

## AN ADDRESS TO THE BRETHREN IN CANADA,

UPON THE PROPRIETY OF SUSTAINING A RELIGIOUS PERIODICAL AMONG US.

*Beloved Brethren* :—Having learned from a source, upon which we can rely with confidence, that the Conductor of the *Witness of Truth*, feels almost entirely discouraged with the manner the said periodical is treated. There being by far too few subscribers to sustain such a work, with the never failing accompaniment, of the want of punctuality in remitting payment. And what is perhaps still more discouraging, the general want of correspondence among the Brethren, to enrich and enliven its pages.

We say, having learned these things, we would earnestly ask, Are you disposed to allow the only periodical in this Province, to which we can lay any claim, or can find a ready access to its pages, to go out of existence, and be numbered with the things that were?

Is it really possible that the Disciples in Canada are so far behind the age in which they live, or so insensible to the advantages to be derived from periodical literature, as to suffer their *monthly* to make its exit, at the very time the cause needs it the most? such a thing is surely impossible.

*Beloved Brethren* :—It may be the *Witness of Truth* was got up in a way in which some may not approve, or it may not have been conducted exactly in the manner in which some would like it—although we are of opinion that it would stand a respectable comparison with any of the periodicals published by our Brethren in North America, the *Harbinger* alone excepted. Still allowing these things to be correct, are we to be without a MONTHLY? Is that mighty engine, the Press, that has done so much to enlighten mankind, to revolutionize kingdoms, and advance the civilization of society; is its power to be employed by all but the Disciples of Jesus Christ? Brethren, we hope better things than this of you.

Brother Oliphant may have sacrificed a great deal, in connection with the *Witness*, and a large debt of gratitude be due him by the Brethren. Upon this we say nothing—or rather we would say, whenever the interests of an individual run counter to the advancement of Divine truth, the claims of the former dwindle into insignificance when compared with the latter.

Therefore, the practical question for you, Brethren, to determine, is: Whether the *Witness* is to be the periodical for the Disciples in Canada or not, and whether D. Oliphant is to be the Conductor? Or, are we to have one at all, and if one, how and by whom conducted? Brethren,