

*qualifying believers for doing the will of God.* To limit the Governor of the universe to this single method of extending his kingdom, is to me as unphilosophical, as it is unscriptural. But all this comes of advocating a theory. The work of a minister of Christ is to *convert*—not to publish the theory of conversion. Believers who differ much as to the theory, may cordially agree in the *means* to be employed in conversion! If then you could prevail on such brethren to keep their respective theories to themselves, and to preach, and to pray, and to act as did the first Ministers of Christ, you would in my judgment, perform a good work. That you may greatly succeed in your efforts, to “destroy what is human, and to restore what is divine,” is the earnest desire of

A DISCIPLE.

## REMARKS.

Turning my face towards you, friend “Disciple,” allow me to say, in the first place, that it neither requires much talent nor much force of reasoning to display great ability in the affair of fault finding. So easy is it, and so fully is the spirit of this faculty exercised, that not unfrequently we find persons who will bring the writings of inspiration into condemnation.

In the second place, I am not prepared to consider that I should be responsible for the errors of others, if, indeed, others be guilty. One edition of errors is enough for any one man; and therefore I am not willing to carry another’s burden when it is not to ‘fulfil the law of Christ.’ A man is not to be held accountable for the astronomical calculations of an almanac because he reads an anecdote from its pages: as little do I feel responsible for any thing erroneous in the pages from which I extracted. Although I speak in this style, yet,

In the third place, you have not with all your labour and effort, pointed out to me any error of a very alarming growth. In more than one instance indeed you disfigure and misrepresent, arising, as I presume, not from any hatred or enmity, but from the wafted mists of partiality and prejudice: and yet so elasticly gentle are the instruments with which you have pierced ‘our author’ that I entertain the best hopes of his recovery without the assistance either of surgeon or apothecary.

In the fourth place, no Christian approves of limiting the ‘Governor of the universe’ either in the means of conversion or in accomplishing any other great work his wisdom has devised and his power is to achieve. But where he has limited himself, I see no evil resulting from a knowledge of this limitation, and a cordial acquiescence in it. Where God draws the infallible and unerring circle, and says, ‘Hitherto shalt thou come and no further,’ we immediately sin when we overstep this boundary. It may be however, that you have dwelt in the land of anxious seats, or have worn a Quaker’s greatcoat, or received a very full scent of