

## STRICTURES ON THE REVIEW OF JOHN M'CARTNEY'S PAMPHLET

WE solicit for the following articles, not only a patient reading, but also a careful review of all the pages referred to by the writers. They are excellent brethren; zealously and perseveringly devoted to the truth. They are not opposed to literary attainments on the principle that "ignorance is the mother of devotion:" they consider literature and science, under some circumstances, useful handmaids to the cause of the Lord; but not indispensable qualifications of the preacher or the pastor. They hesitate when asked to bestow a fixed salary on preachers and overseers of the congregations of the Lord—not in consequence of an inordinate love of money possessed by themselves, but because they think such a course is opposed to the "ancient order of things." Few in the Provinces contribute more readily of their substance than they, when they believe the cause of God and humanity require it. Reader, whatever therefore may be *your* conclusions, hear these brethren patiently.

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## REMARKS UPON BROTHER EATON'S REVIEW OF JOHN M'CARTNEY'S PAMPHLET.

WE have received, in the 7th No. of *The Christian*, your review of John M'Cartney's pamphlet, and we are of opinion that it contains a variety of objectionable matter, and things altogether uncalled for. I purpose taking a glance at some of them; but before proceeding, I would make a few remarks.

As J. M'C's. pamphlet appears to have created a good deal of speculation, and as it seems there is a desire to know something about the author, I would say here, that although I forwarded it to be printed in *The Christian*, we know nothing about the author more than any other of the readers of *The Christian*: we are still ignorant of his country, place of residence, station in society, or whether he is dead or alive; neither do we know the religious body he belongs to, any farther than the four propositions he advocates were always believed and acted upon by the body called Scotch Baptists, but this does not make it certain that he belonged to them, as there were other bodies in Scotland agreeing in these propositions. The pamphlet in question was sent to me from Scotland a good many years ago among other pamphlets, and although I afterward requested my correspondent to say something about John M'Cartney, he never did so: I suppose he forgot my request, as he writes to me every year. I would here remark that J. M'C came out boldly before the world like a man that felt confident in his cause; and like one who knew how to argue and convey instruction to his readers, he divides and arranges his subject under four heads or propositions; he then takes up each of his propositions in turn; he makes a bold attempt to prove them from the scriptures, and if he has not succeeded I think no one ever will. He also defines his propositions so clearly that no person can mistake his meaning;\* and I have no hesitation in saying that it is my humble opinion you have not undermined one of his pillars. I see nothing in this pamphlet but what I have believed and have seen acted upon for above forty years, and my coming forward at present in opposition to your re-

\* See *The Christian* pp 14 71 72 165