

your arm possess the muscular power to wield a lance that can pierce me. All your darts will be counted as stubble.

As you use no ceremony towards any man, so neither shall I use any toward you ; but will point out to you, the inaccuracies, the inconsistencies, and deeply sorry am I to add, *untruths*, contained in your *notes* on Scripture, in your charges against others, and in the abusive remarks with which your work is so richly interlarded.

Title-Page. The Retort.

In your plan of aggression, you seem to lay peculiar stress, upon a little harmless sarcasm ; hence, I find you carping at the *title* of Mr. R.'s publication. Allow me however to introduce you a third time to the public.

Question. My first question is, do you think that Mr. Richey's "*Short and scriptural method with antipedobaptists*," sustains its title.

Answer. It certainly does not ; but that may be owing to a *typographical error*, for if the letter "*D*" was struck out of the second word, and *T I* inserted in its stead, it would then *strikingly* sustain its title.*

Take breath, Sir, for this flourish must have sadly wearied you. No doubt you regarded this, as a fine stroke of wit and having written it, congratulated yourself on the prowess of your pen ; and having obtained so signal a victory, you triumphed to think, that the large letter *D*, and the formidable *T I*, would "extort a smile from the face of gravity." You have stated positively, that the work does not sustain its title. I shall very soon show from your own testimony that you are incompetent to judge in the affair ; but forgetting this for a moment, I will give you credit for the sincerity of your assertion ; let me, however, state for your satisfaction, that while you may not think that Mr. Richey has touched Mr. Crawley's leading arguments on the mode of Baptism, there are some "*intelligent*" readers, who not only think that he has touched them, but that the touch, is like that of Itluriel's spear. Having animadverted so freely on the title of Mr. R.'s work, you will not I hope, demur, if I slightly examine yours. It is called a *reply* to Mr. R.'s work.

Now, Sir, by your own words, I shall prove it is no such thing. In your introduction you plainly tell us, that "you will not attempt to follow Mr. R.'s 'strictures' through that intricate maze" &c. Marvellous ! Your title page informs us, that you will give "a reply" ; we turn over, and lo ! your preface informs us, that you will not even *attempt* a reply. What, Sir, am I to understand that you can perform a thing, without attempting to do it ? Again, "You no doubt expected at the commencement, that I should have replied to Mr. Richey's pamphlet, in a manner quite different from what I have done ; but this I could not do

* Christian Baptism, p. 86.