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Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God —Peter. On this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it —*The Lord Messiah*

REVIEW OF MR. M'CARTNEY'S PAMPHLET, ENTITLED "PRIMITIVE CHRISTIANITY DISPLAYED" &c.

MANY and various have been the opinions expressed in reference to Mr. M'Cartney's pamphlet, of 46 pages, which we have just re-published in *The Christian*. The first opinion was that it was an enemy to education—that it encouraged an ignorant, unlettered ministry, making the wives of private christians their most suitable tutors! The second opinion was that it was the production of an enemy to the ministry; that is, opposed to any one devoting their time, talents and influence exclusively to the dissemination of the truth. And a third was, that the author supposed that those who possessed the necessary qualifications for teachers, must also have the ability to take care of their families, superintend their business, and indeed give such attention to all their worldly concerns as to have it in their power to be hospitable and kind in every point of view, and yet spend much of their time in the study of the oracles of God—visiting the sick—looking after the erring, wandering, etc.: this was thought impracticable, if not inconsistent. On the other hand, some have given their entire and most unqualified approval of the production as a whole; they believe that Mr. M'C. has hit upon the ancient model, which, if received and practically carried out, would be the most effectual means of overthrowing the kingdom of Anti-Christ, the dominance of Priestcraft, and the grasping covetousness of the Clergy. For our own part we highly approve of the apparent *design* of the writer. When a man has a good object in view, and keeps self in the back ground, though we may not approve of his doctrine as a whole, we cannot but respect the man, and hope for good results. Mr. M'C. was no doubt surrounded by men in a clerical garb, who with assumed sanctity—because they were in possession of a classical education, and had taken a degree in a theological school—considered themselves therefore as the only qualified teachers of christianity, and the divine right of a comfortable, genteel, and liberal support! With us, however, this is but a supposition. We know nothing of Mr. M'Cartney: this is the only production coming under our notice with his name, neither do we know any thing of his