

bodies and spirits which are his." Call our attention to the importance of studying the word of the Lord more thoroughly, and to that entire devotion to the Lord of all our powers, without which we cannot hope to endure unto the end. But I am digressing.

The Church in Milton numbers some forty members, *eight* of whom have been added within the last two years. Our last addition to the Church was that of two brothers in the flesh and in the Lord, who had formerly been immersed, one by the Methodists and the other by the Baptists. Breaking away from the customs and traditions of men, they have united with the brethren "upon the foundation of apostles and prophets," to be guided in future by that unerring light "which God from his palace threw down to earth, to guide his wandering children home." We are not retrogradin', and yet I fear we are going forward but slowly. The cause has had a hard struggle from the first. The opposition of the surrounding denominations has been strong, and yet one unfortunate misunderstanding among the Disciples themselves resulting in the separation of some ten or twelve members from the body, has operated more fearfully against the Church than all other influences combined could have done. The weapons of our warfare will never fail us so long as we fight lawfully. Engaged in pulling down strong holds, casting down vain imaginations, and bringing every thought into subjection to Christ, no weapon formed against us shall prosper. 'Tis only when the children of God strive and devour one another that their strength fails, and they fall easy captives to the wiles of the adversary. The opposing influences surrounding us have served rather to hold us back, than to nerve us with fresh energy for the combat; yet without apologizing for any thing like apathy or indifference in the brethren, I see cause of gratitude to our Heavenly Father in that our circumstances are as favourable as they are. The church is as well united as most churches, and the same devotion and engagedness of heart and life that characterized the brethren here at first, would, I doubt not, soon impart a healthy tone to the body, and enable them to rise above all that now opposes their growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In point of liberality, the brethren here come behind no church, and were their piety and knowledge proportioned to it, their influence would be mighty indeed. I am persuaded that nothing tends to neutralize the power and influence of the gospel so much as the jarring and discordant lives of its professors. Oh, that we would think more about the honour of the Lord and less about our own; then we might see divisions and dissensions speedily healed, or what is better, we should have no quarrels and difficulties to heal. But the Lord still lives and reigns. His eyes is still on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers. The foundation of the Lord stands sure.—Whatever may be our lot on earth, God will take care of us if we are his, and will guide us through all this dreary pilgrimage to that rest that remains for all the obedient. To Him be all the glory. Amen.

We would be remembered by all the dear brethren in Canada and elsewhere. Brethren, pray for us, for we trust we have a good con-