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Letter from Mr. FRASER to a Preacher of Irvingism.

[It is the province of a religious Periodical, not only to circulate knowledge and inculcate truth, but also to expose and refute error, especially when it appears in a form and in circumstances which threaten danger to the community. As the sentiments opposed by our brother Fraser appear to us of this description, we readily give insertion to his letter, and earnestly entreat those who have listened to these errors, and feel inclined to embrace them, from a love of novelty or any other cause, to bring them to the test of Scripture, and humbly, earnestly, and prayerfully to compare them with the law and the testimony, and thus "try the spirits, whether they be of God."]

BREDALBANE, August 4, 1837.

MY DEAR SIR,—As one that loves our Lord Jesus Christ, and the cause for which he bled and died, and who personally heard you making erroneous and dangerous statements about the nature of that atonement made by the Son of God upon the cross, I address to you these few lines, aiming, I humbly hope, at the divine glory, and the general weal of my race. In doing this, I observe—

1. That your new and unscriptural system

is full of the most horrid blasphemies that could be uttered against the Son of God. Here let Mr Irving, the late founder of your sect, speak for himself in reference to Christ's humanity. He says, "Every variety of human passion, every variety of human affection, every variety of human error, every variety of human wickedness, which hath been realized, was inherent in his humanity.*" This is one of the most daring, the most unqualified, and the greatest blasphemies that ever came from the pen or the lips of any mortal being, bearing the Christian name. Yea, does it not equal the blasphemies of the notorious Richard Carlile himself? Again, says he: "By the power which *Christ in flesh of sin* put forth to condemn sin in the flesh"— "that he condescended through the faculties of the human soul to commune with every impious, ungodly, and blasphemous chamber of the fallen intellect and feelings of man—that he possessed a diabolical feeling of self-sufficiency and independency upon God—that he had a law in his members warring against the law of his mind." Alas! alas! what proof of the perversion and general depravity of our human nature, that we thus find a man of great talent and education, a Christian teacher and the leader of a sect, and that in the metropolis of Great Britain, so zealously employed in defaming the holy one of God, the Saviour of the world. But as

* Letter to Mr. Irving, by Mr. Duncan, p. 2; Irving's Discourses, vol. 1. 140, xxxi. ib. 155; ib. 164; Last Days, p. 44; Mr. Colo's Letter, p. 8.