

A PAMPHLET ON Baptism by the Rev. W. A. McKay, B.A., of Woodstock, has been put into my hands. At the request of quite a number of friends I propose to give it a review, not because I think it of any scholarly worth, but because it is fitted to impose on the ignorant and careless and because, also, a reply to it will be an answer to productions of a similar kind which are being freely circulated. I regret exceedingly that the author of this pamphlet, for whom I have had a high regard, has been betrayed into a bitterness of style which is sadly out of keeping with the sacred work of defending or advancing the truth. To seek to carry a point by appeals to prejudice is miserable work, with which I propose to have nothing to do. Neither have I any ill words to speak of the denomination to which the author belongs, and which in his harsh spirit, I should hope he misrepresents. Their loyalty to what they believe to be true I respect, while compelled to think them in error on some points. I recognize, also, in all denominations true and noble men, with the friendship of some of whom I am honored. Any barrier to the fullest communion with them gives me pain and the time when the last one is removed by the universal prevalence of the whole truth, is contemplated with the keenest pleasure. But while this is true, and I believe that Baptists generally share with me in this feeling, we think ourselves compelled to act upon a principle well expressed in this pamphlet, that "liberality to error is treason to the truth." I shall therefore show no mercy on fallacies, or misrepresentations, or boastful pretensions of superiority in scholarship to the great men of the past and present. If this should give an air of severity to some parts of the discussion I cannot help it.