

"except *any one* be born," &c., but "except a *man* be born of water and spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

EDITOR.

A NOTE TO ELDER S. ROBINSON.

MY DEAR SIR—Having considered you the most liberal, highminded, and honorable man among the Baptist Clergy of these Provinces, my letters were addressed to you. That you are more desirous than any of your ministerial brotherhood to prove all things, and hold fast only that which is good, I shall not presume, until further acquainted with your coadjutors, to question. But that you should condescend to notice my letters in the "Christian Messenger," without laying them before its readers, has really disappointed me. That the readers of that publication can have the most remote idea of what you endeavor to oppose, you cannot suppose yourself. Had you, or your principles been treated with any degree of harshness, or the pages of "The Christian" been closed against you, some excuse could then have been found for your course; but under existing circumstances, there can be but one conclusion among the unprejudiced—either that Mr. Robinson is conscious of his *inability* to reply to those letters addressed to him, or he is *unwilling* that the public should see both sides of the question!

I very much regret being under the necessity of writing this last sentence; but circumstances call for it. You, my dear sir, profess to be an especially called and sent minister of Jesus Christ. You consider yourself set for the defence of the truth; and are aware that you should "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints." Considering your profession and duties, and being fully aware that this publication was read by every member of our communion—esteeming them holding and zealously promulgating error, you had an opportunity of speaking to them, and thus, at least, been endeavoring to make them acquainted with the truth, and the dangerous nature of their faith and practice! Would Paul, think you, have pursued such a course? When invited to speak to the people in the presence of those who were propagating error, he flies not to another temple to put down Judaism, or deery idolatry! No, but like a man who was not afraid of his sentiments, he stands forth in their defence, whether in a Jewish synagogue, or the high court of Athens.

If, I say again, you consider us in dangerous errors, why not point them out. You knew when the "Messenger" was furnished with your letters, that my readers would not see what you wrote. In fact, were it not for a few warm friends, which I have among the Baptists in this city, I should not, probably, have seen what you did address to me until this day!

Again I say, on all subjects connected with our faith and practice, the pages of "The Christian" are open to you. If we are sending out poison, furnish us with the antidote—they shall go to the same fire-side. On the subjects introduced to the notice of our readers in the