

You will be at no loss to perceive, Mr. Editor, that I have in these remarks had my eye on a paper which lately appeared in the *Magazine*, from which also I have taken the liberty to draw my illustrations. Your readers, indeed, are not likely henceforth to be troubled by the insertion of similar performances. But you may, notwithstanding, think proper to insert this as an antidote to what is only dangerous from its meeting the reader's eye in a journal, professedly devoted to the service of enlightened religion.

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Having read an article in the *Magazine* of May, and also in that of June, written by Hoyes Lloyd, to expose and correct, as he says, the erroneous and extravagant statements in the Circular Letter on Ministerial Education, and having examined the productions, I consider that the writer evinces a readiness to conceal or distort known truths, to deduce unwarranted inferences, and to deny well-sustained conclusions. There is likewise a vein of unkindness and censoriousness pervading his language, and a proneness to insinuate and cast reflections, mingled with feelings of pique and ill will. Therefore both his letters are properly subjected to a rigid scrutiny.

I am not apprehensive that the unwarrantable attacks of Mr. L. will in the least injure the Tutor or the College, where Mr. L.'s character is known; but a stranger, from his erroneous statements, may form false conclusions. The personality of the invectives which he has so freely used, shall not so much have my attention, as the glorious truths he has vilified, traduced, and misrepresented, and which are precious to every godly Minister. After much

banter and sarcasm, Mr. L. recommends, at the close of his first letter, that those who preach Christ crucified should be taught the trade of taylor, tent-makers, carpenters, doctors, &c. To smooth the way, and lead the reader by degrees into a pernicious belief, he has compiled such a heap of trades with some acknowledged truth, quotations, and arguments, to make a show of sincerity and truth, and to stun the understanding of the reader, and to bring him at last to believe and embrace an error. I shall, therefore, attempt to state the truth and confute error, and enforce the duty of giving education to pious young men of talents, who are coming forward to the Gospel Ministry; and likewise the duty of supporting the Ministry of the word. And in doing so, I shall avail myself of some assistance from those authors who have written upon the subject; and if any thing in my animadversion on the spirit manifested by Mr. L. in his letters shall awaken his conscience, or mortify his pride, he has no man to blame but himself. Upon the supposition that what Mr. L. did was just and right, others might be doing what is just and right to follow his example; and if all the churches in Canada were to follow his example, what a country our's would be? There would be immediately "strife and envyings, and where these things are, there is every evil work."

But to turn from cavils, which scarcely admit of serious replies; whatever opinion Mr. L. entertains of the Tutor of the Theological Institution, I firmly believe that he is engaged in a good cause in promoting the education of young men for the ministry; and I cannot but indulge the fond hope, that all the Baptist Churches in Canada will become more and more awakened to the importance of the grand object. The time has arrived when education is