

us, but the great question, and the only question, is—*Did Peter preach the truth as it is in Jesus?* Mr. A. says he never alluded to original sin, and thinks it a sin that he did not; Mr. B. is mortified that he had no terrors of the law in his sermon; Messrs. C. and D. object to it because he wholly omitted to explain the operation of the Spirit; Mr. E. is of opinion that Peter was too unlearned and immethodical for an ordained preacher; Mr. F. thinks he will never hear him again because election, reprobation, and the decrees were evidently slighted; Mr. G. firmly believes that Peter is badly versed if not a disbeliever in the Trinity; Rev. Messrs. H. and I have put him down for a Unitarian, and will never listen to him again while they live; Mr. J. is positive that he denies the existence and influence of the Holy Ghost; Mr. K. has reason to think that he put no stress whatever on a change of heart; Messrs. L. and M. suspect that he would, if solicited to express himself, be decidedly adverse to infant baptism; Mr. N. knows certainly that he was too loose in his views of conversion, for he never intimated that a Christian experience was necessary before full membership; Rev. Mr. O. says his sermon was pretty good, but too Calvinistic, in his allusions to the foreknowledge of God and his determinate counsel; his townsman, Rev. Mr. P., disputes it point blank, and regrets that he leaned so much to Arminianism in his exhortation to the people to save themselves; Mr. Q. says he felt very uneasy when baptism was spoken of, and had it not been bad manners he would have left immediately and not heard another word; Messrs. R. and S. could scarcely believe their own ears when Peter alluded to remission of sins as he did, and have determined to warn every body against his Puseyite views of water regeneration; Mr. T. suspects the apostle is no friend to god-fathers and god-mothers; Messrs. U. and V., while approving Peter's preaching in the main, nevertheless complain that he was too precipitate in admitting candidates to baptism before they passed the examination of the Church committee; Mr. X. would have felt good if Peter, during his sermon, had given a clearer idea of natural and revealed religion and their differences; Mr. Y. having looked upon Peter as pope, thought all the while that he was labouring more than was proper for such a dignitary and should have left the principal speaking to the inferior clergy; and Mr. Z. formed no opinion at all, but promised himself to refer what he heard and saw to his minister during the week, and would learn what to think and how to feel about the sermon from him.

O Peter! many are the unpopular preachers, unfavored and spurned by the people generally; but where shall we find unpopularity like thine.

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