

your voice, still I am apprized of your existence, and of your residence, and that you edit a periodical called the 'PRIMITIVE CHRISTIAN.' This information I obtained from the *written word* of other men, whom I never saw. But so strong is my belief in their testimony, that *by faith* I write this epistle to you, not doubting that it will reach you, provided you remain alive a sufficient length of time.

If then I can believe the *word of men* so as to be moved to write to one whom I never saw, nor heard, surely I can believe the *word of God* and be moved by it, to do the things which God has directed, and having the testimony of God, confirmed by miracles and divers gifts of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus Christ resides in Heaven, and that he advocates the cause of men there, and that he is well acquainted with men and all their weakness, and that he also knows God, and all his perfections, having this testimony of God, I can with boldness spread out my case, and express all my wants to God through my advocate, knowing that he is faithful, and that he knows better how to advocate my cause than I do. I write to you by the mail carrier or messenger appointed by the government of these United States to carry intelligence from one place to another. But I send my communications to Heaven by the swift winged messengers appointed by the government of God, to minister to the heirs of salvation. Glory to God that we have such a speedy conveyance, and such an Ambassador as Jesus Christ in the Courts of Heaven; having all these facilities we should communicate often.

I know not whether you are an old man, or a young one, but whether old or young, let me say to you, that it requires much prudence to edit a religious periodical in this age of *Phantoms or Ghosts*. The cause which you plead has been caricatured and thrown as much out of shape by the editorial corps of this age, as the human form has, by the artisan who made the pictures in the "Comic Almanac."

Yours in the government of Jesus Christ.

M. WINANS.

#### REPLY TO BROTHER WINANS.

DEAR BROTHER.—Through the influence of the evidence conveyed to me in the "*Millennial Harbinger*," I long since became convinced that there was such a man in the "West" as M. Winans; and that he was an advocate of the apostolic "form of doctrine." I did not, however, opine, believe, nor know your precise place of residence until I read the above letter. And even now, it is not my *opinion* that you reside at Jamestown, Ohio; neither do I *know* that to be your place of residence. But I *believe* it. And so strong is my faith in that fact, that I have determined to forward to that place, the 1st volume of the Primitive Christian, desiring you to accept it as a small token of the respect which I have for you; but which I never should have had, but for the *belief* that such a man existed. You wrote me "by faith." And in all this there is, to me nothing mysterious. Please inform me in your next, (and do not be long in replying) whether