

enced, or his practice governed, by any human authority, but by the word of God alone, which shall here be plainly and fully laid before him." the same time I would exhort my reader, to allow his mind to be influenced by the word of God ALONE."

"The first place of Scripture where the ordinance of Baptism is found, describes the mission, preaching, and baptizing of John, the harbinger of Christ. As all the four evangelists have given us some account of John and his practice, I shall take the fullest information from them all, and present it to the reader in its proper connexion." "As the Scriptures give us no earlier information on this important subject, we shall begin with the mission, preaching, and baptizing of John, the forerunner of Jesus Christ. And as all the evangelists are prepared to give us some account of John, and the method he pursued, we will hear each one in the order in which they stand in the New Testament, and get all the information we can."

"There are two inquiries which I will suppose you, my reader, are desirous to have answered by every place of Scripture laid before you.

I. What description of persons were admitted to Baptism in those days; and,

II In what manner was this ordinance administered. Whether adults only, professing to be awakened to their spiritual concerns, or with them also their infant children;—and whether they received this ordinance by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion."

"I shall now suppose that you, my reader, are desirous of knowing from Scripture, what description of persons were admitted to Baptism in those days; and in what manner this ordinance was performed, whether by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion."

I have now advanced as far as your sixth page, and have produced five quotations, so nearly agreeing with Pengilly, that they do look like children of one family. But, let these examples suffice at present, to bring to your remembrance, Pengilly's Scripture Guide. Other specimens, in the course of the letter, I shall have to exhibit. But, is it not inconsistency with a witness, after condemning so loudly the opinions of men, and making so much blustering about Mr. R. quoting from "*Fathers, Professors and Doctors*," that at the same time you should be servilely copying from a "*fallible*" publication.

Not in a very *reverend* or proper manner, do you tell us, that you have but one REVEREND to refer to, whereas, we scarcely open your book, but the Reverend Mr. Pengilly's words are evidently copied. You have not read indeed, the "talented" Watson or Dr. A. Clarke, for "Christ has no where told you any thing about searching their writings." Pray who told you to search Pengilly's writings? Or if you are allowed to quote, may not another enjoy the same liberty. You know that to Mr. P. you are largely indebted; indeed but for his work instead of your pamphlet being "the production of little more than a week," I am doubtful whether you would have presented it to us in a YEAR. A great deal of the best portions of your work is from the American Scripture Guide—all the calumny is yours—all the abuse is your own.