

ments I have no wish either to injure the character of Mr. McGregor or retard the usefulness of the Society. Far from it. My desire is, that in the farther investigation of this unpleasant matter you may be successful in rectifying those abuses which appear in the working of the Society, and in preventing the dissemination of erroneous sentiments by any of its professed agents.

I am, Dear Sir,
Very sincerely yours, &c.,
ROBT. JOHNSON.

REV. DR. BURNS.

A remark or two I would offer on the above. Mr. Johnson was called upon by Mr. Macgregor on the day after he had been with me, and while he was correct in saying that I was satisfied, he carefully abstained from the most distant reference to my "scruples," two years before; my renewed "scruples" when Franklin appeared in 1851, on which occasion I gave effect to them by refusing him my pulpit; and my reemring "scruples" now, which nothing but the decidedly favorable statements of Mr. Jennings had removed. It was indeed politic in the young man to conceal all this; and yet why is a perfectly fair and honest case incapable of being tried by a very simple test? Mr. Johnson happened to hit *on the very objection* started by me, and it would have been very natural for a *really accredited* agent to have adverted to the rather curious fact that two ministers had, unknown to one another, happened to light on the very same ground of suspicion; and he would naturally have set himself to remove it. Whether the subscription is after all a genuine one may perhaps never be fully ascertained, but assuredly no blame *can* attach to any one for entertaining suspicions of it. Mr. Johnson had not the advantage I had, for he had never seen Dr. Milledoler nor his handwriting; and yet he did not like the aspect of the document.

The want of *all other* instrumentalities for promoting his object—such as reports, addresses, &c., struck Mr. Johnson just as it struck me. Not a single report had he to shew me. At length he brought me one, and he said that he had another; but when I expressed my surprise at his acting so differently from all other agents whom I had ever seen, his replies were very evasive and unsatisfactory.

Of the impressions made on the minds of other ministers in the city, the public may perhaps learn something yet; but it is proper to state that Mr. Roaf, the pastor of the Church in which the offensive appearance was made, was in England at the time; and I rather think that the ministers of the various Episcopal and Methodist Churches, and of the Church of Scotland, were not consulted in the matter.

R. B.