

in their zeal—pious Baptist sisters, committed the little pamphlet to the flames, because their husbands were becoming interested in the truths presented by them !

After these things had become known to me—seven years after our first effort—I *presumed* to address the “Baptist ministers of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.” I did more. I reminded them of the influence possessed and wielded by them, and expressed doubt whether it was always used in the cause of truth, and unadulterated christianity. This presumption on my part brought on my name—if not my head—a storm of ungracious epithets, and not a little displeasure.—The individual who was made the instrument of this opposition was an entire stranger to the past controversy, if not to the “disciples” generally. He wrote under the influence of unscrupulous advisers.—His sudden and melancholy departure to the world of spirits was as deeply deplored by me as by any of those who advised him to write against me. It is to me a source of no little satisfaction that I received, from under his own hand—some time before his death—a letter in which he referred to his former production as an “unhappy controversy,” and a voluntary offer of the use of his columns on the same terms of the most highly esteemed of the Baptist ministers. *O, si sic omnia. Requiescent in pace.*

For some time after the publication of these letters a marked cautiousness; I think, was manifest on the part of Baptist ministers generally when alluding to the doctrine inculcated by us as the ancient gospel. But we have had abundant proof of the existence of the same under current of misrepresentation and detraction. Few among the Baptists believe this. They say, “just as though our ministers would turn aside from their great work to notice you !” Would, for the cause of truth and righteousness, we were in their eyes such objects of indifference and contempt.

The following correspondence will explain itself as it proceeds.—It needs no formal introduction ; but after we place it before our readers, a few chapters on its doctrines, spirit, and policy may lead to a more distinct appreciation of the great facts, commands and promises of the gospel.

*St. John, N. B., Jan. 10th, 1853.*

BROTHER ROBINSON : MY DEAR SIR :—You will very much gratify me, and I think greatly subserve the cause of truth by giving me a plain statement of facts in reference to the following allegations.

1. Persons friendly to both of us are reported to have asked you “What is the difference between your views and Mr. Eaton’s ?” To which, it is said, you have responded to this effect : “We (the Bap-