aware however that the only peace worth having is the result of intelligence—of spiritual illumination; and therefore until all "see eye to eye" they wish "to prove all things," in order to "hold fast that which is good."

When Mr. D. instead of embracing the offered opportunity to promote *that peace* which on all hands is so truly desirable, gave vent to mere childishness about his aversion to controversy, his easily hurt feelings &c.—and when on the contrary, I saw in his letter from beginning to end genuine spiritual pride and true clerical haughtiness and contempt—I confess my spirit was stirred within me, and thus I have delivered myself.

May the Lord in his infinite mercy pardon all our offences—show us to ourselves as we really are—and make us what we ought to be.

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The tone of the above needs no commendation—its logic and point are in advance of praise. The whole article reflects credit upon the head and heart of the writer. The gospel was and is a message of "good-will to men," and we fondly trust that we shall be able to exhibit in this paper a portion of divine good-will, notwithstanding all our controversy.

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POPULAR CHRISTIANITY—OR
THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION COUNTERFEITED.

No. II.

By the beginning of the seventh century, as intimated in our No. I on this subject, popular christianity so far triumphed over the christianity of the New Testament, that it succeeded in making an earthly Head for the church and placing him upon a new throne in the city of